

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Tuesday 13th December 2022 commencing 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: Mr N Tilt (Chairman), Mrs S Crowther, Mr M Thomson, Mr J Hawkins, Mr J Webb

Clerk to the Council: Mr C E Williams

1. Apologies:

Shropshire Councillor Mrs V Parry

2. Members of the Public:

No Members of the Public Present.

3. Declarations of Interest:

Nil

4. To approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minute of the meeting of the Council held on the 18th October 2022 were approved by the council.

5. Co-option of Parish Councillor:

The Parish Council agreed to co-opt Mrs S Crowther Greenacres Huntington Lane Ashford Carbonell as a Parish Councillors who then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

6. Chairman's Report:

a) There was a discussion about the Coronation Celebration of King Charles III in May 2023, and it was suggested that a stone plaque commemorating the event should be provided, Cllr J Webb would discuss with the Village Hall Committee.

b) There was a discussion concerning the defibrillator at the Village Hall, which is inspected weekly by Cllr M Thompson, which may require replacement during next year. The Parish Council agreed that Cllr M Thomson and The Clerk be-given authority to purchase a new defibrillator and box when required this to be partly funded by the £1,000 donation from the Jubilee Committee and the balance from the Parish Council Funds.

7. Planning Items:

The following planning applications had related to works on trees to which the Parish Council had no objection –

22/04805/TCA – Reduce height of Holly Tree - Yew Tree Gardens Ashford Carbonell

22/04548/TCA – Reduction of trees and removal of overhanging branches – Holly Cottage Ashford Carbonell

8. Highway/Amenity Items:

Cllr J Hawkins will meet with local contractor to discuss the clearance of overgrowth and brambles around the Maypole Field and obtain a quote to be considered at next meeting.

Concern was expressed at the overgrown hedges and parking of vehicles on the footpaths throughout parts of the village causing a hazard to pedestrians and particularly children having to walk on the roadway, a reminder would be placed in the local magazine.

Cllr S Crowther raised concerns about the speeding of vehicles as they approach the school gates particularly when travelling from Caynham. It was agreed that the Chair will discuss with the school and then a joint approach be made to the Highways for consideration of a road safety scheme.

9. Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced a summary of Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2022/23 which showed balances of £21,794.87 and Jubilee Funds of £1,137.71 at the 12th December 2022.

The following account was approved for payment.

C E Williams – Disbursement - £825

The Parish Council considered the Precept requirement for the financial year 2023/24 for which the Clerk had produced a budget of Income and Expenditure with anticipated balances of £21,000 at the 31st March 2023.

It was agreed that following a negotiated pay increase by the National Association of Local Councils that the Clerks Salary be increased to £2,300 per year which equated to £12.53 per hour from the 1st April 2022.

It was agreed that the annual precept be increase from £8,500 to £8,425 for the financial year 2023/24.

10. Next Meetings:

Monday 14th February 2023 commencing 7.00pm Ashford Carbonell Village Hall.

Chairman