

ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2023

Present

Mrs K Saunders (Acting Chair), Mr P Clark, Mr S Dunn, Mr S Hoskins, Mrs K Parker, Mr J Sunley and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

Councillor Rhatigan and a representative from Fowler Architecture & Planning were also present.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Woodford, Cllr Morrow and Cllr Mellor.

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Parker declared an interest in a planning application for Threeways in Headley.

3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 were approved.

4. Matters arising

Cllr Sunley reported on the successful installation of the new goal posts for Ashford Hill recreation ground.

Cllr Sunley was in contact with Jiminy Cricket Pre School to discuss their storage requirements.*

Cllr Sunley was due to meet with the tree surgeon to request a quote for a tree to be felled on Ashford Hill recreation ground.*

Cllr Clark had made contact with the relevant department at BDBC regarding the proposal to utilise the land identified in Ashford for allotments for residents.*

5. Highways

A general discussion ensued with regard to the number of significant pot holes that were developing throughout Ashford Hill and Headley, which had been made worse by the recent rainfall and which were considered as dangerous to users of the highways. The Chair encouraged Councillors to report the pot holes on the HCC website as the works that received more individual loggings of the road problems appeared to receive faster attention and this was particularly the case as far the residents of Holt Cottages being encouraged to report the condition of the road in their cul de sac.

The Clerk reminded Councillors of the email that the Chair had sent to the Highways department of HCC on the 15 April 2023 where he had explained in detail the conditions of the local roads in the villages as well as the major route of the A339. Whilst the Chair has received 2 acknowledgements of his email which explained that the observations were being investigated and that a full response would follow, there has been no further responses and more importantly no action on the specific examples of the road conditions provided by the Chair in his email.

Cllr Clark and Cllr Hoskins would provide the Clerk with the details of localised highways flooding which he would attempt to resolve with HCC.

6. **Planning Applications**

23/01052/FUL - Threeways, Millgreen Lane, Headley - Erection of no. 1 new dwelling
No Objection

23/01043/HSE - Arch Manor, Common Road, Headley - Proposed erection of a new gated entrance, parcel store and associated front masonry walls to replace existing
No objection

23/01037/PIP – Plum Tree Farm, Galley Lane, Headley - Residential development for a minimum of no. 2 dwellings and a maximum of 4 no. dwellings
Cllr Hoskins visiting site

23/01108/FUL – Ashford Hill Compound Site, Hyde End Road, Ashford Hill - Extension to the existing Station for the installation of new sealing end towers
No objection

23/01106/LBC & 23/01105/HSE – Dairy House Farm, Little Knowl Hill, Ashford Hill - Internal alterations to existing house; proposed rear extension to existing swimming pool link - Alterations to existing swimming pool fenestration and associated hard landscaping works
Cllr Clark visiting site

Cllr Hoskins and Cllr Parker had attended a presentation of the Strattons Farm Solar Farm proposal and in summary supported the development although outside of the ward of Headley. The solar farm would undoubtedly have a visual impact from certain perspectives but would provide much needed nationally generated electricity with a planned starting date of 2024/2025.

7. **Reports**

Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Rhatigan reported to the meeting that a new application had been presented for 6 small houses on the site that had been previously approved by the Inspector for 4 pitches for travellers in Headley. Cllr Rhatigan encouraged the Parish Council to endorse the planning application for the housing development when it was received for comment. Cllr Rhatigan further explained that the proposed housing development was compliant with the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Rhatigan explained to the meeting the series of crimes recently undertaken in the area which included a forced break in and theft of goods from the Community Shop in Headley.

Cllr Rhatigan expressed his ongoing concern regarding the manoeuvres of site vehicles associated with preliminary works on the new housing development in Ashford Hill. Particularly so when the school car park was being used by parents.

Cllr Rhatigan praised the 'coronation picnic' on the recreation ground as an excellent event and encouraged future use of the recreation ground on a regular basis.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Hoskins updated the meeting on discussions with Kingsclere Men's Football Club and the use of the recreation ground in Headley. Scofell had been requested to supply a quote for the repair to worn goal mouths but the cost was rather prohibitive and further quotes would be sought.

Cllr Hoskins would, further to the endorsement from the Parish Council to proceed with an agreement with the said Football Club last month, liaise with the Clerk as to the final details required for the contract to proceed.

Cllr Hoskins reported on the problem of nesting birds in the security shutter of the Headley Pavilion which prevents the use of the shutter and therefore in turn the use of the emergency fire exit door. Preventative measures would be taken in order to prevent a reoccurrence of the issue next year.

Cllr Hoskins had purchased a first aid kit for the facility and a donation of a fridge freezer had been received, which the Clerk requested to be electrically tested by a qualified electrician as per the Council's terms of insurance, which Cllr Hoskins kindly agreed to organise.*

Cllr Saunders congratulated Cllr Parker and Cllr Hoskins for their organisation of the 'coronation event' in Headley which was very much enjoyed by residents.

Cllr Clark expressed his appreciation and that of residents to Heather and Patrick Taylor for organising the 'coronation event' in St Paul's church.

Cllr Clark reported graffiti on signage in the water meadows which Cllr Hoskins agreed to investigate the removal of. *

Cllr Dunn would be organising the demonstration of automatic speed watch camera equipment from Westcotec in the near future with the prospect of the Parish Council purchasing such equipment in due course (£3845 net).*

8. **Recess**

The representative from Fowler Architecture & Planning outlined to the meeting the planning application for Dairy House Farm.

9. **Financial statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £32,919.53 which included receipt of 50% of the annual Precept together with BDBC grants.

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £24,271.14.

10. **Accounts for approval & payment**

Mr S Marshall – Clerk’s expenses April/May 2023 - £326.64

Scofell Commercial Landscapes – Monthly grounds maintenance/Football goal posts - £1,359.07 & £1,226.45

Chris Miles – Cleaning of Headley Pavilion - £36.00

Gallagher Insurance – Annual insurance premium - £1,542.16

Mr S Hoskins – Purchase of first aid box for Headley Pavilion - £29.99

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.28pm which had started at 7.27pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Monday 12 June 2023 with the Council in recess for the months of July and August 2023, followed by a meeting on Monday 11 September 2023.