

DRAFT MINUTES

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ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall.
Monday 6th December 2021 at 8.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Sian Miller (**SM**), Chris Rand (**CR**), Fiona Jacob (**FJ**), Les Curtis (**LC**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk and RFO**). Mick Caffrey (**MC**), Buckinghamshire Councillor was also present.

Parishioners: There was one Parishioner present.

Parishioners Question Time

David Crwys-Williams (DCW) gave an update on the playground project. He expressed his continued frustration with the planning department in obtaining pre planning application advice (the pre application was submitted nine months prior but there has been no acknowledgement, or receipt for payment or correspondence). A full planning application, based on several assumptions, has now been submitted. He asked that Ward Councillors ensure the application does not get 'bogged down' and jeopardise other funding received. (In the same way the National Lottery has withdrawn from the project). David has also asked for the support for an increased grant from the H&W Community Boards but again has not received a reply from Councillors. **ACTION: Mick Caffrey to follow up issues with AW and liaise with DCW.**

1. Apologies

Ashley Waite (**AW**).

2. Approval of Minutes – Monday 15th November 2021

The Draft Minutes of the November meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by Chair; Sian Miller.

3. Matters Arising

- **Bucks Councillors.** **ACTION: AW to forward details of Christmas Float – 16th December in the carpark at 7.30pm.**
- **Community Speed Watch.** **Richard Phillips**, lead for Ashendon Community Speed Watch group, has attended the online training session, and passed requirements. He will progress further in the New Year.
- **Speed Indicator Device (SID).** Grant of £4,959.60 awarded. **ACTION: SM to order unit and instruct Colin Woolford to erect posts in agreed locations. CLERK to invoice Buckinghamshire Council to reclaim agreed funding and check the Parish Council's Public Liability Insurance (£5m).** A risk assessment is required upon installation.

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- **Wotton Road Footpath.** Thames Water has a second agent who is looking into the request for the pathway which will be located on Thames Water ground. **ACTION: CR to continue to chase.**
- **Defibrillator for Pollicott.** Grant of £2,332.00 awarded. Works with electrician is underway. **CLERK to purchase defibrillator and on completion of project, return the VAHT monitoring form and register the unit with Emergency Services UK.**
- **Boughton's Peace Wildlife Project.** Grant of £463.00 awarded. WI have planted the shrubs. Bird boxes, a composter and fruit trees will be installed/planted with a working party. A bring and share unit is going to be constructed. **ACTION: CLERK to invoice the Community Board for payment once complete. SM/CLERK to publicise on website and include a learning piece.** This will include publication of the BBOWT case study, once available.
- **Playground Project.** An application for full planning permission has been submitted. To date £108,924 has been secured for the project. **ACTION: CLERK to chase Bucks Council re S106 contribution (£12,924 Lower Pollicott 15/03575/APP) towards new playground.**
- **Community Allotment.** Project ongoing.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** The Trustees of APFA meet on Wednesday 8th December 2021 and will discuss the planting of a commemorative tree on the Playing Field.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

5. Contributions from Buckinghamshire Councillors.

The planning application (Waste Recycling Facility) has been called in for Thursday 9th December. MC, PI and AW will be attending. Bucks Council resolved that it will not fund any 20mph zones

6. Reports from Councillors attending meetings and outside organisations

- **CLG meeting (17.11.21).** No attendance.

7. Correspondence

There was none.

8. Finance

- Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (15th November 2021): £33,272.94**
 - **Receipts: £2,332.00** (Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust grant – Defibrillator)
 - **Debits: £0.00**
 - **Plus unrepresented cheques: £192.90**
 - **Less standing orders: £249.60** (Clerk Salary)
 - **Balance of Bank Account: £35,548.24** (as at 23rd November 2021)
Available Funds: £35,355.34 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques)
- Orders for Payment: £88.52**
 - **Venetia Davies - £9.45** (Clerk travel)
 - **Venetia Davies - £79.07** (toners and postage)
 - **BALANCE: £35,266.82** (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)
- Management Report, December 2021** circulated.

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9. Budget Priorities and Project

The budget for 2022/23 was presented including ongoing reserves. It was agreed the budget should include an allowance for increased devolved services/grass cutting. Projects for 2022/23 included the extension of the footpath to Wotton Road/White City, the possible renewal of the tarmac path through Boughton's Peace to Lower End, footpath improvements and the combining of the existing village website with the Parish Council website. **ACTION: ALL COUNCILLORS** to consider projects. **CLERK** to agenda Precept for January meeting.

10. Planning

There were no new applications. The following planning application, which has been opposed by Ashendon Parish Council, is being considered by the Central Buckinghamshire Area Planning Committee at its meeting on 9th December 2021. **Location:** Building 214 (Waste Recycling Facility at Hangar 5 And On Surrounding Land), Westcott Venture Park, Westcott, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0XB. **PROPOSAL:** Continuation of the development at Hangar 5 and on adjoining land at variance to conditions 6 (Vehicle Movements) and 11 (Waste Throughput) attached to planning permission CM/0022/19, to increase vehicle movements and the annual waste throughput limit.

11. Items for Information including Diary Dates:

- **Annual Village Meeting** – Thursday 7th April 2022
- **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee** – Lighting of Beacon - 2nd June 2022.
- **Play Around the Parishes.** It was agreed not to participate in the scheme in 2022 but arrange an alternative play session for village children.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

MONDAY 17th JANUARY 2022 at 8pm in Ashendon Village Hall