

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr. T. Flowers Vice Chairman: Cllr. D. Catchpole
Councillors: Cllr. S. Chittenden Cllr. D. Constable Cllr. G. Dryhurst
Cllr. P. Hennessy Cllr. R. Martin Cllr. D. McCarthy
Officers: Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk
District Councillor: None
Members of press and public: 1 Member

18/295 Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received from Cllr. R. Clark.

18/296 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th February 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

18/297 Progress Report

- 17/163 (i) Confirmation of approval of the scheme had been included in the minutes from the Local Highways Panel meeting in December. Awaiting a date for the works to commence.
- 18/65 (b) Confirmation of approval of the scheme had been included in the minutes from the Local Highways Panel meeting in December. Awaiting a date for the works to commence
- 18/65 (c) An update was given, the item will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 18/120 (b) Clerk had been advised that the Height Barrier had now been fitted.
- 18/120 (c) Clerk had been advised that the Height Barrier had now been fitted.
- 18/147 (a) Clerk has spoken to Rochford District Council, with regards to the best location.
- 18/147(b) Awaiting the County Councillor.
- 18/181 Awaiting contractor. Clerk to chase Green Gateway
- 18/218(d) Cllr. G. Dryhurst had spoken to Sue Dobson, they are willing to meet up. In Progress.
- 18/277(c) Awaiting information.
- 18/280(c) Awaiting quotes. Cllr. D Constable to contact Clerk for this to be added to next Parish Council Meeting.

18/298 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None

18/299 Public participation session

A member of the public expressed concerns that someone was accessing driveways. There was also a request for a new bin on the corner of Moons Close, the resident was advised that the District Council had no plans to replace the bin.

Mr Gary Edwards also joined us for the evening, he is acting as a supporting role to Revd Ernie Guest. He is looking to raise the profile of the church, to discuss the relations between the Parish and St. Andrews Church. Mr Edwards is hoping to bring younger people into the Church, hoping that these relations can now improve. Also said that he thinks Revd Ernie Guest is going to be good for the Church and the community.

18/300 District Councillor's Report

None present

18/301 Co-option

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

18/302 Finance

Members received the schedule of payments for approval along with the bank reconciliation figures for February 2019 .Cllr. D. McCarthy had checked the bank reconciliation figures.

RESOLVED that

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

Rochford District Council	800045	£45.00
Essex Wildlife Trust	800046	£40.00
Mr G Dryhurst	800047	£18.90
HM Revenue & Customs	IBMAR19/1	£148.91
James Todd & Co	IBMAR19/2	£31.20
A & J Lighting Solutions	IBMAR19/3	£555.60
EALC	IBMAR19/4	£465.00
Viking Direct	IBMAR19/5	£69.57
Pleasure Pools Ltd	IBMAR19/6	£1656.00
Launch Designs	IBMAR19/7	£600.00
Campaign to Protect Rural England	IBMAR19/8	£36.00
J & P Prior	IBMAR19/9	£105.00

Cllr. G. Dryhurst abstained from checking payments.

(b) The bank reconciliation figures for February 2019 be approved and accepted.

(c) That Cllr. Flowers attend The Civic Dinner at a cost of £45 per ticket.

18/303 Grant Application

RESOLVED that

(a) The Grant application for St. Andrews church for £679.00 for the upkeep of the parish graveyard and the Church floodlights was approved.

St Andrews Church	800048	£679.00
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(b) The Grant application from the Citizens Advice Bureau for £300.00 for volunteer expenses was approved.

18/304 Planning

RESOLVED that

- (a) The minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on the 4th February 2019 be noted.
- (b) The list of applications determined by Rochford District Council, February 2019 be noted.

18/305 Garden Maintenance Contract

Consideration was given to the three companies that had submitted their Tenders for the Garden Maintenance contract. Cllr. Catchpole and Cllr. Chittenden were on the working group, so abstained from voting.

RESOLVED that due to a lack of information provided in the tenders, the current contractor be instructed to continue with the contract for a further 12 months.

18/306 Highways/PROW/Environment/Transport/Street Lighting

A transport report was received; information relating to the community assets was circulated. Consideration was given to the request for a meeting from Rochford District Council regarding the community hub/toilets at King George's Field.

RESOLVED that

- (a) A transport report was received from Cllr. Dryhurst.
- (b) The information relating to the community Assets be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.
- (c) Cllr. D Constable liaise with Rochford District Council regarding the future of the community hub/toilets.

18/307 Play Areas

The installation of the replacement play equipment should be completed by the end of the week.

18/308 Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

No report was received.

18/309 Reports from the representatives for outside committees

- (a) Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall – Cllr. S. Chittenden;
No meetings had taken place.
- (b) Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils – Cllr. D. Constable;
No meetings had taken place.
- (c) Local Community Meeting – Cllr. T. Flowers;
No meetings had taken place.
- (d) RSPB Local Liaison Group – Cllr. G. Dryhurst
Report received.
- (e) River Crouch Coastal Community Team Stakeholder Event – Cllr. G. Dryhurst
Report received.
- (f) Discover 2020 Tourism Forum – Cllr. G. Dryhurst and T. Flowers
No meetings had taken place.

18/310 Items for next agenda

To discuss any updates on Community Assets.
To discuss the Skate Park.

To review the Emergency Plan.
To discuss footpaths.

18/311

Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Chairman's Signature

Dated
1st April 2019