

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the online Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

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

Officers: Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk

District Councillor: Cllr. C. Weston

Members of press and public: One

20/111 Apologies for Absence

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

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.

20/112 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 2nd November 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED that the budget and precept meeting held on the 25th November 2020, be accepted at the January 2020 meeting.

20/113 Progress Report

- 18/277(c) The Clerk confirmed that once the October Bank Reconciliation had been approved at the December 2020 meeting, a letter would be sent to Metro Bank requesting the Bank Account be closed.
- 19/331 The Clerk had come to a stop regarding the Ashingdon Solar Farm. Original Company were no longer trading.
- 20/46 Cllr. D. Catchpole had looked into a company to supply some plastic pegs to cover holes The metal frame of the Basketball net at King Georges playing field. The Clerk was asked To go ahead and place the order.
- 20/48 The Clerk had asked Cllr. D. McCarthy for a report for the Health & Wellbeing Course that He had attended on the 26.11.2020. A report was received.

20/114 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None declared.

20/115 Public participation session

One resident present.

20/116 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Weston gave a brief report on the Bloor Homes development and the Parish Rooms.

20/117 Co-option

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

20/118 Finance

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

RESOLVED that

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

HM Revenue & Customs	IBDEC20/1	£227.60
A&J Lighting Solutions	IBDEC20/2	£180.54
EALC	IBDEC20/4	£ 36.00
Essex Pension Fund	IBDEC20/5	£335.39
J & P Prior	IBDEC20/6	£105.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	IBDEC20/7	£ 480.00
Mr D Catchpole	IBDEC20/8	£ 111.98
Mrs K Boyce	IBDEC/20/9	£ 14.39

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

- (c) A donation of £150.00 had been re-made to the Essex and Herts Air Ambulance from the Barclays Bank Account.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	£150.00	100003
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- (d) A donation of £150.00 had been made to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£150.00	100002
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- (e) It was noted that the external audit for the year 2019/20 had been completed with a comment stating that the AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. To ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing the next year's AGAR.
- (f) It was noted that Cllr D. McCarthy attended the Health and Wellbeing Conference online event on Thursday 26th November 2020 at a cost of £30 + VAT.

20/119 Planning

RESOLVED that

- (a) The minutes from the Virtual Planning Committee meeting held on 30th November 2020 be noted;

20/120 Regional Flood & Coastal Committee Survey

The Parish Council discussed a questionnaire on flood risks and emergency planning. The Clerk was asked to submit the Council's replies.

20/121 Development at Ashingdon Hall

A report was received from Cllr. G. Dryhurst

20/122 Parish Newsletter

Ashingdon Parish Council ratified that they would be employing a Distribution Company to distribute the

20/123 New Solar Farm

Members decided that the Clerk is to arrange a meeting with the company developing the New Solar Farm, which is to be situated in South Farnbridge on a date toward the end January 2021.

20/124 Bloor Homes

The Parish Council discussed the outcome of the meeting held by Rochford District Council on Thursday 26th November 2020.

20/125 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.

20/126 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

No report received.

20/127 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
Report received.
- (e) River Crouch Coastal Community Team Stakeholder Event – Cllr. G. Dryhurst
Report received.

20/128 Health and Wellbeing Conference held on Thursday 26th November 2020

A report was received from Cllr. D. McCarthy.

20/129 Training and Events

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

Cllr. D. Catchpole and Cllr. G. Dryhurst have requested to attend The Introduction to Planning Briefing on Wednesday 20th January at a cost of £70 per delegate + VAT.

RESOLVED that Cllr. D. Catchpole and Cllr. G. Dryhurst be authorised to attend The Introduction to Planning Briefing on Wednesday 20th January at a cost of £70 per delegate + VAT.

20/130 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 4th January 2020 at 7.30pm. *(Depending on Government guidelines it is hoped this will be a face to face meeting).*

The meeting was closed at.

Vice-Chairman's Signature

Dated
4th January 2021