

## ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES of the MEETING of ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 7.30 pm at Ardeley Village Hall.**

Councillors present: Cllr Adrian Waygood, Chairman  
Cllr Stuart Norman, Vice Chairman  
Cllr Jim Egginton  
Cllr Michael Stevens

Officer attending: Lorna Ewen, Clerk

Others present: 2 members of the public

**21.23 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Andrew Miller. The chairman reported that Cllr Simon Peace was hoping to attend and was now ready to resume duties after his leave of absence.

**21.24 Declarations of interest:** Cllr Waygood in matters relating to Church Farm.

**21.25 To receive the minutes of the last meeting** held 5<sup>th</sup> July as a correct record: Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Norman and carried unanimously.

**21.26 Matters arising:** The map depicting land under council ownership had been received from the Land Registry. To be considered further at the next meeting.

**21.27 Financial report** and cheques for presented for approval as per circulated schedules, with an additional cheque to be drafted for the servicing of the lawnmower following receipt of invoice.

**21.28 Correspondence:** The complaint about restricted access at the previous meeting due to the necessary observation of the government's Coronavirus restrictions had been replied to, as circulated. An invitation for a quiz night in October in Cottered had been received from Cty Cllr Crofton.

**21.39 Planning:** To consider current planning applications: 2 relating to Church Farm, for resurfacing of farm tracks, and the construction of agricultural barns and upgrading drainage etc. Cllr Waygood left the room at this point, and the meeting continued, chaired by Cllr Norman. Proposed by Cllr Norman, seconded by Cllr Stevens: Ardeley Parish Council has no objection to these applications. Carried unanimously. Cllr Waygood was then invited to return to the meeting.

**21.30 Highways:** Cromer drainage problems:

An update had been received from Cty Cllr Crofton re. the leak next to the mains control stop-cock beside the highway drain: Ringway had carried out tests which confirm that the running water is from the mains and is not foul; an overhaul of the entire Cromer High Street drainage system has been programmed for November.

Discussion observed that this may not rule out that the possibility of the problem being caused by underground springs.

**21.31 Playground:**

The hole in the fence adjoining Church Farm has been secured temporarily. Cllr Miller is in the process of getting quotes for a full repair.

Broadmead Leisure September inspection report: Mr Hawes will be asked to attend to the long grass; it may be that a strimmer needs to be purchased. All matters identified were designated as low risk: to be monitored and reviewed after the winter. The detritus near the footpath could be remedied by providing a bin- the one next to the phone box is now redundant and could be relocated.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Egginton: The bin next to the phone box to be moved by Cllr Waygood to the playground near to the footpath. Carried unanimously.

**21.32 Moor Green:** To progress tree planting. The delay has been due to a shortage of disease-free oak saplings. Cllr Stevens agreed to take this forward.

**21.33 Wood End:** Proposal from the owner of Spring Grange to clear/upgrade the pond opposite. From the recently obtained parish map it is now clear that the pond is owned by Ardley Parish Council. Prior to giving approval, the council would need fuller details as to what is proposed in writing. Cllr Egginton agreed to speak with the owner.

**21.34 Memorial bench for Chris Dawson:** update.

Cllr Waygood reported that permission for the siting in the churchyard is still awaited albeit the wording for the plaque has been approved.

**21.35 Luffenhall:** To consider whether to request a reduction of the current 60 mph speed limit.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood and seconded by Cllr Stevens: Clerk to write to Cty Cllr Crofton requesting that the speed limit be reduced to 30 mph, given that Luffenhall is largely residential. As only the southern half of Luffenhall lies within the jurisdiction of Ardley/Cllr Crofton, a letter also to be sent to Cty Cllr Jarvis covering north Luffenhall. Carried unanimously.

**21.36 Luton Airport:** update. No developments reported.

**21.37 Urgent matters not previously notified:** None.

**21.38 Date of next meeting:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The chairman closed the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

Public participation: Mr Alan Herbert was presented with books and a book token in recognition of his many years of voluntary service to the parish as the independent auditor. (The presentation had necessarily been delayed because of the Coronavirus restrictions). Cllr Waygood thanked Mr Herbert on behalf of the councillors and wished him many happy years of retirement.