
**MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY 2021
AT 7.30 PM, of necessity held remotely due to Coronavirus restrictions.**

Councillors present: Cllr Adrian Waygood, Chairman
Cllr Stuart Norman, Vice Chairman
Cllr Jim Egginton
Cllr Andy Miller
Cllr Simon Peace
Cllr Michael Stevens

Officer attending: Lorna Ewen, Clerk

Others present: Up to 5 members of the public joined the meeting remotely

20.54 **Apologies for absence:** None.

20.55 **Declarations of interest:** None.

20.56 **To receive the minutes of the last meetings** held on 2nd and 9th November 2020 as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Stevens, resolved unanimously and adopted without amendments and signed by the chairman.

20.57 **Matters arising:** Tree planting in Moor Green: Cllr Peace confirmed that he is progressing this. Independent auditor: Following retirement of Mr Herbert, the clerk has been making enquiries. Cllr Egginton to also pursue via Facebook looking for someone within the parish.

Old Bourne bridleways network: The clerk has written to both Highways and ROW asking for the obstructions to be cleared and requesting an indication of when this will be done and will chase in one month.

New website: The clerk reported that this was progressing albeit slowly due to technical issues. Cllr Miller reported that he had written to Planning Enforcement regarding the new wall at Bradcotes expressing the council's concerns but had not yet received a reply.

20.58 **Financial report** and cheques for approval: Schedules were circulated prior to the meeting. 4 cheques: November and December clerk's salary, litter collection and the donation towards the church lychgate repairs were approved and signed.

20.59 **To agree the precept for 2021-2022.** The draft budget for the anticipated expenditure coming year had been circulated. It was noted that there were sufficient existing funds reserve to cover the £3000 which had been earmarked towards new traffic calming signage in Cromer at the meeting in January 2020 which would still leave a healthy contingency amount in reserve. The amount requested last year was £6000, the same as in 2018 and 2019.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood and seconded by Cllr Peace: That the precept for the 2021-2022 financial year remain at £6000. Resolved unanimously.

20.60 **Correspondence not covered in the course of other items:** An additional speed indicator socket is to be fitted in Cromer by Highways free of charge as this had been allowed for in the original works but had not been carried out due to undergrowth.

20.61 Planning: To consider current planning applications:

Chapel House, White Hill, Cromer- demolition and replacement of outbuilding to garage, storeroom and residential annexe.

Concerns: insufficient detail as to a) the preservation of adjacent public footpath, b) access route to the annexe/garage not specified and c) no mention of preservation of the large trees on site.

Proposed by Cllr Egginton, seconded by Cllr Norman: This council objects the application due to the lack of detail on the above points. Carried with one abstention.

20.62 Highways:

Cromer drainage problems: It was noted that the main road drains are blocked again- they are inadequate to take the normal flow of surface water; it seems not to be a case of merely clearing a blockage. The gullies for taking the water off the road do not work.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Norman and resolved unanimously: Cllr Norman to write to Highways Department. Clerk to write to Cty Cllr Crofton to thank him for his support to date.

Verge erosion outside the Old Vicarage: A complaint has been received from the resident regarding this problem caused by passing traffic.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood and seconded by Cllr Stevens and resolved unanimously: That a letter be sent to Highways asking for the problem to be addressed.

20.63 Village Hall: The Clerk has written to the village hall administrator asking when the hall would be available for APC meetings. The council asked her to enquire what steps would need to be taken prior to using the hall in the event of the Covid19 restrictions being lifted.

20.64 Playground: Broadmead Leisure has been instructed to inspect twice annually in March and September as agreed at the last meeting.

Cllr Miller has been mowing the grass since Chris Dawson died in July, using his own equipment. Cllr Waygood to speak with Mr Jameson regarding who will be appointed to cut the grass in future. The council expressed its appreciation to Cllr Miller for his interim assistance.

20.65 Luton Airport: update

Cllr Peace reported that he had responded in writing to the first consultation and would also respond to the second consultation that closes in February, objecting to the initiation of a single landing route in the skies over Cottered and Moor Green which would result in every incoming plane flying in over Ardeley and Walkern.

Proposed by Cllr Peace, seconded by Cllr Waygood and resolved unanimously: Cllr Peace to respond to the consultation objecting to the single landing route proposal.

20.66 Urgent matters not previously notified

It was noted that 2022 marks the Queen's Platinum Jubilee; to be considered after lockdown.

20.67 Date of next meeting: Monday 1st March 2021 at 7.30pm. Location to be notified due to current Covid 19 restrictions. The meeting closed at 8.24pm.

Public participation: Mrs Waygood expressed her thanks to all the councillors for the work that they do on behalf of the parishioners. It was clarified that an oak tree was being sourced for Moor Green.