

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashingdon Church Hall, Church Road, Ashingdon on Monday 9th January 2023.

Present: Chairman: Cllr. D. Catchpole Vice Chairman: Cllr. D. Constable
Councillors: Cllr. G. Dryhurst Cllr. S. Chittenden Cllr. P. Hennessy
Cllr. D. Lynn Cllr. D. McCarthy Cllr. S. Osborne
Officers: Kelly Holland, Locum Clerk
Members of press and public: None

22/216 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. T. Flowers.

22/217 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th December 2022 and the minutes from the budget and precept meeting dated 29th November 2022 be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

22/218 Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

None.

22/219 Public participation session

None present.

22/220 District Councillor's Report

Apologies had been received from Cllr. R. Constable.

Cllr. D. McCarthy arrived at the meeting, 7.34pm

22/221 Co-option

There is one vacancy in Ashingdon ward and one in Ashingdon West (this ward is in the Hockley area) no candidates were present to observe the meeting.

22/222 Finance

Members discussed the debit cards payments that were to be ratified and also received the schedule of payments for approval. Consideration was given to a quotation for internal audit services.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the item relating to the ratification of the debit card payments be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- (b) the following payments/cheques be approved for payment and signed:

HM Revenue & Customs	IBJAN23/1	208.92
A & J Lighting Solutions	IBJAN23/2	£452.10

A & J Lighting Solutions	IBJAN23/3	£3,267.48
Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall	IBJAN23/4	£10.00
Cam Facilities Ltd	IBJAN23/5	£877.20
Essex Pension Fund	IBJAN23/6	£373.78
Essex Country Gardens	IBJAN23/7	£248.70
J & P Prior	IBJAN23/8	£105.00
James Todd & Co	IBJAN23/9	£31.20
Ms P Hennessy	IBJAN23/10	£105.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	IBJAN23/11	£177.00
St. Andrews Church Hall Fund	IBJAN23/12	£84.50
Weaveaweb	IBJAN23/13	£120.00
Weaveaweb	IBJAN23/14	£168.00

(b) the quotation of £240.00 from John P. Watson & Co for internal audit services be approved.

22/223 Budget and Precept 2023/24

The proposed budget for 2023/24 was £134,291. This resulted in a proposed precept of £117,291 for 2023/24 representing an increase of 6.15% or £5.97 per annum for a band D property.

RESOLVED that a precept of £117,291 be levied for 2023/24.

22/224 Planning

Notification of the following applications had been received however, the related documentation could not be found on the Rochford District Council website. Members were therefore unable to make any representation regarding these applications.

- (i) Application No: 22/01016/FUL
Applicant: Ms T Molyneux
Proposal: Installation of eleven solar PV panels
Location: 38 Southbourne Grove
- (ii) Application No: 22/01155/FUL
Applicant: Mrs S Wellstead
Proposal: Garage extension to side, rear ground floor extension to replace existing conservatory and loft conversion to include dormers. Resubmission of consent (22/00925/FUL).
Location: 352 Ashingdon Road

22/225 Dog bins at South Fambridge

There had been complaints that the dog bin was not being emptied on a regular basis. Members were advised that this had been resolved and the contractor was aware of the requirement to empty the bin on a fortnightly basis. It was noted that the bin would be emptied fortnightly from November to March and weekly from April to October.

RESOLVED that the garden maintenance contractor be instructed to clear the overgrown vegetation and tidy the area.

22/226 St Thomas Road Car Park, South Fambridge

It was noted that the area was overgrown with vegetation in parts and was generally untidy. There was also two vehicles that appeared to be abandoned as one had been declared SORN and the other did not have current road tax. Members discussed ways in which to rectify the situation so that adequate parking provision was available for residents of St Thomas Road.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the DVLA be contacted for registered keeper information.

- (b) once received from the DVLA, contact be made with the registered keepers to request that the vehicles be removed from the car park.
- (c) should no contact be received from the registered keepers, notices be placed on the vehicles to inform that the vehicles will be removed within 2 weeks.

22/227 Highways/PROW/Environment/Transport/Street Lighting

A transport report was received from Cllr. G. Dryhurst. Cllr. D. Constable advised that the lease for the Parish Rooms/Public Toilets at King George's Field had been signed by the District Council and had been received by the Parish Council's solicitors. The Parish Council's solicitors had been instructed to date the lease from 1st February 2023.

22/228 Christmas Buffet

The 2022 event had been a huge success with approximately 90 people attending over the course of the event. The raffle raised £128.00, proceeds were shared between St Marks Food Bank and Hawkwell Baptist Church. Cllrs. P. Hennessey and D. Constable had a list of food that was left over at the end of the event. Members discussed whether to hold the event in 2023.

RESOLVED that the Christmas buffet be held on the second Thursday in December (Thursday 14th December 2023).

22/229 Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

There had been some anti-social behaviour on the roof of Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall and around King George's Field.

22/230 Reports from the representatives for outside committees

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

22/231 Items for the next agenda

To consider whether a VAS/SID was required on the Ashingdon Road at Ashingdon Academy.

To consider whether to arrange the youth worker bus for the summer of 2023.

To consider joining the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme.

To consider the staffing update.

22/232 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Monday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 8.32pm

Chairman's Signature

Dated
7th February 2023