

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the online Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman: Vice Chairman: Cllr. D. Catchpole

Councillors: Cllr. D. Constable Cllr. G. Dryhurst
Cllr. P. Hennessy Cllr. D. McCarthy
Cllr. S. Osborne

Officers: Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk

District Councillors: Cllr. C. Weston, Cllr. M. Carter

Members of press and public:

Due to Cllr Flowers sending his apologies for tonight's meeting. Cllr Catchpole will be acting as Chairman for tonight's meeting.

21/007 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. T. Flowers (Chairman), Cllr. R. Martin, Cllr. S. Chittenden

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

21/008 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 1st March 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

21/009 Progress Report

- 20/46 The Clerk confirmed that she had purchased the remainder of the plastic pegs for the Basketball framework at King George's Playing field.
- 20/123 The Clerk was asked to send over some more questions to British Solar Renewables (BSR). All questions were answered and replies were emailed to Councillors.
- 20/142 The Clerk was authorised, in consultation with Cllr. D. Constable to purchase equipment for the Parish Rooms. An update was given on equipment purchased to date. The Clerk also sent over a copies of invoices that had been paid by Debit card, for the Councillors to observe.
- 20/180 The Clerk confirmed that she had filled out a Memorandum of Agreement form and was just waiting on a commencement date.
- 20/185 The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the relevant parties with the information decided at the February meeting.
- 20/200 The Clerk confirmed that 10 street lights had now been replaced, which had been funded from the EMR fund for replacing street lighting. Also that 2 extra street lights had been replaced which had been funded from the funds that were left from the 2020/21 budget for street light replacement - £497.00 and from the village repairs budget for 2020/2021 - £279.00.
- 20/201 The Clerk was asked to write a letter to Rochford District Council to put in a request for a contribution to the community from BSR Solar either via S.106 or from the Community Infrastructure Levy. This letter was sent on the 4th March 2021 for the attention of: Marcus Hotton.

21/010 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None declared.

21/011 Public participation session

One resident present.

21/012 District Councillor's Report

A report was received from Cllr. C. Weston and Cllr. M. Carter

21/013 Co-option

There are two vacancies in Ashingdon ward; no candidates were present to observe the meeting.

21/014 Finance

Members received the schedule of payments for approval along with the bank reconciliation figures for February 2021. Cllr. T. Flowers had checked the bank reconciliation figures.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the following payments/cheques be approved for payment and signed:

HM Revenue & Customs	IBAPR21/1	£278.40
A&J Lighting	IBAPR21/2	£452.10
Atlantic Vision	IBAPR21/3	£ 54.00
D2D Distribution Ltd	IBAPR21/4	£354.00
E.A.L.C	IBAPR21/5	£ 84.00
E.A.L.C	IBAPR21/6	£705.47
Essex C C Revenue Acc	IBAPR21/7	£808.40
Essex Pension Fund	IBAPR21/8	£342.13
J&P Prior	IBAPR21/9	£105.00
James Todd & Co	IBAPR21/10	£ 93.60
Office Furniture Online	IBAPR21/11	£313.20
Viking Direct	IBAPR21/12	£ 43.56

- (b) The bank reconciliation figures for February 2021 be approved and accepted.
- (c) It was considered to transfer some funds from the Barclays Community Account to the Barclays Business Premium Account. The Clerk is to investigate the best rate of return.
- (d) It was noted that all the invoices that had been paid by the Barclays Debit Card had been viewed by all Councillors.
- (e) It was noted that the Clerk had purchased a £50 Amazon voucher, as a leaving gift for the Litter picker/Handyman.
- (f) A Thank you letter was received from Wyvern Community Transport for the donation of £500.00, they received from Ashingdon Parish Council.

21/015 Highways/PROW/Environment/Transport/Street Lighting

- (a) There was no news on transport.
- (b) There was no news on Bridleway 43. This is to be removed from the Agenda.
- (c) An update was received regarding the Parish Rooms/ Public Toilets at King George's playing field from Cllr. D. Constable.

21/016 Update on Parish Room Lease

A report was received from Cllr. D. Constable. It is hoped that there will be a Lease drawn up for mid to late May.

21/017 Upgrade to parish street lighting

It was noted that 10 parish street lights had been upgraded in Greensward Lane to LED lights. This was funded from the EMR fund for replacing street lighting.

It was noted that 2 extra street lights in Greensward Lane had been upgraded to LED lights. This was funded from the remaining funds for the 2020/21 budget for street light replacement - £497.00 and from the village repairs budget for 2020/21 - £2279.00

21/018 Community Defibrillator

It was noted that the community defibrillator had not been purchased, as this was going to be purchased out of the 2021/2022 budget. It was decided to enter into discussions at the Parish Council's May meeting.

21/019 Solar Farm at South Farnbridge

A copy of a letter that had been received from a resident, regarding the Solar Farm at South Farnbridge.

A copy of a letter that had been sent to Marcus Hotton from Ashington Parish Council was received by the Councillors.

21/020 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

No report received.

21/021 Reports from the representatives for outside committees

- (a) Ashington and East Hawkehill Memorial Hall – Cllr. D. Catchpole; Cllr. D. McCarthy - Report received.
- (b) Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils – Cllr. D. Constable;
Next meeting 21.04.2021.
- (c) Local Community Meeting – Cllr. T. Flowers;
No meeting.
- (d) RSPB Local Liaison Group – Cllr. G. Dryhurst
No meeting.
- (e) River Crouch Coastal Community Team Stakeholder Event – Cllr. G. Dryhurst
Next Meeting on 11.05.2021.

21/022 Training and Events

Cllr. S. Osborne had requested permission to attend the How to get Young People involved in Local Councils online event on the Wednesday 26th May 2021 by NALC at a cost of £38.93 - £64.49 + VAT per delegate.

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. Osborne be authorised to attend the online event on Wednesday 26th May 2021 by NALC, at a cost of £38.93 - £64.49 + VAT per delegate. Unfortunately this event is sold out.

21/023 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that the Parish Council exclude the press and public from the remainder of the meeting due to confidential business under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, s.1 (2)

21/024 Operation London Bridge

A report was received and discussed.

RESOLVED that Ashington Parish Council would like to purchase 2 large Union Jack flags. It was also decided not to go ahead with purchasing and erecting a flag pole for King Georges Field.

21/025 Date of next meeting

The next Annual Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30pm. *(Depending on Government guidelines it is hoped this will be a face to face meeting).*

The meeting was closed at: 21.20pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated
4th May 2021