

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Parish Council budget meeting held on Monday 29th November 2021 at Ashingdon Church Hall, Church Road, Ashingdon at 7.30pm.

Present:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Cllr. D. Catchpole	<u>Vice Chairman:</u>	Cllr. D. McCarthy
<u>Councillors:</u>	Cllr. S. Chittenden Cllr. T. Flower	Cllr. D. Constable Cllr. S. Osborne	Cllr. P. Hennessy
<u>Officers:</u>	Karen Boyce, Parish Clerk		
<u>Members of press and public:</u>	None		

21/242 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received from Cllr. G. Dryhurst and Cllr C. Weston.

21/243 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Cllr. D. Catchpole and Cllr. D. McCarthy declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9 – The community Defibrillator which is installed at Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall as they are Trustees for the hall.

21/244 Public participation session

None present.

21/245 Member Allowances

Members discussed whether allowances would be claimed during 2022/23. Cllrs. D. Catchpole, D. Constable, D. McCarthy, P. Hennessy and T. Flowers intended to claim allowances. Cllr. G. Dryhurst normally claims, unfortunately he was not in attendance to clarify if he will be claiming.

RESOLVED that five members allowances of £350.00 be budgeted for during 2022/23.

21/246 Training

Members considered the budget for training. Clerk informed the Councillors that EALC were aiming on 70% of training will be back in the office and 30% of training will be online.

RESOLVED that a sum of £1300.00 be put into the budget for 2022/23, as previous years.

21/247 Upgrade Parish Street Lights

It was considered to upgrade 20 parish street lights.

RESOLVED that 20 parish street lights will be upgraded to LED lights, £3000 will be coming out of EMR and £3000 will be coming out of General Reserves.

21/248 Continued Management of Council Website

Members discussed the on-going management of the council website, to ensure that the site continues to meet accessibility standards, which is an on-going commitment. Also to support the Clerk with IT

training and uploading of documents.

RESOLVED that a sum of £1900.00 be put into the budget for 2022/23, to cover Weave-a-web starting at 4 hours per month at a cost of £35.00 per hour, on a year by year contract.

21/249 Dog Waste Bin – South Fambridge

Consideration was given into changing the emptying of the dog waste bin from fortnightly to weekly at a cost of £18.23 per visit, during the months of October to March.

RESOLVED that the extra be put into the budget for the Dog Waste Bin, so that it can now be cleaned weekly.

21/250 Community Defibrillator

It was considered to have training from the East of England Ambulance Service, which offers a course on defibrillator use and other first-aid matters connected to it. The course is for 12 persons.

RESOLVED that 6/7 Councillors would like to have the course and the remainder of persons that would participate be those that are users of the Hall, which run Clubs.

21/251 Budget and precept for 2022/23

Members reviewed and amended the budget report for 2022/23. The budget for Gate Locking had been increased as the Council are looking into employing a Company to lock the gates at Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. The Community Defibrillator, although now installed still has a budget for training on the proper use and for replacement pads, when needed. The Clerk advised the Council to use some of their General Reserves.

RESOLVED that

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

- Gate Locking	- £12,000
- Community Defibrillator	- £ 1,300

a budget of £121,459 is required for 2022/23. The precept figure for 2022/23 would be confirmed at the Parish Council meeting on 10th January 2022.

21/251 Reserves

This was not discussed and will be added onto the Agenda for January 2022.

21/252 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 10:15pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated
6th December 2021