

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 17 MARCH 2014 AT 7.30 PM

Councillors: David Young (Chairman) James Egginton
 Paul Andrews Robert Vincent
 David Cleverly Adrian Waygood

Officer attending Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)

Present: Councillor Ken Crofton; 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES

14.28 None

MINUTES OF MEETING

14.29 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2014 were before the meeting and signed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

14.30 The Chairman reported that a branch from a tree in the playground had broken and in the interests of safety Giles Scrivener had been instructed to remove the branch. It was unanimously agreed to approve this action.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

14.31 The Complaints Procedure had been circulated and it was unanimously agreed to adopt this procedure.

Resolved: To adopt the Complaints Procedure

FINANCE

14.32 Finance report and cheques

The following cheques were approved:

607	D Beasley	£223.60	Litter invoice Dec-Jan
608	Herts Building Preservation Trust	£ 10.00	Donation
609	M Kilby	£193.60	Clerk salary Feb-March
610	HMRC	£ 72.60	PAYE 9-12
611	D Beasley	£223.60	Litter invoice Feb-March
612	Giles Scrivener	£ 36.00	Removal tree Recreation Ground
613	Giles Scrivener	£120.00	Hedgcutting Bradcots and Reedings
614	Chris Dawson	£138.00	Ardeley churchyard cutting 2013
615	M Kilby	£ 29.09	Expenses Feb-March

14.33 Notice board on village hall wall

Bob Vincent to bring prices of boards to next meeting.

14.34 Phone Box and Defibrillator

Agreed to apply for change of use for the telephone box to be used to house a defibrillator. The contract to take ownership from BT to be brought to the next Council meeting.

Resolved: To apply to East Herts Council for advice on change of use

PLANNING

14.35 Planning schedule

The planning schedule was before the meeting and noted.

14.36 Maples, Cromer - 3/14/0235/FP - Ground floor rear extension

No objection

14.37 Sandfords, Wood End - 3/14/0305/LB - Change of use storage barn to annex

No objection

14.38 Old Barn, Lime Tree Farm, Cromer - stables and storage for personal use

Jim Egginton would make enquiries and unless he came back with any comments by 21 March then the council had no objection.

14.39 East Herts District Plan

East Herts Council draft District Plan Preferred Options consultation papers were available on-line, from the Parish Council, and from the District Council the consultation runs from 26 February 2014 until 22 May 2014. A series of consultation meetings for the area had been arranged by EHC and there were two relevant to Ardeley. 1st April at 7.00 pm in the Seth Ward Community Centre, Luyne Rise, Buntingford, and the second on 17th April at 7.30 pm in Cottered Village Hall, Cottered. All members of the public were invited as well as parish councillors.

Cllr Ken Crofton advised the meeting that parishes can influence the district plan, but the only way to do this is for parishes to have an approved neighbourhood plan which includes a referendum, all of which would be a charge to the concerned parish council.

HIGHWAYS**14.40 Lodge Hill trees**

Adrian Waygood proposed, and the parish council agreed, that the best way forward regarding overhanging trees and hedges on the highway was to talk to the landowners concerned before writing formal letters. Noted that the trees would be attended to by Easter.

14.41 River Beane

Clerk to again ask the Environment Agency when the River Beane would be dredged in order to stop the regular occurrence of the road flooding. Ardeley Brook also needed clearing/dredging along the roadside.

14.42 Wood End road repairs

No date when these repairs might take place had yet been received. A parishioner had asked when the sunken drain cover in Wood End 13159/NEHH 56.06.2012 ERALP would be repaired. Cllr Ken Crofton advised the meeting that the whole of the Wood End road in this area was the habitat of the Great Crested Newt and no work would be carried out until probably September, which was the time that the newts would be least disturbed.

14.43 Cromer Speeding cameras and road signs

Jim Egginton reported that two people have been cleared and registered as police volunteers to act as lead volunteers for Drive Safe. Training is to follow and it is hoped to start sometime after Easter. The new signage has not been forthcoming and this issue has been chased. Jim Egginton said he had been assured that the work is scheduled to take place during the next few months.

RIGHTS OF WAY**14.44 Ardeley BOATS 4/7/12**

Noted that the HCC was arranging for repair work to the surface of the common land damaged at the junction and along BOAT 4/7/12

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.45 The Clerk's report was before the meeting and noted. Cllr Jim Egginton would attend the HCC first Town and Parish Council conference on 7 April

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th May 2014. There are three meetings on this night.

7.15 pm	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting
8.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed _____

Date _____

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Giles Scrivenor told the meeting that the telephone wires at Moor Green were being damaged by trees. He had informed BT.

The public participation closed at 8.55 pm