

Ashmansworth Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on 05 September 2023
Ashmansworth Village Hall, 7:30pm

Chairman: Cllr Alan Cox

Present: Cllr Lisa Hill, Cllr Angela Harris

Clerk: Amy White

1. Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bays and Cllr Falconer. Cllr Black was absent but sent apologies later.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on 04 July 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 04 July 2023 were agreed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Actions/Updates from previous meeting of 04 July 2023

- **Clerk** will ask the Faccombe estate for their thoughts on village gateways before pursuing any of the options or considering other solutions- *In action- see item 8.*
- **Cllr Cox** will ask Cllr Harris for her thoughts on where signs at The Drove could go and whether or not one might need to sit on private land (to be paid for by the owner in such case). *Actioned- the sign has been purchased by Cllr Harris and will be correctly sited.*
- Emergency Plan- Cllr Cox has updated the Plan to include road closure issues. The Clerk will send this to EWPC where a councillor has taken the lead on the plan.

5. Update from County and Borough Councillors (if present)

No one present. Cllr Thacker has confirmed works on the A343 near Penwood will be on 24-29 September 2023.

6. To note receipt of Planning Applications received since last meeting:

- a. 23/02178/FUL Solar Panels at Porchester Farm, Crux Easton- *No objection*
- b. T/00352/23/TCA at Ashmansworth Manor, Bartletts Down Lane- *No objection*

7. Website- to decide whether to continue with Hugo Fox as website provider

The current website provider, Hugo Fox, will no longer be free. Having considered other options, Council agreed to continue with Hugo Fox at the Bronze level membership.

8. Highways update

The Drove: The surface has not been re-laid after the initial work (see previous Minutes). As a result, subsequent rain has left the surface in a dangerous condition.

Action: Cllr Cox will continue to write to Cllr Thacker to highlight the ongoing problem at The Drove.

Village gateways:

Council has been unable to get hold of anyone at Faccombe Estate to further the project (busy harvest time), but a parishioner is pursuing it and will keep the council informed.

Bartletts Down Lane: Some of the drains have been cleared, however the issue of the flooding along the road has not been fixed.

Action: Clerk will contact the landowners to discuss potential solutions (the issue borders Ashmansworth, Highclere and East Woodhay Parishes).

Doiley Bottom: Cllr Cox has logged a request with HCC to ask for a sign stating "Road unsuitable for HGVs" at the junction of Stoney Lane with the A343. Cllr Thacker has confirmed that the sign has been agreed although there is no date for installation.

9. Footpaths- issues update

The lengthsman has been and dealt with the overgrowth on footpath 5.

Wayfarers: HCC claims to have cut this on 18 May. The clerk has contacted HCC and been assured that further cutting will take place in September, as well as on footpaths 5, 7, 16, 20 and 21.

10. Financial matters:

a. To acknowledge payments and note receipts:

The Clerk presented the following information:

Payments made 15 Aug 2023

Invoice

Date	Explanation		Amount
27-Jun-23	Clerk's salary		£ 136.36
30-Jun-23	Grass cutting	AD Clark invoice 743	£ 205.20
31-Jul-23	Grass cutting	AD Clark invoice 753	£ 205.20
27-Aug-23	Clerk's salary		£ 136.36
30-Jul-23	Payroll	Red76 Payroll Inv 6692	£ 8.00
30-Jul-23	VAT	Red76 Payroll Inv 6692	£ 1.60
1-Aug-23	Admin/Office/Stationery	Ionos Direct Debit 203037438024	£ 8.00
1-Aug-23	VAT	Ionos Direct Debit 203037438024	£ 1.60
20-Jul-23	Admin/Office/Stationery	Ionos Direct Debit 203037252726	£ 3.50
20-Jul-23	VAT	Ionos Direct Debit 203037252726	£ 0.70
Total:			£ 706.52

Payments to be made 05 Sept 2023

20-Aug-23	Admin/Office/Stationery	Ionos Direct Debit 203037718019	£	3.50
20-Aug-23	VAT	Ionos Direct Debit 203037718019	£	0.70
2-Sep-23	Admin/Office/Stationery	Ionos Direct Debit 203037904497	£	8.00
2-Sep-23	VAT	Ionos Direct Debit 203037904497	£	1.60
27-Sep-23	Clerk's salary		£	136.36
30-Aug-23	Payroll	Red76 Payroll Inv 6912	£	8.00
30-Aug-23	VAT	Red76 Payroll Inv 6912	£	1.60
Total:			£	159.76

The 6th month finance update compared to budget is at the end of the Minutes.

The Clerk confirmed the bank account has been changed from Barclays to Unity Bank due to frequent poor customer service.

Cllr Harris has paid for the 'no-through road' sign discussed at the previous meeting and will be reimbursed on top of the above payments. The total cost is £131.65.

11. D Day celebration 06 June 2024

The parish council is keen to take part/support the lighting of the beacon for the borough celebration next year.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 02 November 2023 and held at Ashmansworth Village Hall.

Actions from 05 September 2023 Meeting:

Action: Cllr Cox will continue to write to Cllr Thacker to highlight the ongoing problem at The Drove.

Action: Clerk will contact the landowners near Bartletts Down Lane/Wychpits to discuss potential solutions (the issue borders both Highclere and East Woodhay Parishes).

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Receipts and Payments - 2023-24

RECEIPTS	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Precept	2295												£ 2,295.00
Grass Cutting Grant	293.79												£ 293.79
Other Grants	£ 500.00	£ 590.00											£ 1,090.00
Other													£ -
VAT Recovered	£ 98.57												£ 98.57
Bank Interest													£ -
	£ 3,187.36	£ 590.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,777.36

PAYMENTS	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Clerk's salary	£ 136.56	£ 136.56	£ 136.36	£ 136.56	£ 136.36	£ 136.36							£ 818.76
PAYE	£ 32.80	£ 32.80		£ 32.80									£ 98.40
Clerk's expenses													£ -
Training Courses													£ -
Insurance		£ 277.00											£ 277.00
Audit				£ 150.00									£ 150.00
Grass cutting		£ 102.60		£ 205.20	£ 410.40								£ 718.20
Cltir Expenses/Travel													£ -
Member Subscriptions	£ 164.58												£ 164.58
Admin/Office/Stationery	£ 37.00		£ 8.00	£ 15.00	£ 11.50	£ 11.50							£ 83.00
Payroll				£ 16.00	£ 8.00	£ 8.00							£ 32.00
Grants & Sec 137													£ -
Hall Hire													£ -
VAT	£ 262.40		£ 1.60	£ 38.20	£ 3.90	£ 3.90							£ 310.00
Poppy Wreaths													£ -
Buffer													£ -
King's Coronation	£ 450.00												£ 450.00
Defibrillator	£ 1,275.00			£ 160.00									£ 1,435.00
Other (Repairs, Lengthsman, Maintenance)													£ -
	£ 2,356.34	£ 548.96	£ 145.96	£ 753.76	£ 570.16	£ 159.76	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 4,536.94

BUDGET	% of Budget
450.00	50%
300.00	98%
1500.00	73%
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100.00	99%
3.00	0%
6493.00	98%

BUDGET	% of Budget
2100.00	39%
59.52	0%
50.00	0%
440.00	63%
150.00	100%
1400.00	51%
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150.00	110%
155.00	54%
89.00	36%
500.00	0%
140.00	0%
100.00	310%
40.00	0%
500.00	0%
500.00	90%
1800.00	80%
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£8,173.52	96%