
MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 PM

Councillors present: David Young, chairman
Andrew Cannon
Jim Egginton

Officer attending: Aimee Lauezzari (Clerk and RFO)
Others present: 3 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

16.124 Adrian Waygood, Tim Noble, Alexander Neale

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

none

FINANCE**16.125 Finance report and payments for approval**

The finance report was noted and the cheques before council were signed at the end of the meeting. The list of payments is an appendix to these minutes.

16.126 Review Financial Regulations

The clerk suggested a review of the Financial Regulations in advance of the Annual Meeting, and will circulate a draft with suggested corrections and changes before the next meeting, working with councillors to create an improved document.

PLANNING**16.127 Current planning applications**

The planning list was before the meeting and noted.

16.128 Ardeley School

Council had no objections.

16.129 Gresley Park Proposals

Cllr Egginton reported that the Gresley Park development for 600 houses is still in the EH District Plan. There is an initiative by developers to increase this to 1,600 houses, but this has not been approved by EHDC. The concern is that this would be development in a Green Belt, and would set a precedence for further development. There is a campaign (www.sayno2gp.online) hoping to stop this development. As Council had previously agreed to object to this development as part of the East Herts District Plan, it was agreed that the clerk would forward the comments and objection to the campaign.

COMMON LAND**16.130 Ponds in Wood End and Moor Green**

It was agreed that one pond in Moor Green could be cleared and restored. The pond is near Fir Tree Farm, between the drives. Cllr Egginton agreed to meet the interested parishioner and any other councillors, on site, to assess the state of the pond and decide the next step.

HIGHWAYS**16.131 DriveSafe Updates**

Cllr Cannon reported that the application for speed signs has passed the first round. Cllr Egginton is planning a DriveSafe session in Cromer.

16.132 A507 Campaign

Cllr Egginton reported that Herts County Council have rejected proposals from the campaign for weight restrictions or changing of the A507 to B507, but the campaign continues. Concern was noted for the B1037 from Stevenage

to Cottered having no weight restriction, and the possible relation to the status of the A507. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Ken Crofton to discuss the procedure for applying for a weight restriction for the B1037, if that action is deemed appropriate.

RECREATION GROUND

16.133 The quote presented at the November meeting has been accepted and the contractor is waiting for better weather to begin the painting of the play equipment.

CHURCH FARM

16.134 Council received a notice from Tim Waygood that Church Farm would no longer be holding Camping Under the Stars events and would be restricting noise from any wedding parties on the farm. One planning application was considered, and it was

AGREED: Council is not prepared to comment at this time, as the full council was not present at the meeting and it is presumed that there are more planning applications to follow. If possible, Council would like to review all planning applications together and take into consideration comments from parishioners. Clerk is to enquire about the deadlines for comments and other applications, and also to submit to The Forum a call for comments from parishioners concerning these applications.

It was also suggested that an extraordinary council meeting be held, if necessary, to meet the deadlines for East Herts planning.

CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK'S REPORT

16.135 Correspondence was noted.

URGENT MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED

16.136 Mandra Barn planning application

Council considered a planning application for Mandra Barn, Wood End, received between the posting of the agenda and the meeting, and had no objection.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15 May 2017

7.00 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

7.15 pm Parish Council meeting including annual reviews

8.00 pm Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:12pm

Signed _____

Date _____

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. A parishioner reported that a cause of flooding still occurring along the C14 (Cromer to Ardeley) would be the blocked gully, upstream from the concrete bridge. He reported tree trunks in the gully. Clerk agreed to contact James Vine concerning this matter.
2. A parishioner reported a tree over BOAT 3 (Ardeley to Wood End) in Wood End. Clerk agreed to contact Julian Thornton concerning this matter.

Finance Report

Appendix to minutes of 6 March 2017

PAYMENTS – 6 March 2017

£291.20	Clerk's salary (Feb/Mar)	A Lauezzari
£10.00	Clerk's expenses (Feb/Mar)	A Lauezzari
£231.42	Litter picking (Feb/Mar)	D Beasley
£109.20	PAYE (Months 10-12)	HMRC
£124.00	Website hosting and domain renewal	Style:Cymru

RECEIPTS (since 14 Nov 2016)

None

Note: Accounts now reconciled

Clerk's Report March 2017

No report.

Correspondence

(details available or can be emailed)

1. East Herts Council
 - Planning notices
 - Agenda for District Planning Executive Panel (28 Feb)
2. HAPTC
 - Bulletin (31 Jan)
 - NALC CEO visit
 - Bulletin (10 Feb)
 - LAIS1396 Housing White Paper (21 Feb)
 - Code of Conduct Training (28 Feb)
 - Bulletin (3 Mar)
 - Finance for Councils Training (3 Mar)
3. Herts County Council
4. Hertfordshire Constabulary
 - Crime stats for January
5. Other
 - Groundwork.org.uk – community project grants (2 Mar)