

**ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020**

**AT HEADLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**Present**

Mr J Woodford (Chairman), Mrs K Cochrane, Mrs L Grist, Mr S Hiscock (Vice Chairman), Mrs K Saunders, Mr G Stewart, and Mr P Wyatt.

Cllrs Rhatigan and Kinnear and a number of members of the public were also present.

**1. Apologies**

Steven Marshall (Clerk)

Cllr Mellor

**2. Declaration of interest**

Cllr Hiscock declared an interest in the maintenance of the grounds as the Council's nominated contractor.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were approved.

**4. Matters arising**

None.

**5. Highways**

The Chairman was pleased to report that the pavement between Old Lane and Chapel Lane in Ashford Hill had been cleared.

Cllrs Grist, Stewart & Saunders had reported a number of potholes within the parish. Cllr Wyatt reported that discarded signage on the A339 had been collected, and the fallen tree has now been removed.

Cllr Hiscock reported the the problem drain on the A339 has now been fixed and is clear. Cllr Woodford reported that on the B3501 opposite Sascron the ditch/drain is blocked, the council are unsure of who the landowner is.

## **6. Planning Applications**

20/00204/ROC – Land adjacent to A339 – Objected

20/00386/FUL – Freemantle Farm – Objected

20/00502/FUL – Boma – No objections

20/00518/HSE – 4 Newbury Road – No objections

20/00550/FUL – Springfield- Objected

## **7. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Woodford read an update on the plan from Caroline Hellings, B&DBC will be starting the consultation process on 26<sup>th</sup> March

## **8. Reports**

### **Borough Councillors**

Cllr Rhatigan offered his apologies for being unable to attend the litter pick. He informed the meeting that there is £5M set aside for a new hospital withing the Borough. He was pleased to report that there is now more police presence in the villages.

The permits for the recycling centre in Newbury will be continuing.

He reported that the planning decision for the new development on the second field in Ashford Hill would be made on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, but he is hopeful that this will be refused. There was mention of the possibility of money available to improve the surface of Old Lane and Chapel Lane.

Corona Virus – Cllr Rhatigan reassured the council that there is an emergency response team at the council who are updated daily on the unfolding situation. He reported that there are cases of the virus within the borough and he is happy to update any individuals who may be concerned with regards to plans and preparations

Cllr Kinnear – updated on the Manydown development. Also reported that the recycling facilities at the Fieldgate Centre in Kingsclere are now fully functional and encouraged parishioners to make use of this facility. There was mention of the planning at Freemantle Farm and concerns over access to the site.

Cllr Kinnear – Mentioned that there is a link on the council website for Corona Virus information that some may find useful.

## **Chairman**

Offered his thanks to those that came out for the litter pick, also to Cllr Kinnear for her invitation to Cheam to meet other Councillors from neighbouring parishes.

He mentioned that there is a sustainable market on in Kingsclere and encouraged parishioners to make use of this.

He has spoken to Roy Evans at the AHCC with regards to the Septic tank manhole cover

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## **Parish Councillors**

Cllr Hiscock reported that cars are parking on the verges of the football pitch in Headley creating muddy and damaged verges.

Cllr Stewart reported that he had asked B&DBC for LIF money in order to improve the fencing and layby at the Headley recreation ground and had been refused. Cllr Stewart has put in some temporary posts to prop up the fence in the meantime. The question was asked whether the PC can charge football players for using the pitch, it was decided that this couldn't be done. Cllr Stewart would like to use 106 money from Sawmills in order to buy picnic tables for the recreation ground.

Cllr Wyatt – expressed shock at how much litter was collected during the litter pick.

## **9. Recess**

A member of the public address Cllr Rhatigan with regards the proposed traveller site. Residents again expressed concern over the A339 and the flooding and bad pavements. It was mentioned that there is a tractor offloading mud/waste on land off Thornford Road and this is creating a dangerous hazard. Residents expressed concern over speeding on Thornford Road.

Corona Virus – the role of the PC in the rural community for those left vulnerable was discussed.

Vehicles parked in Headley on the junction of Common Road was raised again and how dangerous it is. It was noted that this is a civil matter and needs to be directed to the local police.

## **10. Financial Statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £16,668.40  
The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £10,136.16

## **11. Accounts for approval & payment**

Monger & Rixon – Grounds maintenance - £390.00

Traffic Technology Ltd – SID repair - £150 paid in February & £540 to pay

April Payments;

Mrs S Marshall – Clerk’s salary & expenses – April – June 2020 - £4506.78

Mr J Kirby – Litter Wardens Salary – April-June 2020 £946.17

Mr C Butler – Litter Wardens Salary – April-June 2020 £1065.39

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.