

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2013 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: Cllr Ken Crofton; 3 parishioners

APOLOGIES

13.76 None

MINUTES OF MEETING

13.77 The minute of the Council meeting held on Monday 16 September 2013 had been previously amended to clarify the litter facilities at Church Farm, and the rubbish dumping that had occurred from campers. After discussion it was agreed that the amendments were appropriate and the minutes were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA

13.78 Parishioner concerns

After discussion agreed that the clerk should check whether it was within the legal constraints that if parishioners have concerns about parish matters and wish the matter raised in Council, whether they may remain anonymous.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

13.79 Nothing to report that was not already covered on the agenda.

FINANCE

13.80 Finance report and cheques

The following cheques were approved:

598	M Kilby	£193.60	Clerk salary Oct-Nov
599	HMRC	£72.60	PAYE Oct Nov Dec 7-9
600	M Kilby	£96.39	expenses Oct-Nov
601	Giles Scrivener	£60.00	hedgcutting play area
602	D Beaseley	£223.60	Litter picking Oct-Nov
603	Ardeley Village Hall	£800.00	Annual grant aid

13.81 Budget

Before the main budget discussions took place it was

Resolved to suspend standing orders and open the meeting to the public to discuss the suggestion that a Defibrillator be provided in the parish

Jacqueline Waygood presented a paper to the meeting requesting that Ardeley Parish purchase a Community Defibrillator. The presentation is an addendum to these minutes. Discussion took place about the number of cardiac arrests outside hospitals in the UK every year. Noted that the costs were between £1,650 and £2000 plus VAT. Cllr Ken Crofton was asked if grant aid were available from his allocation and if so, how much could be found. If it was decided to go ahead then any shortfall would have to be met from the precept. It was noted that training would be needed and also someone to service and take charge of the equipment. Where the defibrillator was positioned was discussed, with the three main suggestions being the telephone box, the school, or the village hall. Clerk to try and ascertain if any liability would fall on the Parish Council.

Agreed that the Clerk discuss funding with Cllr Ken Crofton.

Resolved to resume Standing Orders

13.82 Precept

Draft figures for the precept were before Council. Agreed to include an amount for a defibrillator, hoping that at least £500 grant could be found. Also agreed clerk to send councillors a note of her hours and bring this information to the next meeting. It was hoped to keep the precept the same as the previous year at £3,000. Agreed clerk to update and send to all councillors before the January meeting when the precept would have to be finalised.

PLANNING**13.83 3/13/1755/FP - Kingswick, Cromer
Extensions and replacement garage**

No objections

**13.84 3/13/1988/FP - Marvells, Moor Green Road
Replacing modern extensions**

Councillors agreed to look at the details on the EHDC Planning website. One councillor objected but after a vote with 3 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions, it was agreed that unless any councillors came back with objections by 4th December, then the clerk would inform EHDC Planning that Ardeley Parish Council did not object.

**13.85 3/13/1974/FP - Willow House, Wood End
Erection of brick wall and gates**

Council objected on the grounds that the proposals were out of character in the conservation area,

**13.86 3/1869/LP - Greenoak, Ardeley
Concrete base for mobile field shelter**

No objections

**13.87 3/1881/LP - The Hollies, Moore Green Road
Single storey rear extension**

No objections

13.88 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ken Crofton explained that East Herts had to find 850 new houses in the district over the next 20 years. It was not just a matter of identifying housing areas, but also the infrastructure needed of roads, schools, health and community facilities.

HIGHWAYS**13.89 Cromer Speeding**

Cllr Eggington gave an update on the electronic signs in Cromer and reports said Cromer were excluded from the electronic speed sign system. Consideration to be given on whether to go back to the manual system. It was again agreed that it was not safe to walk through Cromer on the B1037.

13.90 Road marking in Cromer

Noted that the road markings would be in place very soon.

13.91 Temporary Closure of road from Cromer to Moor Green/Wood End

The road and drainage works have been suspended until further notice because information had been lodged that the area was inhabited by Gt Crested Newts. It was anticipated that the drainage and road repairs might be carried out in Spring/Summer 2014.

13.92 Informal passing places

Highways had advised that no infilling of informal passing places would take place, because the informal passing places were in private land and to infill them would be to incorporate them into part of the highway. Clerk to write again to Highways and highlight this problem of potholes in the informal passing places resulting in potholes which caused damage to vehicles using the highway.

13.93 Lodge Hill trees

The leaning tree at the bottom of Lodge Hill had not been cleared. Position was 15 metres beyond the Armco barrier. Clerk to ask Owen Yorke to remove.

RIGHTS OF WAY**13.94 Ardeley FP26**

The plan proposing moving FP Ardeley 26 had been circulated. After discussion it was

Resolved that the application to remove the footpath marked A-C on the plan not be supported. The application to create a footpath from D to C on the plan was approved. (5 in favour, 1 against)

13.95 Byways 7, 8, and 51

The Rights of Way Officer and the Clerk had walked the Byways. The RoW Officer had said that he was content with the state of the byways but would try and obtain smaller material to blind in the byway. It was noted that the byway was not a road but simply a right of way.

COMMON LAND**13.96 Fencing part of common land - The Goose**

Solicitor advice was that no part of common land could be fenced off. Clerk to inform applicant.

13.97 Complaint of use of common land

A complaint had been received from a parishioner that vehicles were being parked for a long time on common land. Noted that the vehicles had been removed and no misuse was now taking place.

13.98 Grass and hedgecutting

Quotations had been received for cutting the hedges and grass on common land. One was for £250 for a trim that might last 5 years, the other was for a short trim on a few selected parts of common land for £50 which would only be a temporary 1 year work. After discussion agreed to accept the Giles Scrivener estimate to cut Moor Green Road to Wood End on both sides for £50.

TREES**13.99 The Green Turkey Oak**

Noted that this was in private ownership.

14.00 Sycamores round pond

The clerk agreed to submit the requested forms for the felling to Malcolm Amey with Cllr Bob Vincent as the contact.

NOTICEBOARDS**14.01 Parish Council Noticeboards**

Village Hall wanted a noticeboard either side of the front door of the Hall, in a similar style to the original noticeboard, but with a glass door. Clerk to get estimates.

TELEPHONE BOX

14.02 Agreed that if appropriate could adopt at a later date, in the meantime clerk to obtain costs of painting.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

14.03 Before the meeting and noted. Particularly noted was the Highways meeting on Wednesday 27th November 2013.

URGENT MATTERS**14.05 Luton Airport**

Noted that the current Luton Airport planning permission has been withdrawn. Clerk to ask why this has taken place, and also to register Ardeley Parish Council request that flight paths be spread as far apart as possible so as not to cause noise disturbance to a narrow band of people living in the area.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st January 2014 at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm

Signed _____

Date _____