

**MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL ON MONDAY 7th September 2020
AT 7.30PM, 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 3 unidentified members of the public joined the meeting remotely

20.17 Apologies for absence: None.

20.18 Declarations of interest: Cllr Waygood in relation to Church Farm.

20.19 To receive the minutes of the last meeting held on 6th July as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Peace, resolved unanimously as adopted with amendment to Moor Green Road at 20.8 and signed by the chairman.

20.20 Matters arising:

The clerk reported that she had sent a letter of appreciation to Mr Williamson for his craftsmanship with regard to the noticeboards. Mr Williamson had since kindly repaired the door of the Moor Green noticeboard which had been rendered inoperable due to the damp weather, free of charge.

The right of way situation at Gardners End is to be followed up; clerk to ascertain whether the archives at HCC have been reopened.

20.21 Financial report and cheques for approval.

The updated spreadsheets had been circulated and there were 5 cheques: Litter collection, clerk's salary x2, playground inspection report and hedge cutting.

Cllr Peace queried the income grant of £220. Clerk to verify whether it relates to the New Homes Bonus.

20.22 Correspondence

An email regarding a Litter Awareness Campaign for children had been received from Cty Cllr Crofton. Proposed by Cllr Waygood and seconded by Cllr Norman and passed unanimously: That the council supported the campaign and would forward the information to the school;

Box Wood: A considerable amount of correspondence had been received from Cllr Crofton; the site is a bluebell wood outside the parish but the council shared local concerns about the current situation in Walkern parish and would keep itself informed of developments with the intention of offering support should the need arise.

Alleged operations breach by a scrap metal business of planning consent at Crows Croft: The option of writing to EHDC was discussed but without a specific understanding of the nature of the breach, the council felt unable to pursue it.

20.23 Planning: There were no new planning applications.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood and seconded by Cllr Egginton to extend an invitation to James Meade, Planning Officer to give some background to his views on planning decisions; this could take place as a remote meeting.

Resolved with one abstention.

20.24 Highways: Nothing to report.

20.25 Tree planting on Moor Green to mark the VE 75th anniversary year.

Cllrs Peace and Stevens to progress.

20.26 Playground: Report and follow-up/maintenance:

The comments made in the recent report were designated as 'low' or 'very low' risk. The need to re-open the playground as soon as possible was agreed in the light of other local playgrounds now having reopened. The maintenance services offered by Broadmead Leisure are to be chased up.

20.27 Website accessibility:

The disability accessibility rules come into force on 23rd September. The current website cannot be upgraded. The cost of a new website was felt by the council to be prohibitive and the council felt unable to proceed until further information had been obtained as to whether having a website was actually necessary.

20.28 Councillors' Pecuniary Interests Update: No changes were reported.

20.29 Urgent matters not previously notified:

It was reported that there had been some isolated incidents regarding the camping at Church Farm which Cllr Stevens would refer to the management.

Some of the councillors had attended site meeting with Tim Waygood regarding the proposed improvement plans for Church Farm which are ongoing and reported that the meeting had been constructive and positive.

20.30 Date of next meeting: Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm. Location to be notified due to current Covid19 restrictions.

Public Participation:

It was noted by a resident that the new front boundary wall of the end house at Bradcotes is very close to the edge of the highway.

The siting of the Moor Green noticeboard was raised by a parishioner, but it was explained that the council would not consider moving it because consultation had taken place prior to installation and the cost involved of moving it.

The council expressed its thanks to Cllr Miller for setting up the virtual meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.