

Minutes of Ashford Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 11 April 2019 in the Church Hall on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Chaired by: Councillor G Holder		Clerked by: Sue Squire
Present: Councillors J Bleach Mrs J Bosley G Holder V Lawson Mrs S Sampson Mrs B Sandwell J Szymankiewicz District Councillor Mrs A Davis 12 Members of the public		Agenda: - Items raised by members of the public Apologies Declarations of Interest Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019 Reports Matters Arising Planning & Planning Correspondence Finance Correspondence Matters raised by Councillors/Clerk Items for the next Agenda Date of next meeting
		<u>Action:</u>
127.	Items raised by members of the public. 127.1 Smell of gas strong again near to where repair was done. 127.2 Is the Neighbourhood Plan going to be resurrected? It was confirmed it would not be and was completely finished. A member of the public was of the opinion that the CCTV issue was a private matter and not covered by the Information Commissioners Office. The response given was that North Devon Council had interpreted that the CCTV was in place on behalf of the Parish Council.	Clerk to report to British Gas
128.	Apologies. County Councillor Mrs C Chugg.	
129.	Declarations of Interest. None.	
130.	Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2019. Approved and signed as a correct record. + planning application detail. Comment from floor, aired extensively in the past. Chairman gave cllrs the opportunity to comment. All happy. VL proposed the bullet point was deleted. JB 2nd. Vote: 4 for, 1 against. 2 abstentions. 121.3 Long Lane amended to read Higher Newclose Lane.	
131.	Reports: 131.1 Police. The April 2019 Newsletter had been received and forwarded to Councillors and sent for inclusion on the website. There had been two crimes logged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 x send communication/article of an indecent/offensive nature - 1 x theft 131.2 County Councillor Mrs C Chugg. Apologies sent and written report presented at the Annual Parish Meeting. 131.3 District Councillor Mrs A Davis. Ownership details regarding Ashford Fruit Farm was being followed up.	

	<p>District Councillor Mrs Davis advised she was standing for election again and thanked Councillors for the last 4 years.</p> <p>131.4 Councillor V Lawson. Defibrillator Check. In order.</p> <p>The Clerk had submitted the monthly report to South Western Ambulance Service.</p>	
<p>132.</p>	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>132.1 Website. Councillor Szymankiewicz advised on his conversation with the webmaster regarding the deletion of the Neighbourhood Plan details on the website. This was done by the webmaster after reading the Parish Council Minutes where a decision had been made to terminate it.</p> <p>The layout of the website was discussed with some Councillors finding it confusing. Councillor Mrs Sampson sends the North Devon Journal Community News editorial, as arranged, but is unable to locate it on the website.</p> <p>132.2 Proposed Play Area. It was noted that further enquiries were being made regarding ownership of the land and a reply is awaited from the Parish Council's solicitors after being requested to make contact with the seller of the land enquiring if they are going to dispute the details shown on the Land Registry document.</p> <p>District Councillor Mrs Davis explained the process, advising that the landowner has riparian rights to each side.</p> <p>132.3 Cemetery for Ashford with car park. It was noted that no further replies had been received from land owners. Councillor Holdeer had been in conversation with one landowner but nothing definite was known.</p> <p>132.4 Tarka Holiday Park. It was noted that confirmation had been requested that the site closed down for the two weeks in question and this had been received.</p> <p>132.5 Ashford Conservation Area. It was noted that following representations made at the February Meeting regarding a character appraisal, North Devon Council Conservation Officer had been contacted who had replied that no progress on the Ashford Conservation Area Character Appraisal had been made, nor did she see that she was going to have any scope to do so in the near future.</p> <p>The Conservation Officer had asked how much of a priority having the Character Appraisal is for the Parish so that the message can be passed on in the Department.</p> <p>132.6 Verge at Meadowside. A site visit had been requested in connection with planting.</p> <p>The broken kerbstones had been repaired.</p> <p>County Councillor Mrs Chugg had stated in her report that she was contacting the Neighbourhood Highways Technician in respect of both these items.</p> <p>132.7 Handling letters from the public. It was noted that comments from the Devon Association of Local Councils had been sought but no reply received. The Association is understaffed at present with a new County Secretary appointed to be in post from 1 May 2019 and it is expected that correspondence will then be responded to on a more regular basis.</p> <p>132.8 Treating of seats and benches.</p> <p>132.9 Sale of CCTV equipment. It was noted that a reply had been sent to the parishioner who raised this.</p>	<p>May Agenda</p> <p>May Agenda for a decision to be made for a reply to the Conservation Officer</p> <p>May Agenda</p>

	In County Councillor Mrs Chugg's report, this item was mentioned and she is waiting for a reply from Devon County Council regarding the funding and whether it is necessary to return it.	
133.	Planning & Planning Correspondence. 133.1 There were no Planning Applications to consider. 133.2 There was no Planning Correspondence to consider.	
134.	Finance. 134.1 Balances. NatWest Current Account as at 20 March 2019: £6,049.71 Budgetary figures for March 2019 were circulated to Councillors. 134.2 The following payments were approved and authorised: Mrs S Squire April Salary (Councillors will be given the details) Redacted under DPA Overtime for February – March will be included on the May Agenda. HMRC April PAYE £40.20 Ashford PCC Hire of the Church Hall for Parish Council Meetings and Play Area Meeting £107.00	Clerk Ch.No. 070 Ch.No. 071 Ch.No. 072
135.	Correspondence. Notices and publications. None received. 135.1 The Organised Blogger. Parish Council Social Media Marketing details for £185 per month. 135.2 Parish Council Election on 2 May. There will be an election to elect 7 Councillors to fill the seats on the Parish Council. 10 candidates have stood for election.	Noted
136.	Matters raised by Councillors / Clerk. No matters have been raised.	
137.	Items for the next Agenda. Those identified from these Minutes.	
138.	Date of next Meeting: Thursday, 16 May 2019 in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM). The meeting ended at 8.14pm.	
Summary of Decisions:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes of 21 March 2019 ➤ Payments 		
These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.		
Signed: Chair of Ashford Parish Council.		Date: