
MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 PM

Councillors present: Cllr Tim Noble, Chairman
Cllr Adrian Waygood, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Andrew Cannon
Cllr Jim Egginton
Cllr David Young

Also in attendance: County and District Councillor Ken Crofton

Officer attending: Lorna Ewen, Clerk
Others present: 4 members of the public

19.16 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Norman and accepted.

19.17 Declarations of interest: None

19.18 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019. These were received and approved as a correct record, proposed by Cllr Noble and seconded by Cllr Young and adopted unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

19.19 Matters arising

The chairman was not successful in the ballot for the Queen's Garden Party. All other matters were dealt with under their agenda items.

19.20 Finance

Financial report and cheques for approval:

A list of payments made by the council from the current account during this financial year was submitted by the clerk, together with a finance report summary and expenditure detail list. Cheques presented for signing were for litter picking, clerk's salary, village hall annual payment and petrol for grass cutting, and a cheque for the cost of the construction and installation of the book box.

19.21 Budget and Precept for 2019-2020 for approval

The clerk reported that Pauline Tunnicliffe at EHDC had been informed following the previous meeting that the amount for the precept would remain the same last year's and that Ardeley Parish Council had set the figure at £6000.

This was formally proposed by Cllr Egginton and seconded by Cllr Waygood.

The clerk presented the Precept Billing Authority Form which was duly signed by Cllr Noble, Cllr Young and Cllr Cannon.

19.22 Planning

The updated list of planning applications was presented by the clerk. This included the applications for a verandah for 3 The Green, Ardeley which were considered. Cllr Young proposed that they should be approved by the council, and this was seconded by Cllr Noble and approved unanimously. There had been no other applications submitted since the previous meeting

19.23 Parish Book Swap

Cllr Waygood reported that the library box had been constructed by Jamie Williamson, and was due to be installed by the end of the week. Photographs will be taken to send to EHDC so that the grant of £600 can be claimed. It was confirmed that Cllr Crofton had made a grant of £1100 available, which is £100 more than previously anticipated. Thanks were duly expressed to Cllr Crofton for facilitating this which has enabled a larger and more useful box than initially envisaged.

The unspent sum of £200 will remain for maintenance and repair as and when this becomes necessary.

19.24 **Highways**

Traffic calming, update:

Cllr Norman has been investigating traffic calming measures but was not able to be present at the meeting. Cty Cllr Crofton advised that Cllr Norman should liaise with him and that he will take matters forward with the Highways Department of HCC.

The Parish Council is seeking agreement from the HCC to paint roundels on the road on the approach to Ardeley Village indicating "SLOW".

It was mentioned that the installation of gates by the side of the road on the approach to Cromer had yet to be considered and costed. The question of who would pay for them was a matter for future investigation.

Blocked drains on road between Moor Green and Wood End:

A parishioner had expressed concern about the gullies on both sides of the road which had silted up. Cty Cllr Crofton reported that he had himself visited the site and that the gullies each side of the road do not drain. Cty Cllr Crofton advised that blocked gullies can now be reported to the Highways Department of HCC and will be treated as a road fault in the same way that potholes are. Cty Cllr Crofton confirmed that he had personally reported the blocked drains and has a reference number and this will now be followed up by Highways.

19.25: **Flooding outside The Goose at Moor Green**

The owners of The Goose had reported that when the pond floods, because the drain beneath the forecourt had collapsed, it floods the outbuildings at the property and had requested the council's financial support to mend the drain. Cllr Noble had visited the site during the previous weekend and met with the owners.

Cllr Waygood made the council aware that a previous clerk had researched the ownership of the pond and also taken advice from the council's solicitors who had confirmed that the pond did not belong to Ardeley Parish Council. Cllr Noble produced an extract from the HM Land Registry which delineated the land owned by the Parish Council and this confirmed that the pond in question was not included in the registered title of the Parish Council's property. Given that it appeared that it was the pond that was causing the flooding problem, and the pond was not owned by the Parish Council, the Parish Council did not feel it was obliged to finance the repair but did not object if the owners wished to relay the pipe under the forecourt, which is land belonging to Ardeley Parish Council.

19.26 **Elections**

The clerk reported that she had placed a notice in the Forum and on both the parish notice boards informing parishioners of the up and coming elections in May. She was in the process of locating the councillors' nomination forms and would distribute them.

19.27 **Governing Documents:** Councillors were requested to review the governing documents prior to the next meeting.

19.27 **Urgent matters not previously notified:** It was noted that there has been considerable discussion on social media about the Gresley Park development. Cty Cllr Crofton said that the decision to develop the area had been taken but that the council could object or comment upon the layout. Concern was expressed by Cllr Waygood about the location of the taller buildings and impact that they would have on the view from the Beane Valley. Traffic, especially the route through Walkern village was considered to be a problem, albeit the number of dwellings permitted on the site could not be altered. The council asked the clerk to write a letter voicing this and Cllr Egginton expressed his willingness to assist with this.

19.28 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 13th May 2019.

Public Participation:

One of the owners of The Goose attended and participated in the discussion. It was suggested that they make enquiries with HCC in order to resolve the issue of the pond's ownership; if it does not have an owner then they may wish to take steps to register it as their own property. It was noted that it is a wildlife site so this needs to be taken into account with regard to any work that may have to be carried out.

Concern was expressed by a parishioner about the condition of the road in Blind Lane following extensive recent road repairs.