

## ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 **Time:** 7.30 pm  
**Place:** Ashmansworth Village Hall  
**Present:** Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman) Cllr Kieron Black  
Cllr Andrew Bays Cllr Sally Burch  
Cllr Graham Falconer

**In Attendance:** Sadie Owen (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Cllr Angela Harris

#### 1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Angela Harris.

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Cox agreed to sign them and hand back to the Clerk.

**Cllr  
Cox**

#### 3. Planning applications

##### New applications

- a) 21/02274/HSE The Flint House, Ashmansworth –no objections  
21/02275/LBC The Flint House, Ashmansworth – no objections  
21/02420/LDEO Land at Manor Farm Barns, Ashmansworth – no objections  
21/02563/HSE Astley Lodge, Ashmansworth – no objections

**Clerk**

#### 4. Council business

##### Clerk's report

- a) The Clerk reported that all councillors should now have access to an email archive. Clerk to re-send link to all.

**Clerk**

Cllr Cox reported that he had recently attended a BDAPTC meeting ([BDAPTC, Basingstoke](#)), via Teams. It was noted that there had been updates in relation to the Local Plan, the hospital, police, code of conduct and environmental issues. It was agreed that the Clerk would ensure that the parish council's code of conduct was up to date.

**Clerk**

**Cllr  
Cox**

Cllr Cox informed the council that he would be attending a climate meeting later in the week and that he would circulate the minutes once received.

##### b) Lengthsman tasks

It was noted that bridleway 21 had been cut. Cllr Harris had arranged with a local farmer to have bridleway 20 cut.

**Cllr  
Harris**

**Clerk**

Clerk to ascertain when the lengthsman was due to next attend.

**Cllrs  
Burch**

Cllrs Burch and Black agreed to arrange for a local resident to reduce the height of the hedge at the recreation ground.

c) Borough/County councillor's report

Cllr Falconer reported that there was a proposed planning application that would be submitted at Wash Water for 350-400 houses. It was suggested that such a development was likely to have an impact on Ashmansworth in relation to local infrastructure and traffic. It was estimated that the application would be submitted in late October.

It was noted that the borough council had recently commenced work on a full revision to the Local Plan.

It was reported that borough finances were good as the government had covered all excess costs of Covid.

Cllr Falconer reported that he would be receiving £2,000 from the borough to put towards any local capital project that he wished to support within his ward.

**5. Local Roads**

Cllr Cox reported that he had suggested that Cllr Harris report a number of potholes that had appeared on the top road of Crux Easton.

**Cllr  
Harris**

It was noted that the remainder of the Drove had still not been re-surfaced.

**6. Footpaths**

There were no updates.

**7. Dark skies**

Cllr Cox referred to an email from the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, encouraging parish councils to optimise dark skies. A Good Lighting Guide had been produced which suggested that residents should direct any lights downwards, only illuminate the target, choose warm lights rather than 'cool or blue lights' and to use only the amount of light needed for the task. The booklet can be accessed at <https://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/dark-skies/light-pollution.html>.

**8. Covid response and local needs**

It was agreed that this item would be removed from future agendas.

**9. Policing update**

PCSOs Bethany Ireland and River Lewis joined the meeting to provide an update on rural crime. PCSO Lewis was introduced as the new PCSO for Tadley Baughurst.

It was reported that the police's main focus in relation to rural crime currently related to the theft of quad bikes and machinery from farms. It was suggested that the thefts were thought to be the work of an organised crime group, and that the police were in the process of building intelligence to identify a list of suspects.

It was reported that there had been a number of recent car thefts from Beacon Hill and White Hill car parks.

Residents were encouraged to report anything out of the ordinary, no matter how seemingly unimportant, in order to assist the police in building as broad a library of intelligence as possible, such information to include suspicious vehicles, unknown drones or suspicious behaviour. Residents were encouraged to either phone 101 or report to the Hampshire Police website at [Something you've seen or heard | Hampshire Constabulary](#).

PCSO Ireland informed the council that she would be leaving the role in October. At that time responsibility for Ashmansworth and surrounding areas would pass to PCSO Josh Revett (Joshua.revett@hampshire.police.uk). It was agreed that either PCSO Revett or PCSO Lewis would attend the forthcoming Harvest lunch on 10<sup>th</sup> October (Cllr Cox to revert with details).

**Cllr  
Cox**

It was agreed that Cllrs Black and Bays would commence a draft response to the PCC Commissioner detailing rural crime priorities and suggested intelligence gathering improvements.

**Cllrs  
Black  
& Bays**

## **10. Financial Matters**

- a) Payments Approval – the Clerk presented the financial statement (Appendix A). The payments were unanimously approved.
- b) Infra-red cameras - it was agreed that Cllr Cox would purchase two infra-red cameras (one I-phone and one android compatible), to enable residents to view the standard of insulation of their homes.

**Clerk**

**Cllr  
Cox**

## **11. Date of next meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. Next meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm.

## Appendix A

**Financial Statement:** Ashmansworth Parish Council

**Meeting date:** 06/09/2021

### Balances:

Statement No: 06/09/21 Balance	Balance after reconciliation – 06/09/21
£5,452.18	£4,617.14

### Payments since last meeting date:

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
21.07.21	1 & 1 Internet Ltd	Email storage	£10.80
19.08.21	1 & 1 Internet Ltd	Email storage	£10.80
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£21.60</b>

### New items for payment

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
06.09.21	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary July	£144.48
06.09.21	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary August	£144.48
06.09.21	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary September	£144.48
06.09.21	A D Clark & Son	Invoice 517	£190.00
06.09.21	A D Clark & Son	Invoice 530	£190.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£813.44</b>

### Receipts since last meeting date:

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

### Payments not yet presented

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