

ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th OCTOBER 2022

Present

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

Councillor Rhatigan was also present.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mellor and Cllr Woodford.

2. **Declaration of interest**

None declared.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting for approval**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th September 2022 were approved.

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5. **Highways**

Cllr Hoskins raised the issue of weeds on pavements and Cllr Rhatigan agreed to try to get the matter resolved perhaps with the help of some volunteers but confirmed that it was the responsibility of the County Council's highways department to manage together with landowners being aware of their responsibility.

Cllr Sunley reported on confirmation from Cllr Mellor following the September meeting that repair work to the highway at the junction of the C11 and B3051 would be undertaken in October.

6. **Planning Applications**

22/02638/HSE – 1 Evergreen, Headley

- Proposed garage conversion, new entrance hall and erection of shed to front of property

21/02696/OUT– Land south of Holt Cottages, Ashford Hill

- Outline planning application for the erection of 36 no. dwellings, including affordable housing, with associated public open space and landscaping, together with means of access from the B3051

22/02697/PIP – Land at Galley Lane – 452090 161852 - Headley

- Permission in principle for residential development for a minimum of 1 no. and a maximum of 4 no. dwellings

Cllr Rhatigan confirmed that the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan would be useful and substantive in assisting to establish the grounds for the refusal of the planning application for a housing development adjacent to Holt Cottages in Ashford Hill. Whilst the recent planning application for the development related to a highways issue, the Parish Council would reiterate its objection to the overall planning application. Although the proposed number of housing units had been reduced the proposed development was still outside the 'village envelope' and was to be built on a 'greenfield site'.

Cllr Rhatigan reported that 'The Glade' planning application would likely be heard by the Planning Committee for an increase from the approved 2 dwellings to the 3 dwellings required by the applicant.

Whilst Cllr Saunders was still to consider the planning application for the Galley Lane development, Cllr Rhatigan objected to it on the grounds of its 'greenfield site' location.

Cllr Rhatigan updated the meeting regarding the configuration adjustments to the Springfield development which would assist in retaining the 'street scene'.

Cllr Rhatigan asked the Parish Council to reconsider its comment on the saw mill development which he was in favour of as a 15 dwellings development would include much needed social housing. Cllr Rhatigan had obtained a copy of a sworn affidavit from the landowner to confirm the land's previous commercial use which would determine it as a 'brownfield site'.

The Parish Council had been asked by BDBC to suggest the name of the main road that would be constructed as part of the new housing development for Ashford Hill. The name 'Church View' was suggested which was endorsed as a proposal by the Councillors present as well as the suggestion that the Primary School be asked if the pupils had any ideas for the name. The Clerk would write to the school with this suggestion. *

7. **Reports**

Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Rhatigan reported on a number of outstanding planning applications and their status including the specific planning applications detailed in the agenda item above.

Due to miscommunications, there had been a delay in the recovery of the abandoned caravan in a layby near to the village of Ashford Hill. Cllr Rhatigan confirmed the collection of the caravan by the Borough Council was imminent.

Cllr Rhatigan asked the Parish Council to write to Thames Water to complain about the offensive smell being emitted from the sewage treatment works located near to Holt Cottages in Ashford Hill. Cllr Clark agreed to provide the Clerk with names of the residents who were complaining about the long standing problem together with the early morning disturbance caused by Thames Water tankers collecting effluent from the site.*

Parish Councillors

Cllr Clark reported on the work, partially sponsored by the Parish Council, to improve the bridleway and footpaths in the vicinity of Great Haughurst Copse, being undertaken by a group of volunteers known as 'The Friends of Haughurst Copse'. Cllr Clark would be meeting with the group during the current week.

Cllr Sunley reported on the ongoing dialogue with an organiser who was interested in setting up a 'boot camp' for local children on Ashford Hill recreation ground. It was agreed to inform the organiser that the Parish Council would review the uptake from such an initiative and may ask for a financial donation by the 'boot camp' to contribute towards the cost of maintaining the recreation ground.

Cllr Dunn had taken over the management of the 'Lengthman's scheme' from Cllr Stewart. The Clerk requested that Cllr Dunn confirm with the contractor of the scheme that any additional charges for the service were to be agreed in advance with Cllr Dunn who would seek funding from the Parish Council.

Cllr Hoskins had 'chased' the Aldermaston group who had been interested in using the recreation ground in Headley as requested by the Chair but had not received a response to date. Cllr Hoskins further reported on the successful remedial work on jamming doors in the new Pavilion which were still under warranty. Furthermore, the CCTV posts had been installed in readiness for the imminent installation of CCTV cameras to help with the security of the new Headley Pavilion and a quote forthcoming for the protection of the Pavilion's water pipes.

Cllr Saunders and the Clerk were investigating the possibility of an additional rubbish bin near to the ford in Headley following requests from residents.*

Clerk to the Council

The Clerk reported on the S106 projects that were awaiting funding approval within BDBC after having received approval to proceed from Ward Councillors. The projects included picnic benches for Headley and Ashford Hill, new football goals, nets and installation sockets for Ashford Hill recreation ground and Jubilee benches for both villages.

The Clerk had circulated a new schedule for meeting dates which included the date for April 2023.

The Clerk asked Councillors to consider items of expenditure that they would like to be considered for inclusion in next year's budget as the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk would be discussing the draft budget for 2023/2024 in November 2022.

Recess

Cllr Stuart Frost introduced himself to the meeting as a Borough Councillor for the Tadley North, Kingsclere & Baughurst Ward.

8. Financial statement

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £1962.89

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £21,122.79

No Bank Statements were available to sign by the Vice Chair.

9. Accounts for approval & payment

Mr S Marshall – Clerk's expenses - £186.32

Scofell Commercial Landscapes – Grounds maintenance – September 2022 - £1359.07

BDBC – Annual playground inspections charge - £1000.00

Mr S Hoskins – Expenses relating to Cllr Stewart's retirement - £33.05

Mrs K Saunders – Expenses relating to Cllr Stewart's retirement - £99.99

The Vice Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.22pm.