

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Date: 10th March 2021 **Time:** 6.00 pm
Place: Meeting held virtually via Zoom
Present: Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman) Cllr Kieron Black
Cllr Angela Harris Cllr Graham Falconer
Cllr Andrew Bays
In Attendance: Sadie Owen (Clerk) 1 parishioner
Apologies: Cllr Sally Burch

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Sally Burch.

2. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 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

a) Applications received since last meeting

21/00398/LBC Ashmansworth House. No objections.
21/00397/HSE Ashmansworth House. No objections.
21/00159/HSE Plough Inn, Bartletts Down Lane. No objections.

Clerk

4. Council business

a) Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that the initial issues which affected new councillor emails appeared to have ceased. The new website was a success and working well, with the exception of the Planning Tracker, which was being worked on by HugoFox.

Clerk

Cllr Bays reported that further to his meeting with the Chief Inspector for Rural Policing he was in the process of contacting local estates to ensure that rural communication and information sharing system was improved.

Cllr Bays reported that communications with Gigabeam continued, but with no solution to date.

b) Lengthsman tasks

Cllr Cox had reported that the lengthsman had trimmed the hedge surrounding the church boundary, and he had received a request from the church wardens that the lengthsman return in the Autumn to continue the work.

Clerk

It was requested that the hedge adjacent to the sewage works at the recreation ground be reduced to the height of the fence.

It was requested that the ditch at Crux Easton be cleared. Clerk to confirm if the lengthsman had access to a digger.

Clerk

Cllr Cox to email AshyPC to request feedback on the state of local stiles and whether any required repair.

**Cllr
Cox**

c) Borough councillor's report

Cllr Falconer reported that the borough had recently approved the forthcoming year's budget, which approved a maximum increase to council tax. It was reported that government had provided various funding for local authorities and so the deficit was not as large as originally predicted, however would still lead to the loss of 25 posts within the council.

It was reported that local elections were due to go ahead on 6th May, following which Ashmansworth would be part of the Evingar Ward.

Cllr Falconer reported that two potential sites had been identified for inclusion within the Local Plan, which if approved would end the 5 year local land supply issues.

5. Local Roads

Potholes/Road Repairs

There was no update on the issues relating to repainting of the road markings on Cross Lane. Cllr Cox reported that the Drove was due to be adopted as a road by HCC and so would be re-surfaced at some point in the future.

Speeding Vehicles

There was no update in relation to installation of the gates.

Verge Cutting

It was reported that HCC had been informed that the parish did not require verges to be cut until the autumn.

It was noted that there had been a complaint from a resident in relation to the amount of litter in the parish. Cllr Cox expressed thanks to Jo Teece for all of her work in collecting litter.

Cllr Cox agreed to send an email to AshyPC reminding people not to allow dog fouling on residents' verges.

**Cllr
Cox**

Hampshire Transport 2050

Cllr Cox reported that he had been working closely with neighbouring parish councils to formulate a response to the consultation. Cllr Cox reported that he had complained that the consultation failed to address transport issues faced by rural communities.

6. Footpaths

There were no updates.

A parishioner present queried when the post preventing unauthorised access to the Wayfarer's Way would be repaired. Cllr Cox agreed to request an update.

**Cllr
Cox**

7. Access to Recycling centre

Cllr Cox reported that Newtown Road Recycling Centre was considering a pay by use scheme which would potentially be rolled out in the summer.

8. Emergency plan update

Cllr Cox reported that he had produced updated details for inclusion within the shared local emergency plan (with Hampshire and East Woodhay), but was yet to hear back from the other councils.

9. APM date

It was agreed that the APM would take place at 6.00pm on 19th May via Zoom.

10. Climate emergency update

Cllr Cox reported that he would circulate an impact tool which analysed the carbon emissions on a parish by parish basis.

**Cllr
Cox**

Cllr Cox suggested that purchase of two infra-red cameras (I-phone and android compatible) for loan to parishioners to test and view the radiation emitted from their houses. It was noted that the camera was approximately £180. The council agreed to the purchase of two cameras in the autumn.

11. Covid response and local needs

Council expressed its thanks to the work of Neighbourcare. It was acknowledged that the vaccination scheme appeared to be rolling out well throughout the county.

12. Financial Matters

- a) Payments Approval – the Clerk presented the financial statement (Appendix A). The payments were unanimously approved.

Clerk

Clerk to contact CPRE re ongoing membership.

Clerk

- b) Grant request- Cllr Cox declared a personal interest as a member of the PCC. Council approved a grant of £500 to the PCC to assist with repairs to the church tower estimated at £13,000.

Clerk

13. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 14th April at 6.00 pm.

Appendix A

Financial Statement: Ashmansworth Parish Council

Meeting date: 10/03/2021

Balances:

Statement No: 10/03/21 Balance	Balance after reconciliation – 10/03/21
£5,666.30	£5,187.34

Payments since last meeting date:

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			

New items for payment

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Feb	£115.48
	HMRC	Month 11 Tax/NIC	£29.00
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Mar	£115.68
	HMRC	Month 12 Tax/NIC	£28.80
	A D Clark	Invoice 419	£190.00
TOTAL			£478.96

Receipts since last meeting date:

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
TOTAL			

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			0.00