

## **ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Council**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Place:</b>	Ashmansworth Village Hall		
<b>Present:</b>	Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman)	Cllr Sally Burch	
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cllr Angela Harris	Cllr Kieron Black	
	Cllr Andrew Bays	Cllr Graham Falconer (Borough)	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sadie Owen (Clerk)	PCSO John Dillingham, 17 parishioners	
<b>Apologies:</b>	N/A		

**1. Apologies**

As above.

**2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. They were duly signed by Cllr Cox.

**3. Matters Arising**

None.

**4. Neighbourhood watch**

PCSO Dillingham introduced himself. He commented that he had been a PCSO for 11 years, with 5 years based in rural policing.

PCSO Dillingham reported that main areas of concern at the moment related to thefts from sheds and garages. Instead of large farm machinery, thieves were targeting smaller appliances such as strimmers, mowers and chainsaws.

PCSO Dillingham further commented that there had been some strange instances of break ins at Highclere, Penwood and Burghclere, but with nothing stolen. Audio alarms were advised as a precaution rather than CCTV.

PCSO Dillingham encouraged subscription to Hampshire Alerts which provides lots of useful information and personalised warnings and alerts. Details found at: [www.hampshirealert.co.uk/pages/2740/1/About.html](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk/pages/2740/1/About.html).

**5. Planning**

**a) Update on previous applications**

17/02952/HSE: 2 Highfield, Church Lane; approved.

17/03089/FUL: 6 Highfield, Church Lane; referred to committee on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

b) Further applications received

17/03537/HSE: 2 Chapel Cottages; application to erect a replacement porch, alter fenestration and render side elevation.

The council had no objections to the application.

17/03693/FUL: Fieldway, Cross Lane; application to erect and re-locate a replacement dwelling following demolition of existing, with associated parking, turning and landscaping. Change of use of land for reconfiguration of domestic curtilage.

The applicant was present at the meeting and clarified that the rationale for moving the dwelling was to allow for the family to remain on site during the building process and to situate the residence more centrally within the plot. It was emphasised that there was no wish to impact detrimentally on the AONB or conservation aspects of the village. It was further noted that the total amount of equine and garden land would remain the same, albeit in different locations. It was noted that the plot of land detailed within the application was sloped.

Cllr Cox had reviewed the plans and presented the following synopsis:

- the proposed new dwelling would be 67% larger than the original;
- the proposed new height of the dwelling was 9.3 metres (as opposed to the current 5.3 metres, although it was acknowledged that planning permission already existed to raise the height of the current dwelling to 7.5 metres);
- the proposed new dwelling would be built on a higher level of land than the current dwelling;
- the proposed new dwelling would be 30% closer to the nearest point of Cross Lane;
- the proposed new dwelling would be 11% closer to the entrance of Cross Lane.

Cllr Cox summarised that the proposed new dwelling would be larger, higher and in a different, more elevated location if built.

Whilst a couple of residents voiced their support for the planning application the majority of those present opposed it. Cllr Cox also read objections from two absent residents.

Main areas of concern related to the:

- proposed size of the new dwelling;
- the re-location of the new dwelling;
- the impact to the view, both when entering the village, and from Crux Easton.

Concerns were also expressed that approval of such an application would set a precedent although Cllr Cox assured parishioners that BDBC would view and judge each application based on its own merits.

The council commented that it would have been more likely to support an application for a smaller re-development using the original footprint of the building.

On the basis of the plans presented, a majority of the council voted agreement to object to the application on the basis that the proposed new dwelling was significantly larger than the original, was not on the same footprint of the original, and would detrimentally impact the view of the village.

Jack Russell Inn signs: the council had received a request from BDBC to approve the siting of tourist signs to the Inn within the village.

The council agreed to a brown tourist sign at Cross Lane junction with the A343, but were concerned at the proposed placement of such a sign at the centre of the village, given the village's conservation status. The council queried whether more discreet signage could be proposed.

It was agreed that signage would be approved at the Cross Lane junction but not within the village.

## 6. Member's report

Cllr Falconer reported that whilst other North Hampshire parishes had received a year's extension to use the Newtown Road recycling centre, the residents of Ashmansworth had not been granted a permit.

Cllr Falconer commented that he was strongly challenging the decision and had written to MP Kit Malthouse expressing his dissatisfaction and requesting a more agreeable solution.

A parishioner queried whether fly tipping should be reported to police. Cllr Falconer responded that responsibility for clearing such refuse lay with the landowner and it was best to report to BDBC. Cllr Falconer provided details of the online form for reporting such issues: [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/rte.aspx?id=722](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/rte.aspx?id=722).

## 7. Council Business

- a) Clerk's report – the Clerk reported that she had requested the availability of the AONB representative to provide a presentation on a Saturday. Response awaited. **Clerk**
- b) Planning applications policy– the Clerk had circulated a proposed policy. This was agreed and approved by the council.
- c) Data protection requirements – the Clerk reported that Data Protection legislation was due to come into effect in May 2018 which would have a direct impact on all parish councils. Drafts and amendments were changing daily, and the Clerk was awaiting guidance and clarification from HALC and NALC.
- d) Annual review – the Clerk reported that she had attended a review with Cllr Cox. Cllr Cox had commented that the Clerk was doing an excellent job and suggested an £0.85 per hour salary increase.  
Agreed and approved.
- e) Emergency plan data query – the Clerk reported that advice had been sought from HALC in relation to the implications of Cllr Cox's personal details being published within the emergency plan. No response received to date. **Clerk**

**8. Local Roads**

- a) Potholes/Road Repairs –Cllr Cox reported that he had repeatedly reported a number of potholes that had not yet been repaired.

Cllr Falconer commented that budget cuts were affecting HCC and BDBC and that unfortunately the roads were likely to get worse, particularly given that new government guidelines suggested that only potholes of 4cm or deeper should be filled.

**9. PCC Donation request**

The council had received a donation request from Ashmansworth PCC in the sum of £500 towards maintenance of the grounds and churchyard.

Cllr Bays proposed and Cllr Black seconded agreement to the request.

Cllr Bays queried whether the lengthsman may be able to assist in maintaining the church car park and hedges. Clerk to investigate.

**Clerk**

**10. Footpaths**

Cllr Cox reported that he had received a request from the HCC ranger to restore the stile into the churchyard. Cllr Cox commented that discussions were ongoing in relation to a decision.

**11. Broadband**

Cllr Cox reported that the Gigabeam provision was working well and had been rolled out to 34 of the 50 interested residences, with the final houses to be connected by the end of November, subject to householders' availability.

Cllr Cox expressed gratitude at the number of donations received from parishioners towards the set-up costs. Cllr Cox further commented that he had been offered a grant of up to £10,000 from BDBC to cover the remainder of the cost.

Cllr Harris expressed thanks to Cllrs Cox and Bays for all their hard work in driving the project.

**12. BDAPTC/HALC**

The Clerk reported that she would be attending a BDAPTC meeting the following week.

**13. Financial matters**

- a) Payments Approval – the Clerk presented the financial statement (appendix A). The payments were unanimously agreed. Clerk to process.

**Clerk**

**14. Newtown Road recycling centre**

See item 6 above.

**15. Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 10.02 pm. Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Clerk**

## Appendix A

**Financial statement :** Ashmansworth Parish Council  
**Meeting date :** 16/11/2017

### Balances:

<b>Statement No: 05/10/17 Balance</b>	<b>Balance after reconciliation - 16/11/17</b>
£6,291.97	£5,648.19

### Payments since last meeting date :

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.00</b>

### New Items for payment

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
01/11/2017	A D Clark 04/08, 16/08, 29/08	Grass cutting Inv 155	142.50
01/11/2017	A D Clark 12/09, 26/09	Grass cutting Inv 160	95.00
01/11/2017	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Oct	139.24
16/11/2017	A D Clark 05/10, 25/10	Grass cutting Inv 171	95.00
16/11/2017	Royal British Legion	Poppy donation	20.00
16/11/2017	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Nov	148.64
16/11/2017	Mrs S Owen	Salary adjustment to June 17	3.40
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>643.78</b>

### Receipts since last meeting date :

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.00</b>

### Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>0.00</b>