

## ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall  
starting at 7.30pm

**Present:** - Cllrs Jackie Bally, David Barlow (Chair), Sarah Emery, David Hine, and Jackie Bally.

**Also, in attendance** – Kate Egan (Clerk)

#### 1 Welcome by the Chairman

Cllr David Barlow welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Phil Briscoe, David Simons, and David Thorley

#### 3 Absent

Cllr Philip Blatchford

#### 4 Declarations of Interest and dispensations

##### (a) To receive declaration of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda

There was no declaration of interests from Councillors on items on the agenda.

##### (b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests

No written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests were received.

##### (c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

No requests for dispensation as appropriate were received.

#### 5 Public session.

There was one member of the public in attendance who spoke about the health and wellbeing initiatives within the area and how to access the resources.

#### 6 Somerset Councillor Reports

There were no Somerset Councillors in attendance.

#### 7 To confirm the minutes of the meeting from the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March, previously circulated.

The Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March be accepted as a true record, these were signed and dated by the Chair.

#### 8 Planning Applications – If other planning applications are received between the date of this notice and the date of the meeting, they may be considered.

(a) **2025/0387/FUL** Change of use of part of the dwelling house and land within its curtilage to a mixed-use as a dwelling and a wedding venue (temporary change for 3 years and limited to 5 events per year, capacity of 60 people). Oakhill Manor, Zion Hill, Oakhill. **Update** The application had been withdrawn

(b) **2025/0608/VRC** Variation of condition 2 (Plans List) to consent 2024/0542/FUL (Erection of detached dwelling with associated access and parking). 11 The Old Maltings, Oakhill. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended approval.

(c) **2025/0628/HSE** Erection of a double garage. Craigwell, Heckley Lane, Ashwick. **Recommendation** The Parish Council recommended approval.

(d) **2025/0729/TCA** Yew (T1) – Reduce by 2-3m. T2 – reduction of yew by 1-2m all over to shape and contain. T3 – Crown reduction of copper beech by 4m all over to keep away from buildings and match beech tree opposite that has previously been reduced. **This is a notification only** – in line with Somerset Council's constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to the planning officers.

**9 Planning Applications – Responses to be noted from Somerset Council.**

No updates had been received from Somerset Council.

**10 Grant Applications****(a) To consider the grant application from the Village Hall for £4592.40**

Cllr Jackie Bally declared an interest being a committee member of the Village Hall.

Following a discussion the Council **RESOLVED** to give the Village Hall £4449.22, to cover the costs for grass cutting, emptying of the dog bins and the hedge cutting.

Information will be published in the Phoenix Magazine asking other organisations to request a grant from the Parish Council with a cap of £1,000.

**11 To be Resolved / Discussed****(a) To note the information received back from Somerset Council and to approve any further actions on possible locations.**

Following a discussion, it was resolved to contact Binegar Parish Council to ask how they managed to obtain approval for Somerset Council for their speed indicator devices and ask whether the Parish Council might be able to share them. Somerset Council will also be contacted with alternative locations.

**(b) To approve the Annual Insurance for 2025-2026, a quote has been received from Zurich for the renewal cost of £459.00, this is the same as 2024-2025.**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Insurance for 2025-2026 at a cost of £459.00 with Zurich Insurance.

**(c) To consider the approval of the quote from Somerset Forge to repair the Finger Post - £775.00 + VAT**

Following a discussion, it was decided to ask Somerset Forge for a quote to repair all the Fingers.

**12 Clerks / Councillors Report**

**(a)** Somerset Council have issued the programme for resurfacing, surface dressing and footways, and drainage works. The High Street in Ashwick will have some drainage work carried out; this is scheduled for the first quarter of the year.

**(b)** Correspondence was received Somerset Council requesting photographs and locations for areas within the village where white lining road markings were faded or worn. Information was received from Councillors and will be forwarded to the Highways Department.

**13 Finance****Bank Balance as at 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025****Current account £4333.15****Reserve account £23,373.14****The Council noted the end of year quarterly review.****Receipts****(a) Bank Interest – March – £23.07 – received 10.03.25****(b) VAT Reclaim - £704.06 received 04.04.25****Payments****(c) Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire January - £25.00 – pd 15.03.25****(d) Ashwick Village Hall – Hall Hire - £25.00****(e) SLCC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of the Level 4 Community Course - £565.00****(f) Do the Numbers Ltd – Internal Audit - £190.00**

The Council **RESOVLED** to approve the above receipts and payments and **RESOLVED** to approve the following receipts and payments.

**(g) Receipt of the annual precept - £23,356.00****(h) SALC – Payment of annual subscription - £608.16****14 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to note

**15 Matters to report/items for next agenda**

There were no matters to report or items for the next agenda.

**16 Date and time of next meeting: - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Ashwick and Oakhill Village Hall starting at 8.00pm, this will follow the Annual Council Meeting starting at 7.30pm.****Meeting closed 8.37pm**