

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the online Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th January 2021 at 7.30pm.

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

Councillors: Cllr. D. Constable Cllr. D. McCarthy Cllr. R. Martin
Cllr. P. Hennessy Cllr. G. Dryhurst Cllr. S. Chittenden

Officers: Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk

District Councillor: None

Members of press and public: One

20/131 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. T. Flowers (Chairman)

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

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

20/132 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

20/133 Progress Report

- 18/277(c) The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to Metro Bank requesting the Bank Accounts to be closed.
- 19/331 The Clerk had come to a standstill regarding the Ashingdon Solar Farm, the Company were no longer trading, with this in mind, it was advised to leave this matter.
- 20/46 The Clerk has now placed an order for the plastic pegs.
- 20/58 The Clerk informed the Council that the bark had now been laid at the flowerbed at South Fambridge.
- 20/120 The Clerk was asked to submit the Council's replies on a flood risk questionnaire, these Replies were submitted on the 14.12.2020.
- 20/123 The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with the New Solar Farm, this was confirmed For the Clerk to arrange for the end of January 2021.

20/134 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None declared.

20/135 Public participation session

One resident present.

20/136 District Councillor's Report

None present.

20/137 **Co-option**

There are three vacancies in Ashingdon ward; one candidate was present to observe the meeting.

Mrs. S. Osborne, has shown an interest into being co-opted onto the Council.

RESOLVED that Mrs. S. Osborne be co-opted onto the Council, subject to Mrs. S. Osborne meeting all the requirements of eligibility for becoming a Parish Councillor.

20/138 **Co-option Policy**

Members agreed that we adopt a Co-option Policy. The Clerk will produce a policy for the February meeting, for members to consider.

20/139 **Finance**

Members received the schedule of payments for approval along with the bank reconciliation figures for November 2020. Cllr. D. McCarthy had checked the bank reconciliation figures.

RESOLVED that

the following payment was delayed at the December meeting, it was approved for payment on the 16.12.2020, via email from all Councillors:

Constable Landscapes	IBDEC20/3	£148.00
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(a) the following payments/cheques be approved for payment and signed:

HM Revenue & Customs	IBJAN21/1	£227.40
A&J Lighting Solutions	IBJAN21/2	£373.62
A&J Lighting Solutions		IBJAN21/3
£155.94		
A&J Lighting Solutions	IBJAN21/4	£452.10
Constable Landscapes	IBJAN21/5	£148.00
Constable Landscapes	IBJAN21/6	£ 80.00
Essex Association of Local Councils	IBJAN21/7	£ 60.00
Essex Pension Fund	IBJAN21/8	£335.39
J&P Prior	IBJAN21/9	£105.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	IBJAN21/10	£166.00
Mrs K Boyce	IBJAN/21/11	£ 14.39

(b) The bank reconciliation figures for November 2020 be approved and accepted.

(c) The quarterly financial report for the period 1st October 2020 to 31st December 2020 be approved and accepted;

20/140 **Budget and Precept 2021/22**

Members considered the proposed budget for 2021/22 of £104,672. This equates to a precept of £104,632 which represents an increase of £1.75 per year per band D property compared to 2020/21.

RESOLVED that a precept of £104,632 be levied for 2021/22.

20/141 **Planning**

RESOLVED that

(a) The minutes from the Virtual Planning Committee meeting held on 7th December 2020 be noted;

20/142 Ashingdon Parish Room

Members were asked to authorise the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr. D. Constable, to purchase items for the new parish rooms, in order to utilise the ECC Locality Fund Grant.

RESOLVED that authorisation was given to the Clerk, in consultation with Cllr. D. Constable to purchase Items for the new parish rooms.

20/143 Highways/PROW/Environment/Transport/Street Lighting

- (a) An update was received from Cllr. G. Dryhurst.
- (b) There were no new updates on Bridleway 43 received.
- (c) An update was received regarding the Parish Rooms/ Public Toilets at King George's playing field
From Cllr. D. Constable.

20/144 Christmas Buffet

The Council agreed to go ahead with the Christmas Buffet in December 2021, subject to the Governments Covid-19 guidelines at that time.

20/145 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

No report received.

20/146 Reports from the representatives for outside committees

- (a) Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall – Cllr. S. Chittenden;
Cllr. D. Catchpole; Cllr. D. McCarthy - Report received.
- (b) Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils – Cllr. D. Constable;
No meeting.
- (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
AGM meeting held early December.

20/147 Training and Events

Cllr. P. Hennessy has requested permission to attend the Climate Crisis Conference on Thursday 28th January 2021, at a cost of £50 per delegate + VAT.

RESOLVED that Cllr. P. Hennessy be authorised to attend the Climate Crisis Conference on Thursday 28th January 2021, at a cost of £50 per delegate + VAT.

Cllr. S. Osborne has requested to attend a Councillor Training Day 1 or 2 on Tuesday 19th January or Tuesday 26th January 2021 at a cost of £90 per delegate + VAT.

RESOLVED that Cllr. S. Osborne be authorised to attend a Councillor Training Day 1 or 2 on Tuesday 19th January or Tuesday 26th January 2021 at a cost of £90 per delegate + VAT.

20/148 Items for next agenda

Youth Services

20/149 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 1st February 2020 at 7.30pm. *(Depending on Government guidelines it is hoped this will be a face to face meeting).*

The meeting was closed at: 20.45pm

Vice-Chairman's Signature

Dated
1st February 2021