

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Monday 26th March 2018 commencing 7.00pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Mr N Tilt (Chairman), Mr M Thompson, Mr M Bowen, Mrs C Bicker-Caarten

2. Apologies:

Mr J Hawkins

3. Items from Members of the Public:

No Members of the Public Present

4. Declarations of Interest:

Personal Mr N Tilt – Planning application 18/01331/LBC

5. To approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings dated the 23rd January 2018 were approved by the council and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No Matters arising from the minutes

7. Chairman's Communications

A resident had asked the reason for the Parish Council substantially increasing the precept for the last two financial years being £1,538 in 2017/18 and a further £1,076 in 2018/19.

A copy of the Councils Budget is shown on the website as required by the Governments Transparency requirements which shows a breakdown of the Parish Councils Expenditure and Income.

During the last two years the Parish Council have received a reduction in the Environment Grant received from Shropshire Council and which is discontinued in 2018/19 and originally amounted to £1735 in 2016/17.

The Environmental Grant enabled the undertaking of local amenity work such as maintenance of the Village Green, the Maypole Area, Footpaths and Verges which will now have to be financed totally by the Parish Council.

The Parish Council will have to meet new legal requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 which will require the appointment of an external organisation as the work cannot be undertaken as previously by Clerks of parish and Town Councils.

The Parish Council needs to maintain adequate Reserves so that it can offer grants to local organisations particularly the Village Hall which is seen as vital to the life of the Local Community.

In making the increase in this last year the Parish Council do not envisage any large percentage increases in the future unless the provision of local services is passed down to the Council.

8. Planning Items:

The Parish Council agreed not to submit a comment on the following application:

Planning Application 18/01331/LBC – High Meadow Ashford Carbonell – Removal of rear kitchen window and replacing with bi-fold doors.

9. Highway/Amenity Items:

a) A request be made for the repainting of the white lines at the Village Road Junction with Caynham Road.

b) The Clerk reported that the cost of providing a new Grit bin would cost approximately £150. It was agreed to place an order for a grit bin to be sited near Huntington Lane Ashford Carbonell.

10. Financial Items:

a) The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment;

C E Williams – quarterly disbursement - £375

C E Williams – Expense 2017/18 - £200.

b) The Parish Council considered a grant to the Ashford Carbonell Village Hall Committee towards the purchase of the parcel of recreational land adjacent to the Village Hall. It was proposed by Mr N Tilt and seconded by Mrs C

Bicker-Caarten and agreed by the parish Council that a Grant of £2,500 be made to the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of the purchase of the field as this was a benefit to all of the Community

11. Next Meetings:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7.00pm this will be the Annual Public Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Chairman

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