

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Wednesday 9th September 2020 commencing 7.00pm

1. Present:

Councillors: Mr N Tilt (Chairman), Mrs C Bicker-Caarten, Mr M Thomson, Mr J Hawkins

Clerk to the Council: Mr C E Williams

2. Apologies:

Nil

3. Members of the Public:

a) The Chairman paid tribute to the community work that had been undertaken by Cllr Michael Bowden who recently passed away he will be sadly missed.

b) Members of the public attended the meeting to raise issues concerning the parking of vehicles, environmental nuisance and safety of visitors when accessing the "The Beach" Ashford Carbonell and the planning application in respect of the proposed agricultural access bridge across the River Teme South of Ashford Carbonell.

c) Shropshire Councillor V Parry updated the meeting on Shropshire Council matters including details of the Governments White Paper on Local Planning.

4. Declarations of Interest:

Nil

5. To approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meetings dated the 11th May 2020 were approved by the council.

6. Chairman's Report:

The chairman paid tribute to the work of all the volunteers who had helped the local community during the current Coronavirus epidemic.

7. Planning Items:

Planning application 20/02743/Full – Proposed agricultural access bridge across the River Teme South of Ashford Carbonell - The Parish Council objects to the application.

Data quoted in respect of Flooding is out of date following the impact of recent flooding to the area, there is no weight limit given for the bridge, the River Teme is subject to SSSI and the construction of the bridge will have a detrimental impact to the surrounding countryside which will out-way any other environment/economic considerations.

8. Highway/Amenity Items:

a) The Clerk provided an update on the We Don't Buy Crime- Protected Village Project Smartwater Scheme with the kits having been posted to individual properties in the parish.

Residents are encouraged to use the kits and mark their valuable goods with the Smartwater as a protection against possible burglary. Notices will be put up on the Caynham Road to advertise that the area is "Protected by Smartwater" as a warning to potential criminals.

b) The Parish Council agreed to the grass cutting/maintenance work on the "Maple Field" Common Land at an estimated cost of £400.

c) A footpath report had been produced by the Councils Footpath Officer on the condition of the various footpaths that run through the Parish Area which would be referred to the Shropshire Councils footpath team.

d) Temes Green also known as "The Beach" Ashford Carbonell – The Clerk had obtained copies of the Common Land in Ashford Carbonell which relates to Temes Green and referred to the responsibilities of the Parish Council in relation to the area of land.

Although the Parish Council registered the Temes Green in 1968 as Common Land the Parish Council does not own the land or have any responsibility or jurisdiction in respect of the land.

It is also registered that there is a right to fish and take gravel over the land, but this is not specific to just residents of the Parish.

The Crows Act 2000 gives the public a right of access to land mapped as open countryside (mountain, moor, heath and down) or registered Common Land these areas are known as 'Open Access Land'.

The Parish Council agreed to consult the Highways Authority in relation to parking issues and the River Authority in respect of environmental and safety issues in relation to "Temes Green".

9. Financial Items:

The Clerk had produced a summary of the Income and Expenditure for the current financial year which listed payments made which were approved by the Parish Council and showing balances of £17,323.04 at the 9th September 2020.

Payments approved:

Data Commissioner - £40 – Data Protection Fee

C E Williams - £1,100 – Disbursement and expenses April – September 2020.

Derek Bufton - £81.00 – Strimming Work

9. Next Meetings:

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 7.00pm this may be held virtually using Zoom dependant on any Coronavirus restrictions.

Chairman

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