
MINUTES OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18 JULY 2016 AT 7.30 PM

Councillors: Adrian Waygood (vice chairman)
 Andrew Cannon
 Jim Egginton
 Tim Noble

 Ken Crofton (County and District Councillor)

Officer attending Aimee Lauezzari (Clerk and RFO)
Present: 8 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

16.035 David Young and Paul Andrews

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16.036 Adrian Waygood, regarding Church Farm

MINUTES OF MEETING

16.037 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016 were signed as a correct record.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

16.038 none

FINANCE**16.039 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.

16.040 Bank Mandate

Papers and forms are in order and will be posted to update the bank mandate with new councillors and the change in clerk.

16.041 Electronic Payments

CLlr Noble to explore the option of a pre-paid card from Barclays.

PLANNING**16.042 Current planning applications**

The planning list was before the meeting and noted.

16.043 Briardene, Ardeley

Council had no objections.

16.044 2 Bury Grange Cottage, Ardeley

Council had no objections, but decision was already returned as refused.

16.045 Old Bell, Ardeley

Council had no objections.

16.046 Evergreen Cottage, Cromer

Council had no objections.

HIGHWAYS**16.047 Drive Safe Update**

CLlrs Egginton and Cannon have continued to plan one session per month with the speed monitoring equipment in Cromer. They continue to find that one-third of drivers are passing at speeds over 35mph. They expressed concern that this monitoring is not changing the habits of drivers and are interested in a sign that would offer 24-hour feedback to drivers. They also noted a few vehicles travelling at exceptional speeds and reported that the police will speak to the drivers, but cannot levy a fine based on this equipment.

16.048 Cromer drains

Council has received no update following the CCTV exploration of the drains in Cromer. Cllr Egginton will follow up with James Vine of Ringway. Cllrs Egginton and Cannon reported that the situation is improved, with one drain being blocked and then cleared in good time recently, and a noticeable improvement in the smells from drains.

16.049 Flooding along C14 (Cromer to Ardeley)

Council noted the recent correspondence from James Vine (Ringway) to District Cllr Crofton, stating that no work will be done on the Ardeley Brook itself, however work on the highway ditches and grips could (provisionally, subject to notice) commence the 8th August, for 10 working days. Also, Ringway plans to install road liable to flooding signs.

PROPOSED BOOKSWAP

16.050 It was agreed that this item would be postponed as Cllr Young was not in attendance to report from the Village Hall committee.

CHURCH FARM

16.051 Cllr Waygood proposed that Cllr Noble preside over this portion of the meeting.

RESOLVED: Cllr Noble to preside.

RESOLVED: To suspend the standing orders to hear from the public.

Three parishioners spoke about increased traffic, noise levels, increased numbers of people as visitors, campers and residents of Church Farm, and the various other businesses that are operating at Church Farm. These parishioners also asked if Church Farm had the relevant planning permission for all these activities. District Cllr Crofton assured the meeting that the matter has been raised with East Herts District Council planning department who are investigating the complaints and confirmed that Ella Wright at East Herts is the contact person for this issue. It was noted that Council does not have any recent planning applications from Church Farm before it on which to comment. Following this discussion, the meeting resumed under standing orders.

AGREED: Council will write to Ella Wright with the concerns expressed by the members of the public.

COMMON LAND AND GREENS CUTTING

16.052 Council discussed the reoccurring issue of the inappropriate cutting of a portion of the common land in Moor Green. Common lands are only to be rough cut, not cut as a lawn would be cut.

AGREED: Council will first correspond with residents concerning their rights as commoners before pursuing other action.

TELEPHONE BOX

16.053 The state of the bottom section of the telephone box door was noted and it was agreed Cllrs Waygood and Noble would each obtain a quote for the repair and for the addition of cork to the Village Hall notice boards.

CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK'S REPORT

16.054 The correspondence was noted and the report is an appendix to these minutes.

URGENT MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED

16.055 It was reported that the chairman had received notice of the resignation of Cllr Andrews. Clerk is to start the co-opt process and council will write to thank Cllr Andrews for his years of service.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 19th September 2016 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm

Signed _____

Date _____

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Noted in 16.051
2. Concerning the cutting of the common land, a parishioner reported that the archives might show that the care is a site of scientific interest and there are restrictions on the time of year that the grass can be cut. Cllr Egginton felt it was only a wildlife site, and maybe not an SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest), but felt there would still be guidelines.
3. Concerning the flooding along the C14 and the condition of the road, a parishioner asked that council do more to hold the county council to their obligation to keep roads open. District and County Cllr Crofton explained that Hertfordshire County Council is the lead on flooding but has been given no power. Cllr Waygood assured the meeting that the parish council will continue to investigate any means to improve the situation for the village.

Aimee Lauezzari
26 July 2016

Finance Report

Appendix to minutes of 18 July 2016

PAYMENTS – 18 July 2016

£291.20	Clerk's salary (2 months)	A Lauezzari
£26.65	Clerk's expenses (2 months)	A Lauezzari
£48.80	Underpayment of former clerk	M Kilby
£231.42	Litter picking	D Beasley
£547.99	Computer and MSOffice software	A&I Computers
£264.00	Consultation	BBW Solicitors
£84.00	Hedge Cutting	Slade Services
£109.20	PAYE	HMRC

RECEIPTS

£674.00	Transparency Grant Funds	through HAPTC
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Clerk's Report July 2016

Appendix to minutes of 18 July 2016

Transparency Grant Update

Ardeley Parish Council has been awarded a further £674.00 for staffing costs (£504) and software for the new laptop (£170). With the signed cheque to A&I Computers, the clerk will collect the laptop soon after the meeting. Through Herts FullStop Council has purchased a colour laser printer/scanner, which has been delivered.

Playground Inspection

The playground will be inspected at some point in July.

Annual return and audit

The annual return has been posted and notices to the public for inspection of the accounts have been posted on the notice boards.

Maps

Parish maps on the website have been updated and the links now open to a higher resolution jpg file. Two detail maps showing boundaries in Luffenhall and Wood End have been added.

Benches

Volunteers for the Countryside Management Office removed the old benches and installed the new benches in June. They suggested that the vegetation should be cleared periodically to keep the benches usable.



New benches on BOAT 10

Correspondence for information

(details available or can be emailed)

1. Police and Crime Commissioner (email)
 - 1.1 May update
2. East Herts Council
 - 2.1 Planning notices
 - 2.2 Annual playground safety inspections 2016
 - 2.3 Chairman's Garden Party invitation
3. HAPTC (email)
 - 3.1 23rd May Bulleting
 - 3.2 9th June Bulletin
 - 3.3 23rd June Bulletin
 - 3.4 6th July Bulletin
 - 3.5 15th July Bulletin
 - 3.6 Governance and Accountability 2016

General correspondence for information

1. Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust Newsletter (Cromer Windmill featured)
2. Hertfordshire Independent Living Service Meals and More – Right to your door
3. CDA Herts Asking for subscription
4. Peter Knight, District Scouts (email) Night Hike, 8/10/16
5. N Herts District Council, re new consultation database for planning