

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Date: 24th July 2013 **Time:** 7.30 pm
Place: Ashmansworth Village Hall
Present: Alan Cox (Chairman) Carol O’Shaughnessy (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors: Kieron Black Andrew Bays
In Attendance: Maxta Thomas (Clerk)
Apologies: Sarah Wheeler

Action

1. Apologies

As above.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 17th June 2013. They were duly signed by Cllr Cox.

3. Planning

a) Update on previous applications

Red Roses – application pending consideration. The applicant has been working closely with BDBC with regard to issues about overlooking neighbours. It is expected to go out for consultation a second time shortly. Cllr O’Shaughnessy proposed that the new application be reviewed by councillors via email, as the next council meeting will not be until late September. This was seconded by Cllr Bays. Unanimously agreed.

Steeles Farm – application pending consideration.

Plough Inn – application pending consideration.

b) Further applications received – none.

c) Update on Harwood Paddock development

Cllr Cox attended a meeting to plan East Woodhay Parish Council’s approach, at which he highlighted the concerns from Ashmansworth Parish Council (pressure on schools, doctor’s surgeries, pressure on roads, etc). East Woodhay Parish Council are to call a public meeting to debate the proposed development.

6. Local Roads

a) Access to A343

No progress. Cllr Bays has looked at the issue of white lines etc, but with the upcoming holidays, it was decided to approach Highways in early September.

b) Crux Easton Signpost

No further progress. Clerk to chase Highways.

Clerk

c) Ditch Clearance at Crux Easton

Cllr O’Shaughnessy has tried to get hold of people to help with this, without success. She will continue to follow this up.

**Cllr O’
Shaughnessy**

d) Potholes

There is a new pothole just past Porchester Cottages. Reported potholes have been repaired, but a small number of others have appeared since. Details to be passed to clerk, who will then report them to Highways.

Clerk

7. Telephones/Broadband

Cllr Cox

A public meeting was held earlier this evening, with Daniel Fearnley updating the parish about the current position on broadband. It is hoped that a good broadband service will be in place in the parish by the end of 2014. Cllr Cox to publish a report to the village.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

Nothing to report

9. Council Business

a) Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

b) Parish Co-operation

Nothing to report.

c) Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Cllr Cox updated the Council. St Mary Bourne Parish Council have now volunteered to act as lead parish for the NW Hampshire cluster, subject to approval from the full Council. An update is awaited from their Clerk.

d) Ash Trees

The Council has received concerns from parishioners over the possible future of the ash trees in the parish, of which there are a great many. These are all susceptible to ash die back disease. There is little action we can take at this time, short of looking out for any and reporting diseased trees.

10. BDAPTC/HALC

Cllr Cox noted that a new Chairman of BDAPTC was elected at the Annual meeting in June – his name is Julian Jones, contactable at chair@bdaptc.basingstoke.gov.uk.

11. Finance

a) To approve payments and note receipts

The clerk ran briefly through the financial statement (appendix a). The payments were unanimously approved. One advert spot on the website has been sold, with one other enquiry.

12. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 8.00pm. The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm. Cllr Cox thanked councillors for a very productive meeting.

Appendix A – Financial Statement

Financial statement : Ashmansworth Parish Council

Meeting date : 24/07/2013

Balances:

| Bank Statement 336 - 28/06/2013 | Balance after reconciliation - 23/07/2013 |
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| 2297.95 | 1,553.77 |

Payments since last meeting date :

| Cheque No | Payee | Details | TOTAL COST |
|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| 100515 | Crux Easton PCC | Hall Hire - 2011 | 35.00 |
| 100520 | Mrs M J Thomas | Clerk Salary - June | 92.09 |
| 100522 | Do the Numbers Ltd | Internal Audit Fee | 155.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 282.09 |

New Items for payment

| Cheque No | Payee | Details | TOTAL COST |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 100529 | A A Wolfenden | Grass Cutting - June/July | 234.00 |
| 100530 | Mrs M J Thomas | Clerk Salary - July | 92.09 |
| 100531 | Mrs M J Thomas | Clerk Salary - August | 92.09 |
| TOTAL | | | 418.18 |

Receipts since last meeting date :

| Receipt Date | Payer | Details | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
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| TOTAL | | | 0.00 |

Payments not yet presented

| Cheque No | Payee | Details | TOTAL COST |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 100526 | Wessex Woodland Management Ltd | Hedge plants - recreation ground | 156.00 |
| 100527 | AA Wolfenden | Grass Cutting - May | 78.00 |
| 100528 | HMRC | Tax/NICs | 92.00 |
| TOTAL | | | 326.00 |