

ASHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4 April 2022 at the Garden Centre

Councillors Present:

Mrs J Bosley

Mr D Hall

Mr G Holder

Mr V Lawson (Chairman)

Mrs S Sampson

Ms C Sampson

Mrs Andrea Davis – North Devon Councillor

The Chairman advised that all Councillors had received a copy of a letter advising that legal proceedings against the Parish Council had commenced. He advised that no discussion would be taken, at the present time, with regard to the contents of the letter.

4/22(10) Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor P Hughes and Mrs Pru Maskell (Devon County Councillor)

4/22(11) Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs Bosley, seconded by Councillor Mrs Sampson and agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2022 be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

4/22(12) Accounts for payment

The Chairman reported that the only payment required was in respect of the Temporary Clerk's remuneration. It was agreed that the remuneration be paid.

4/22(13) End of Year Accounts

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had undertaken a meeting with Julie Snooks, Internal Auditor, and they were working together to complete the end of year accounts in line with the regulations. It was noted that no bank statement to the end of the financial year (31 March) had been received from

the Bank. It was understood that no transactions had taken place between 18 February (date of last statement) and 31 March therefore the Bank had not issued a statement.

4/22(14) Road Safety Issues

The Clerk read out the acknowledgement received from Devon Traffic Management Team relating to the application form and plan in connection with our interest in a 20mph. The application was being processed.

Councillor Mrs Davis advised that once the process has been completed, we would be advised .

4/22(15) Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

The organisers of the Celebrations were present and invited to update the proposals.

So far about 50 residents had expressed their wish to attend the Celebrations and were assisting with fund raising. The residents wish to plant a tree, complete with a plaque, to commemorate the occasion in the location of Badgers Bench and would very much welcome a donation from the Parish Council. The planting would probably take place in the autumn.

It was proposed by Councillor Holder, seconded by Councillor Hall and agreed that a donation of £250 to £300 be made towards the cost of the tree and plaque. It was further proposed by Councillor Hall, seconded by Council Holder and agreed that a further donation of £200 be made towards the cost of the celebrations.

It was noted that it was necessary to establish the ownership of the land on which it is proposed to plant the tree and seek the appropriate permission.

The Celebration organisers thanked the Parish Council for their support.

4/22(16) Inspection of Defibrillator

Councillor Lawson reported that the defibrillator had been inspected and the state recorded in accordance with the requirements. All was well.

4/22(17) Report of County Councillor

A report by Councillor Pru Maskell was read to the Councillors and a copy is attached to the minutes.

4/22(18) Report of District Councillor

Councillor Andrea Davis reported that the Appeal relating to North Devon Council's rejection of the Planning Application at Yelland Quay was on going but there had been IT problems causing some delays.

Within the Ashford Parish area there had been problems with waste and recycling collections mainly due to staffing issues – lack of staff and staff sickness but every effort was being made to ensure that collections were made within the rota.

4/22(19) LGA Code of Conduct – Parish Councillor Training

Councillors were reminded that the Training Session would take place on Tuesday 26 April commencing at 6.30pm via computer and that the link and joining details had been circulated. It was hoped that all of Ashford Parish Councillors would take part in this important session.

4/22(20) Parish Council Network

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council Network needed modifying and updating in order to progress with keeping all residents of the Parish up-to-date. To achieve this aim, it is vital that everybody is included and any offers to assist with keeping the Network up-to-date would be warmly welcomed.

4/22(21) Any other business

Members were advised that the council's Insurance was running out shortly and there was a need to investigate the renewal. This matter will be dealt with in depth at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

4/22(22) Dates of future meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for May 12th and the Annual meeting will take place immediately following the closure of the Parish Council meeting. The location of the meeting to be established and advised.

Future meetings of the Parish Council will be expected to take place on the 3rd Thursday in the month and were therefore agreed for 16 June, 21 July and 16 September (subject to the Clerk's availability) no meeting will take place in August.

SignedChairman

Date