

ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th MAY 2022

Present

Mr J Woodford (Chairman), Mrs K Saunders (Vice Chair), Mr G Stewart, Mr S Dunn, Mr S Hoskins, and the Clerk.

Cllrs Mellor and Rhatigan were also present.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of interest

None declared.

3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th March 2022 were approved.

4. Matters arising

Cllr Hoskins reported that boardwalk requests had been submitted to BDBD in response to a question raised about the solution to muddy footpaths.

The Chairman would provide Cllr Hoskins with access details to the playground inspection website where the results of the playground inspections could be seen. *

Cllr Dunn reported that some of the overgrown vegetation on Thornford Road been cleared and it was subsequently agreed that the RoW volunteers would clear the remainder and if not, Cllr Stewart would add it to the list of works designated to the Lengthman's scheme. *

5. Highways

The Chairman requested any update that Cllr Mellor may have on the highway works at the junction of the C111 and the B3051, which had been ongoing for over 4 months. The Chairman enquired as to whether there is a website that the Parish Council can access to see when the repair is scheduled to be undertaken.

6. Planning Applications

22/00710/LDED – Wheathold Annexe, (Wychello Cottage), Wolverton

- Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as a separate dwelling to Wheathold House – **No objection**

22/00775/HSE – Rialana, Ashford Hill Road, Headley

- Erection of a detached garage with first floor storage above – **No objection**

22/00802/AGPD – Iona, Wheathold, Wolverton

- Erection of a lean-to barn to house farm machinery – **No objection**

22/01102/FUL – Threeways, Mill Green Lane, Mill Green, Headley

- Erection of 1 no. new dwelling and access – **No objection**

22/00662/FUL – The Saddlery, Ashford Hill Road, Headley

- Change of use of land from selling motor vehicles to residential, for the erection of a detached dwelling and associated work (amended scheme to that approved under 19/01513/FUL) – **Objection**

22/01131/FUL – Springfield, Newbury Road, Headley

- Change of use of detached building from agricultural barn to garage and garden store with home office in roof space
- Change of use of associated land from agricultural to residential curtilage with new vehicular access, new entrance gates and parking area – **Objection**

22/01167/ROC – Rosetree House, Ashford Hill Road, Goose Hill

- Variation of condition 3 of 21/02281/FUL to allow for an amended materials schedule – **Objection**

22/01239/FUL – Dartan House, Ashford Hill Road, Goose Hill

- Erection of dwelling on garden land with existing access onto Riddings Lane – **Objection**

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Hoskins reported that the Borough Council's Principal Planning Officer had sent the Chair of the Parish Council's Steering Group – Neighbourhood Plan, comments about the Neighbourhood Plan which were being reviewed. The Examiner will be contacting the Steering Group's Chair and the Parish Council Clerk with reference to the comments that have been received.

8. Reports

County Councillor's report

In addition to the County Councillor's Annual Parish Meeting report, Cllr Mellor had provided the Clerk with a report for this month's Parish Council meeting.

The report included information relating to the County Council's continued work with key local partners to enable the provision of immediate support and assistance to Ukrainians arriving in Hampshire under the government's 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme. The focus remains on conducting the necessary safeguarding and wellbeing checks via host family visits, distribution of financial support and the efficient dissemination of information to guests and hosts alike.

The latest available figures regarding the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme indicate of the 45000+ visas already issued; 1685 visas have been issued to Ukrainian guests who will be living with host families in Hampshire.

Applications will be considered from Parish and Town Councils and local branches of national charities located in Hampshire for financial assistance where they are assisting Ukrainian families in Hampshire.

County Councillor grant scheme

The opening date for the scheme has been brought forward to 9 May 2022 to facilitate any grant applications associated with the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Fostering Hampshire Children nominated for award

Hampshire County Council's 'Fostering Hampshire Children' team has been nominated for a 'Purpose Award' for its winter 2021 campaign 'You Can Foster'. The campaign achieved a 300% increase in enquiries about fostering in Hampshire.

Street lighting

Energy usage has been reduced by 66% since a maintenance contract began in 2010 which allows the contractor to control the network of 134,000 streetlights in a very flexible way which includes the ability to dim streetlights and introduce 'part night' street lighting in certain areas.

Consultation on Hampshire's new Local Transport Plan

The County Council is asking for the public to express their views on a draft Local Transport Plan that aims to support the county's economic prosperity, decarbonize the transport system and assist residents in the county to live healthy lives.

The plan is designed to define the future of travel and transport in the county until 2050. If adopted, it would guide the Council's transport and travel infrastructure, planning and design in favour of improving travel choices for residents by transforming and widening the appeal of walking, cycling and use of public transport.

The public consultation lasts until 26 June 2022 and can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan>

Regarding more local issues, Cllr Mellor had been in correspondence with residents from Ram Alley with regard to the adoption of the lane by the County Council for the purpose of upgrading the surface of the road surface.

Borough Councillor's report

Cllr Rhatigan reported at the Annual Parish Meeting the difficulties that had been encountered as a result of the lack of land and sites identified as part of the 5-year land supply requirements which had resulted in a lot of pressure on accepting proposed developments for the area. It was in Cllr Rhatighan's opinion therefore even more important to accelerate the progress being made on the Manydown housing development.

Cllr Rhatigan was extremely pleased about the new Headley Pavilion project which would be a very useful facility for the area.

Cllr Rhatighan remained concerned about the amount of litter in the parishes despite the sterling efforts of our Litter Wardens and suggested that the Parish Council should consider having more 'litter picks' throughout the year as opposed to the one per year.

Chairman's verbatim report

"New Councillors

I'm pleased to welcome our two new Councillors; this brings the Parish Council to a full compliment. I'm also aware we are somewhat of an imbalance in representation and would welcome more female applicants in the future.

Village tidy up

I would like to thank everyone involved; we unfortunately collected the usual loads.

Headley Pavilion project

It's good to see the work progressing and I look forward to further updates from the Cllrs on this. I would like to thank Stephen Hoskins for the project management of this since we placed the order with Cubitts and the support he has had from Steve and Graham.

Septic tank area near the Cricket Club

We have received complaints about this area and have raised these with the Cricket Club.

Some general concerns

Recently I had to pick up a stray dog just at the edge the village towards Kingsclere. The dog was distressed, tired and scared due to the volume of traffic. The dog had no collar on so there was no way to raise the owner. Please note it is now illegal for a dog not to wear a collar outside their homes, even on a dog walk.

Bike tracks are again in the woods through Butlers Garage and beyond. There is clearly a local rider using footpaths as cycle track, **please stop this** as its illegal.

2022 Meetings

The next meeting will be held on 13 June 2022 at Headley Village Hall. The July meeting is cancelled and therefore the next meeting does not take place until September 2022.”

In the meeting, permission was granted to the Ashford Hill Primary School to use the recreation ground for parking during their summer fete which was to be held on Sunday 3 July 2022. The Chairman had agreed to the request with the caveat that it could not be used if the ground was soft because of excessive rainfall prior to the July date.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Stewart requested ideas for the work of the Lengthman’s scheme which was due to undertake work in Ashford Hill in June. *

Cllr Hoskins reported on the progress being made on the new Headley Pavilion project which included the successful discharge of conditions associated with the previous planning permission application. The old electrical supply had been disconnected which subsequently had allowed the old building to be demolished which had been achieved successful

The Borough Council’s Building Controls Inspectorate had approved the reuse of the old pavilion’s foundations.

The delivery date for the modular units of new building had been confirmed as Tuesday 24 May 2022. Prior to this date crane mats would be installed, and some adjacent tree branches removed for ease of installation.

Arrangements were being put in place for the reconnection of the electrical supply now that the arrival date of the new building had been confirmed.

Cllr Hoskins confirmed that it was somewhat optimistic to have the new building commissioned for use in time for the Platinum Jubilee Party on the 2 June 2022.

The Clerk's Financial Statement at the Annual Parish Meeting had included a resume of the funding history and related costs of the Headley Pavilion project. The final 20% of the cost of the new building (total cost ca. £83k inc. VAT) was due within 7 days from the delivery date on the 24 May 2022.

The Clerk confirmed that the insurance policy cover would be inclusive of the new Headley Pavilion which had been insured for £100k as a building replacement with £10k of contents insurance included at an additional annual premium of £258, which was still being negotiated with the insurance broker and the Clerk.

9. **Recess**

There were no members of the public present.

10. **Financial Statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £13,629.86.

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £11,225.34

11. **Accounts for approval & payment**

Cubitts Cabins & Modular Buildings Ltd – 30% of 50% remaining - £24,918.42

Cubitts Cabins & Modular Buildings Ltd – 20% of remaining – final payment cheque dated 24/5/22 - £16,550.88

K Miles – Works related to demolition of old Headley pavilion - £960.00

A Miles – Works related to demolition of old Headley pavilion - £2140.00

Mr S Hoskins – Payments relating to planning application for Headley Pavilion Project - £319.00

Southern Electric Power Distribution PLC – Electricity connection for Headley Pavilion - £519.91

Scofell – Grounds maintenance – April 2022 - £1359.07

Komplan Ltd – Playground parts - £13.10

Gallagher Insurance – Annual insurance premium - £1457.65

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.12pm.