

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the online Parish Council budget meeting held on Wednesday 25th November 2020 at 7.30pm.

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

20/88 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. T. Flowers and Cllr. R. Martin sent apologies to day he would be delayed.

20/89 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr. D. Catchpole, Cllr. G. Dryhurst and Cllr. D. McCarthy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 – Ashingdon Memorial Car Park, as they are Trustees for Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall.

20/90 Public participation session

None present.

20/91 Member Allowances

Members discussed whether allowances would be claimed during 2021/22. Cllrs. T. Flowers, D. Constable, D. McCarthy, P. Hennessy and G. Dryhurst intended to claim allowances.

RESOLVED that the five member allowances of £350.00 be budgeted for during 2021/22.

20/92 Ashingdon Memorial Hall Car Park

Members considered budgeting for re starting the locking of the car park gates.

RESOLVED that a sum of £2,055.00 be put into the budget for 2021/22.

20/93 Community Defibrillator

Members discussed whether to provide a community defibrillator.

RESOLVED that a sum of £2,000 be put into the budget for 2021/22.

20/94 Parish Newsletter

Members considered budgeting for the employment of a distribution company to deliver the Parish Newsletter.

Cllr. R. Martin, arrived at the meeting, 19.55 pm

RESOLVED that a sum of £1060.00 be budgeted for, to cover the employment of a distribution Company which will enable more residents to be reached.

20/95 Budget and precept for 2021/22

Members reviewed and amended the budget report for 2021/22. There were new budget heads created, these were Community Defibrillator - as the Parish Council are looking into providing a Community Defibrillator. There were budget heads already created that were to be re-used, these were Gate Locking, as the Council are looking into employing a Company to lock the gates at Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall and Distribution of Newsletter, as the Council are concerned that not all residents are being reached. The other new budget head was Health & Wellbeing Programme, as the Parish Council are looking into ways to help the community with the Health & Wellbeing of all residents of the Ashingdon Community.

RESOLVED that

(a) the following budget headings be added to the budget:

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| - Health & Wellbeing Programme | - £9,000 |
| - Community Defibrillator | - £2,000 |

a budget of £104,632 is required for 2021/22. The precept figure for 2021/22 would be confirmed at the Parish Council meeting on 4th January 2021.

20/96 Reserves

Members reviewed the general and earmarked reserves.

RESOLVED that the following be allocated funding from the reserves to make the earmarked reserves for 2021/22:

Office & IT Equipment	£1,200
External Audit	£500
Elections	£3,500
Asset Maintenance	£50.68
Gate Locking	£3,945
Street light supply	£2,140
Street Light replacement	£9,000
Concrete Skate Park	£2500
Allotments	£1,250
Parish Rooms	£14,000
Litter Bins	£1013
Toilets	£33,500
Speed Awareness Measures	£650
Play Area Depreciation	£5,000
School Holiday Activities	£10,000
Wooden Bollards	£800
Memorials	£200
Youth Worker/Bus	£2200

20/97 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 7th December 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 10:15pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated
7th December 2020