

Ashford Carbonell Parish Council

Tuesday 9th May 2017, 7.00pm at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall.

Minutes of the meeting

Present: Nick Tilt, Clare Bicker-Caarten, Michael Bowden, Mike Thompson, John Hawkins

1. Apologies

There were no apologies received.

2. All Members must sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as a Parish Councillor prior to the commencement of the Parish Council Meeting

All forms were signed by the newly elected Councillors.

3. Election of Chairman for the Year and the appointed Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as the Chairman of the Parish Council

Cllr Nick Tilt was proposed and seconded as Chairman for the coming year and duly elected to the position.

Cllr Tilt thanked all of the outgoing parish councillors for their years of service on the Parish Council.

4. Opportunity for members of the public to discuss items included on the agenda.

Stiles on the footpaths

Concerns were raised about the state of some of the infrastructure. The new footpaths Officer was in attendance and outlined that she will begin to pull together a list of areas of concern and will produce a report for the Parish Council.

Field at the Village Hall

Half owned / bequeathed to the parish and part privately owned, the continued use of the whole field is currently being discussed with the private owners. Although not directly the responsibility of the Parish Council, there is a sub group formed which will look at the issues. Current lease arrangements do allow for division of the site if that situation arose.

River Bridge

A resident has raised the concerns about the state of the river bridge. Suggesting the Parish Council approach Shropshire council to seek advice regarding the state and ongoing maintenance. Parish Council agreed to pass this on to the county surveyors at Shropshire Council.

5. Declarations of Interest -Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests. Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during discussing and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered into the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer

There were no Declarations of Interest for in relation to the agenda for this meeting

6. Election of Vice Chairman for the Year

Michael Bowden was proposed, seconded and accepted the position as vice chair appointed.

7. Appointment of representatives for the year

a) South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils

Cllr Nick Tilt was proposed and confirmed as the representative for this meeting.

b) Ludlow and Clee Hill Area Local Joint Committee

Cllr Nick Tilt was proposed and confirmed as the representative for this committee.

c) Ashford Carbonell Village Hall Committee

It was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting, Cllr Tilt will attend any immediate meetings in relation to the field.

8. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

9. Matters arising from the minutes on items not included on the agenda.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting minutes.

10. Planning Items:

There were no planning applications for consideration at the meeting.

11. Highway Items/Amenity Items

It was confirmed that the 30mph sign on Caynham Road is in place and illuminating correctly.

12. Financial Items.

The following accounts were presented to the Parish Council and approved for payment:

SALC affiliation fee - £180.80

Kevin Adams – Internal Audit of Accounts - £90

Annual Audit / Governance Statement:

Cllr Tilt summarised the content of the Audit, and it was agreed that the document be approved and signed by the chairman.

13. To confirm the Meetings for the Year 2017/18

The following meeting dates were proposed and confirmed for the next 12 months.

Tuesday 18th July 2017, Tuesday 19th September 2017, Tuesday 21st November 2017, Tuesday 23rd January 2018, Tuesday 20th March 2018, Tuesday 22nd May 2018.

Meeting closed at 19.50

Chairman