

ASHFORD HILL with HEADLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2019

AT HEADLEY VILLAGE HALL

Present

Mr J Woodford (Chairman), Mrs K Cochrane, Mr S Hiscock (Vice Chairman), Mrs K Saunders, Mr G Stewart and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Councillors Mellor, Kinnear and Stewart.

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 8th July 2019 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising

Cllr Hiscock reported that the costings for remedying the trip hazard from exposed tree roots were difficult to acquire and therefore he would undertake the work himself. The quotation for the repair to the recreation ground barrier on Headley recreation ground was presented and proposed to the meeting by Cllr Hiscock and seconded by Cllr Saunders. The sum for the works to be completed amounted to £260.40 inclusive of VAT.

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact the resident whose responsibility it is to ensure the tree branches from trees located on their dwelling do not obstruct the overhead cables in Chapel Lane. *

5. Highways

The faded 40 mph speed sign located at the turning into Wheathold had previously been reported to the Highways department.

Cllr Hiscock reported his concern regarding the overgrown hedges and verges along Galley Lane which was forcing traffic into the middle of the road. It was suggested by the Clerk that this work be undertaken by the Lengthman's scheme. *

The Chairman had reported, with photographs, issues at the following locations to HCC's Highways department via their web page;

- Pavement between Chapel and Old Lane – very overgrown with weeds etc.
- Roadside drains – Opposite Old and Chapel Lane are all blocked and asked for them to be cleared before the winter rains.
- Pothole at the top of Ashford Hill close to the last big
- Enquiry References: 21446239, 21446424, 21446244

6. Planning Applications

There were no objections from the Parish Council regarding any planning applications it had received.

7. Neighbourhood Plan

There was no further report from the Steering Committee.

8. Recess

Members of the public addressed the Chairman over a number of local issues including the potential siting of the SID on the A339 which was unfortunately not permitted by the police authority due to the fact that the location of the A339 was deemed to be unsafe for the indicator to be managed. The Chairman recommended to the resident that the local police authority was contacted to convey his concern over speeding on the A339 and the Chairman confirmed that he would speak to the local Police Constable.

9. Reports

Borough Councillor

Cllr Rhatigan reported on the success of the new refuse collection schedules which brought more parity across the refuse runs for operative staff. There had been a few omissions which had been resolved and where green waste collections had been missed, a rebate on the council charge could be claimed for by residents.

Cllr Rhatigan was disappointed to report that the habit of dog owners allowing their dogs to foul in open space had returned to Ashford Hill recreation ground.

Cllr Rhatigan reported that the Borough Council had donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau to aid their work with the EU settlement scheme for existing European residents.

The Saw Mill housing development for up to 9 different styled new houses would be approved by the Borough Council. The Oakfield landscaping plan for the development in Ashford Hill was discussed and copies of the plan handed to the Chairman for his scrutiny. Cllr Rhatigan confirmed that the development site was being cleaned up in stages and that progress had been made.

Cllr Rhatigan reported to the meeting how the Borough Council brings forward potential sites for development that are offered to them from landowners and landowner agents.

Cllr Rhatigan confirmed that the Borough Council would find it difficult to accept any development proposals that were considered as green field sites. Having larger sites available for development would not necessitate smaller sites within the villages being developed. There would also be strong objection from Cllr Rhatigan for any proposed development on the second field opposite the church in Ashford Hill as the Borough Council had identified enough land for future developments and as a Parish, Ashford Hill with Headley had provided adequate new properties.

Cllr Rhatigan confirmed that the Borough Council would soon be rejecting the planning application for a travellers' site within the Parish.

Chairman of the Parish Council

‘The Chairman’s verbatim report;

In urgent need for 2 Councillors

We have two open positions for Councillors within Headley and Ashford Hill. If you might be interested to get involved in the Parish Council please contact the clerk via the Parish Address email ashfordhillheadley@hotmail.co.uk or call Mob: 07714 001778 and leave a message.

If two Cllr are unable make a Parish Council meeting, then we will be unable to run a meeting that night, so we need two candidates ASAP.

Visit to Oakfield Lane development

The visit was postponed until October, Cllr Rhatigan asked to confirm date(s) please.

Young Pheasants in Butlers Copse and surrounding areas

At this time of year, the woods are full of young pheasants, as in the woodland areas to the East of Butlers Garage there a number of stock pens. For those who owns dogs please be mindful to keep them on theirs leads if they like to chase birds or in full control if off, as the Game Keeper can act if the birds are being chased or becoming distressed. It would be horrible if a miss understanding occurred.

October 2019 meeting

The next meeting to be held on October 14th in Ashford Hill Village Hall starting at 7:30pm.’

Parish Councillors

Cllr Hiscock explained to the meeting, the extensive loss of livestock on an annual basis due to out of control dogs as a result of the unawareness of certain members of the public as to how to conduct themselves and their dogs while in the countryside.

Cllr Hiscock reported the likely presence of Japanese knotweed on Headley recreation ground and the need for it to be urgently dealt with.

It was reported that the cricket wicket was being driven over by a vehicle instead of the vehicle keeping to the edge of the recreation ground at Ashford Hill recreation ground. The Clerk was asked to address the matter. *

Cllr Saunders reported that the defibrillator located at the local school had been serviced and was fully operational.

The Chairman and Cllr Cochrane had a meeting arranged with Ashford Hill residents to discuss the car park to the recreation ground.

Clerk to the Council

There were no further items to be covered by the Clerk other than those already covered in Councillors' reports.

10. Financial Statement

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £13,239.75

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £8,813.25

11. Accounts for approval and payment

Mr S Marshall – Clerk's salary & expenses – October – December 2019 - £5339.84

Mr J Kirkby – Litter Warden's salary – October – December 2019 - £450.66

Mr C Butler – Litter Warden's salary – October – December 2019 - £565.52

Frances Carne Associates – Dog fouling stickers - £14.20

A P & C – NP questionnaire printing - £268.80

Bramley Business Services – PAYE administration - £75.00

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.14 pm.