

## **ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

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

<b>Date:</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019</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 Cllr Kieron Black	Cllr Andrew Bays Cllr Angela Harris	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sadie Owen (Clerk) Cllr Graham Falconer (Borough)	1 parishioner Cllr Tom Thacker (County)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	N/A		

**1. Apologies**

N/A

**2. Minutes of last meeting.**

The minutes of the meetings held on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. They were duly signed by Cllr Cox.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no other matters arising.

**4. Planning applications**

**a) Update on previous applications**

19/01600/FUL The Old Post Office, 6 Highfield, Ashmansworth: it was noted that the planning application had been withdrawn.

19/01961/FUL The Old Post Office, 6 Highfield, Ashmansworth: it was noted that there would be a site visit on Friday and that the application would be discussed at council committee the following Wednesday. Cllr Falconer commented that there was a deficit in relation to the 5-year land supply but that whilst certain parts of the local plan no longer applied, AONB and the fact that Ashmansworth was a conservation village would still hold weight when the application was reviewed.

Cllr Falconer estimated that BDBC would overcome the deficit by the end of the year.

19/02040/HSE Beech Tree Cottage, Bartletts Down Lane: it was noted that the application had been withdrawn due to neighbour objections.

**b) Applications received**

19/02326/LDEO Hallam, Cross Lane, Ashmansworth: no objections.

A parishioner in attendance reported that he would be submitting a planning application to remove a dangerous cherry tree in the near future. The council agreed that there would be no objection should such an application be received.

## 5. Council business

- a) Clerk's report – the Clerk reported that notification had been received that the defibrillator pads and charge pack required renewal at a cost of £95 + VAT. The purchase was approved.

The Clerk suggested that councillors should adopt council specific emails and had received a quote from Vision ICT to effect. The Clerk agreed to circulate the email to allow an informed decision.

**Clerk**

- b) Lengthsman tasks

Cllr Cox reported that he had received a note of thanks from the churchwarden in relation to the good work that the lengthsman undertook in clearing the churchyard.

It was suggested that the war memorial might need cleaning. Cllr Burch agreed to action should it be required.

**Cllr  
Burch**

- c) Outstanding actions from past minutes

None.

- d) Borough update

Cllr Falconer reported that the administration at BDBC currently had no overall majority due to a defection and resignation, but that the new Leader was very enthusiastic and performing well.

Cllr Falconer commented that there had been some issues with the new waste collection contract and queried whether there had been any issues within the parish. Cllr Cox noted that there had been some issues relating to late collection of garden waste, but that now appeared to have been resolved. The Clerk reminded councillors that should there be any issues in relation to missed bin collections, there was an immediate 24-hour window in which to report the issue to BDBC.

Cllr Cox reported that complaints had been received in relation to grass cuttings left on the village green. Cllr Falconer commented that it was uneconomical for the operations team to pick up grass cuttings and consequently residents would need to tackle the issue themselves.

## 6. Local Roads

### Potholes/Road Repairs

Cllr Harris commented that there was a large scar in the road at Crux Easton. Cllr Thacker commented that if it was at the side of the road it would be categorised as a low priority and probably just filled with hard-core. Cllr Harris reported that it was in the centre of the road and was likely to get worse in the winter. It was

- agreed that councillors would report all new potholes and issues to Cllr Cox for escalation to HCC. **Cllr Cox**
- It was further agreed that Cllr Cox would email Cllr Thacker to report all road signs where visibility had been adversely impacted. **Cllr Cox**
- It was reported that there were a number of dangerous overhanging trees on the road to the Pheasant Inn. It was noted that it was the responsibility of the landowner to manage the trees, but that if they posed a danger it should be reported to HCC Highways Arboricultural Office. Cllr Cox agreed to action. **Cllr Cox**
- It was noted that there had been no prior warning in relation to a road closure and works in Crux Easton. Cllr Thacker explained that TTROs were the remit of BDBC and highways were the responsibility of HCC. He requested that Cllr Cox send him full details of the incident for investigation. **Cllr Cox**
- 7. Footpaths**
- No update.
- 8. Neighbourhood Watch**
- Cllr Harris reported that the front of the Crux Easton post box had been stolen. The matter had been reported to Royal Mail who had promised to replace.
- Cllr Bays reported that a resident's car had recently been stolen.
- Cllr Harris agreed to forward the monthly police report to Cllr Burch and the Clerk. **Cllr Harris**
- 9. BDAPTC/HALC**
- Cllr Cox reported that Paul Mahoney had taken over as Chair of BDAPTC. He is working with Cllr Cox to improve the BDAPTC website. A parish conference is planned for 7<sup>th</sup> November.
- 10. Financial Matters**
- a) Payments Approval** – the Clerk presented the financial statement (Appendix A). The payments were unanimously agreed. Clerk to process. **Clerk**
- Further, the council authorised future payment for the remembrance poppy wreath.
- b) Budget setting** – the Clerk agreed to prepare a mid-term budget for review and precept setting at the next meeting. **Clerk**
- 11. Date of next meeting**
- The meeting closed at 8.30 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.

## Appendix A

**Financial Statement:** Ashmansworth Parish Council

**Meeting date:** 02/10/2019

### Balances:

<b>Statement No: 02/10/19 Balance</b>	<b>Balance after reconciliation - 02/10/19</b>
£6,916.37	£6,484.91

Balance includes below receipt

### Payments since last meeting date:

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

### New items for payment

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
06/08/2019	A D Clark	Invoice 335	142.50
06/08/2019	Mrs S Owen	Sep salary	115.68
06/08/2019	HMRC	Month 6 Tax	28.80
06/08/2019	Mrs S Owen	Oct salary	115.48
06/08/2019	HMRC	Month 7 Tax	29.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>431.46</b>

### Receipts since last meeting date:

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
23/09/19	BDBC	Precept	2,061.50
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,061.50</b>

### Payments not yet presented

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