

MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2020 AT 7.30PM

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: 6 members of the public

19.105 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cty Cllr Ken Crofton, albeit he was not obliged to attend.

19.106 Declarations of interest: None relevant to the agenda.

19.107 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 6th January as a correct record.

Proposed Cllr Waygood, seconded Cllr Egginton. Resolved unanimously as adopted and signed by the chairman.

19.108 Matters arising:

2 oak trees on Moor Green were deemed to be in need of trimming and a dead tree to be felled.

Proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Waygood that a maximum of £200 is spent on the work. Carried unanimously.

19.109 Finance: Financial report and cheques for approval.

The usual cheques for litter collection, clerk's salary and PAYE, together with cheque for the new noticeboards, to be signed this evening and issued subsequently, subject to approval of the work by Cllr Peace.

19.110 Correspondence:

Luton Airport: consultation has been relegated until March and the consultation and the documents suggest that the plane stacks are relocated from Royston to Biggleswade; in theory there will be fewer planes, turning in Stevenage. Cllr Peace and Mr Vincent are working together and will identify any issues that arise that may affect the Ardeley area.

Stanstead Airport: proposals do not really affect Ardeley.

Back Lane and the current review: following the previous meeting, a letter had been received from Mr Brian Worrell, Voluntary Rights of Way Officer of the British Driving Society of Beds, Bucks and Herts, regarding the review of BOATs which are subject to RTPOs. Having received this letter, the clerk asked the council to consider whether the response to the council should be sent as currently drafted or whether it should be amended to mention that the council did not object to horse drawn carriages using the BOAT. The council considered the matter at length and concerns were expressed about use by motorised vehicles.

Proposed by Cllr Norman and seconded by Cllr Egginton and carried unanimously that the letter of objection to any change to the current status be sent unchanged.

Bank signatories: Letter received from the bank- Cllr Egginton's signature had changed over time; letter to be sent to bank with chairman and clerk as witnesses to his current signature.

19.111 Planning: To consider current planning applications as per the schedule:

Moorwood House Appeal: No objection.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded Cllr Peace. Carried with one abstention.

Rose Cottage: No objection.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Stevens and carried unanimously.

Mill House: No objection.

Proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Miller. Carried with one abstention.

Cromer Hill Common, amended application: A low agricultural barn, not visible from the road.

No objection.

Proposed by Cllr Norman and seconded by Cllr Egginton and carried unanimously.

3 & 4 The Close, Moor Green, a combined application: No objection.

Proposed by Cllr Peace, seconded by Cllr Waygood. Carried with one objection.

Spring Grange, Wood End: An application for 2 houses instead of 3, as previously. There is considerable disapproval by local residents given that the listed building is at risk and has been allowed to deteriorate and the proposed development was considered to be not in keeping with the area.

The council objected to the application.

Proposed Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Egginton. Carried unanimously.

19.112 Highways

Blind Lane: Cllr Miller reported that he had been informed that repairs would be carried out by the end of 2021.

Cromer: It was noted that the road is being resurfaced. Cty Cllr Crofton to be asked about progress with regard to the 30mph signage.

19.113 Noticeboards: The project has been split into 2 stages so that the costs can be managed by the contractor. The invoice for £1300 has been received for stage 1 which is the supply and instalment of the new noticeboards for Cromer and Moor Green. The second stage will be the repairs to the boards at Ardeley and Wood End.

19.114 VE day celebrations May 2020: No volunteers have come forward as yet regarding possible events. Cllr Peace has an account with Rochfords and will consider different size trees for planting on Moor Green.

19.115 Website: The clerk circulated a quotation obtained from a local contractor for designing a new updated website including the ongoing cost of hosting. It was felt that the monthly web hosting charge was unaffordable; clerk to obtain a second quotation.

19.116 **Urgent matters not previously notified:** A tree has fallen in Back Lane and is being dealt with by a resident.

19.117 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 4th May at **7.00pm** to include Annual Parish Meeting, AGM of Ardeley Parish Council and the May Ardeley Parish Council Meeting.

Public participation:

A resident thanked the council for its stance on the planning application for Springfield.

The trees on Moor Green needed their crowns removed; there are 2 trees that are dead, only one has fallen. It was suggested that some funds for tree purchase were already in existence and the clerk would pursue this with the person mentioned.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.