

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashingdon Church Hall, Church Road, Ashingdon held on Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present:	<u>Chairman:</u>	Cllr. D. Catchpole	<u>Vice Chairman:</u>	Cllr. D. McCarthy
	<u>Councillors:</u>	Cllr. D. Constable Cllr. P. Hennessy Cllr. S. Osborne	Cllr. G. Dryhurst Cllr. T. Flowers	Cllr. S. Chittenden Cllr. S. Osborne
	<u>Officers:</u>	Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk		
	<u>District Councillors:</u>	Cllr. R. Constable sent his apologies. Cllr. C. Weston was in attendance.		
	<u>Members of press and public:</u>	None		

21/072 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. R. Constable.

RESOLVED that the apologies be accepted.

21/073 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on the 10th May 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that the minutes from the Annual Parish meeting held on the 4th June 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

21/074 Progress Report

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| 20/144 | The Clerk confirmed that a date for the Christmas Buffet had now been arranged for Thursday 9 th December 2021, from 12-3.30pm. |
| 20/180 | The Clerk confirmed that she had received a flyer, which had been put into the Noticeboards. |
| 20/201 | The Clerk had sent a letter to Marcus Hotton on the 4 th March 2021, regarding a contribution to the community from BSR Solar, either via S.106 or from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Clerk emailed this letter over again on the 26 th May 2021. |
| 21/019(i) | The Clerk had contacted Rochford District Council on the matter of Green Belt Land at Ulverston Road/Radnor Road. A reply was received on the 7 th June 2021, stating that someone would call at the site next week, when on visits. |
| 20/024 | The Clerk had been asked to purchase 2 x large Union Jack flags, the Clerk has now purchased these. |

21/075 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None declared.

21/076 Public participation session

None present.

21/077 District Councillor's Report

Cllr. R. Constable, sent his apologies. Cllr. C. Weston attended the meeting.

RESOLVED A report was received from Cllr. R. Constable and also from Cllr. C. Weston

21/078 Co-option

There are two vacancies in Ashingdon ward; and one in vacancy in Ashingdon (west) – (this ward is in the Hockley area). One candidate was present to observe the meeting.

21/079 Finance

Members received the schedule of payments for approval along with the bank reconciliation figures for April 2021. Cllr. D. McCarthy had checked the bank reconciliation figures.

RESOLVED that

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

HM Revenue & Customs	IBJUN21/1	£ 126.71
A&J Lighting Solutions	IBJUN21/2	£1697.46
Ashingdon& East Hawkwell Mem. Hall	IBJUN21/3	£ 31.50
Constable Landscapes	IBJUN21/4	£ 125.00
Mr. D. Catchpole	IBJUN21/5	£ 137.31
Essex Pension Fund	IBJUN21/6	£ 342.13
Green gateway Trading (GM) Ltd	IBJUN21/7	£ 32.40
J&P Prior	IBJUN21/8	£ 105.00
Rialtus Business Solutions Ltd	IBJUN21/9	£ 148.80
Playsafety Limited	IBJUN21/10	£ 82.20
St. Andrew's, Ashingdon Church Hall	IBJUN21/11	£ 30.00

- (b) The bank reconciliation figures for April 2020 be approved and accepted
(c) It was decided to make a donation of £100 by Debit Card to the British Heart Foundation in memory of Cllr. Roy. Martin.

21/080 Parish Council Policies

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Equal Opportunities Policy be approved;
(b) the Training and Development Policy be approved;

21/081 Planning

RESOLVED that

- (a) the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 5th May 2021 be noted;
(b) the list of applications determined by Rochford District Council in May 2021 be noted.

21/082 Highways/PROW/Environment/Transport/Street Lighting

- (a) An update was received from Cllr. G. Dryhurst.
(b) An update was received regarding the Parish Rooms/ Public Toilets at King George's playing field from Cllr. D. Constable.
(c) Discussions took place on whether the village sign, at the bottom of Ashingdon Hill, needs to be re-treated. The Clerk was asked to check with Rochford District Council, then arrange a survey to see if repairs are needed.

21/083 Canewdon Road

It was discussed to put forward, to the Local Highway Panel, a 'Pedestrians in the road' signage request. There is only a small section of pavement and the road is well used by joggers, walkers, dog walkers and children going to school. The road has several blind bends and drivers do not adhere to the speed limit. The road is also used by freight/container lorries going to the farms.

RESOLVED that Ashingdon Parish Council, along with Canewdon Parish Council submit a joint application to the Local Highway Panel for road signage.

21/084 Dog Bin, South Fambridge

The Clerk has been informed that the current contractors have stopped emptying the dog bin at South Fambridge. The Clerk has contacted 3 companies for some quotes, on emptying the dog bin, weekly in the months of April to September and fortnightly in the months of October to March. A report was sent over to all members but unfortunately only one quote was received.

RESOLVED that the Clerk is to inform the company to take on the contract until the end of the Financial year, this being until end of March 2022.

21/085 Youth Services

It was confirmed that Essex Youth Service Youth Workers will be attending Thursdays for 1½ per week, to engage with young people in Ashingdon Park and surrounding areas. It was noted that they were hoping to commence on the 3rd June 2021.

21/086 Letter from our local MP concerning lost footpaths

A letter was received from Cllr. G. Dryhurst, which he had sent to local MP Mark Francois.
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21/087 Chairman's Chain of Office

It was discussed and agreed to purchase a name brooch to commemorate Cllr. T. Flowers time as Chairman.

21/088 Play Area

The RoSPA Report had been circulated.

RESOLVED that the RoSPA report had been noted. The Clerk was asked to talk to Rochford District Council regarding some repairs to the Basketball net. The Clerk will await a reply from Rochford District Council before taking any other action.

21/089 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

No report received.

21/090 Reports from the representatives for outside committees

- (a) Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall – Cllr. D. Catchpole; Cllr. D. McCarthy - Report received. AGM in July.
- (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
Meeting 08.06.2021 at 11AM.

21/091 Items for next agenda

Display board – Church yard, Oak needs treating
Pole – Church yard
Contact Information Card
Defibrillator
Tree of Remembrance

21/092

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 5th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at: 21.15pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated
5th July 2021