

ASHREIGNEY PARISH COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020, VIA ZOOM OWING TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION.

Ashreigney Parish Council held a meeting on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Owing to the Covid-19 situation the meeting was

Conducted remotely, via Zoom.

1. Chairman's welcome: The Chairman, Mr. Hellyer, welcomed the following Councillors to the meeting: Mr. Cole, Mr. Johns, Dr. Kirkup, Mr. P. Middleton. Mr. S. Middleton, Mr. Parfitt, Mrs. Tillyer and Mr. Thorne. District Councillor Simon Newton also joined the meeting.
2. Apologies: Apologies were received from County Councillor Saywell.
3. Public Question Time: There was no PQT.
4. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held in April 2020 had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting, and were approved unanimously.
5. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.
6. Correspondence:
  - 6.1: The Clerk reported that it has been brought to her attention that the noticeboard on the wall at Green Hedges has fallen from the wall, and is broken. The Chairman and Clerk agreed to organise clearing the remains immediately, and to assess if the noticeboard is beyond repair.
  - 6.2: Mrs. Tillyer reported that work is required to FP 23. The Clerk to contact Chris Herniman.
7. Emergency Planning:
  - 7.1: Dr. Kirkup updated Councillors on the current situation with the Emergency Committee (EC). Dr. Kirkup reported that the EC has stepped down owing to the improvement in the Covid-9 situation. Moving forward the Parish Council are to monitor the situation, and the EC can step up quickly and effectively should needs change.

It was agreed that the Emergency Plan must be regularly discussed and populated with current and relevant information. The Ashcombe, Parish websites and social media to be utilized as means of communicating information to the parish, as well the mail service if the situation dictates.
  - 7.2: Children's Play Area: The situation with reopening the play area was discussed. Draft health and safety signs had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting for their agreement. It was suggested, and approved, to add an additional footnote to one notice. (The Clerk to order signs).

The Parish Council's insurers have also received copies of the H&S notices for their approval and to ensure adequate and proper cover is in place.

A Covid-19 approved virucide has been purchased to effectively cleanse the play area, when practical. It was agreed to ask the Caretakers of the Village Hall if they would be prepared to do this, for an agreed fee. (The Clerk to make enquiries).
8. Helicopter movement:

8.1: The significant helicopter movement at Eaglescott continues to be causing issues within the area. The Clerk had been forwarded correspondence from Salaine Saxby – MP for North Devon regarding the situation.

It was pointed out that separate issues have led to regular emergency helicopter activity which must not be confused with other activities. Residents from Roborough continue to monitor the situation, and update Ashreigney Parish Council on progress. The Clerk pointed out that residents of Ashreigney have complained regarding the situation. It was agreed that Councillors close to the airfield will monitor flights and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Planning:

9.1: A planning application had been submitted to create a sand school, for private use, at Crabdown Farm, Ashreigney.

Councillor Thorne declared an interest in the matter, and abstained from discussions.

The Clerk had requested that Councillors inspect the application details on the TDC Planning Portal prior to the meeting. No concerns were raised at the meeting, and a site visit has been conducted by Mr. Hellyer who reported that, in his opinion, Mrs. R. Thorne is the only neighbour that will be affected and he has no objections to the project going ahead. Mrs. S. Tillyer to also carry out a site visit and report to the Clerk.

10. Finance:

10.1: Payment of invoices: The Insurance premium was due to be paid. The Chairman has studied the policy documents, and the Clerk has confirmed with the Insurance providers that all Covid related activities are covered under the current policy agreement.

The renewal premium due is £771.42p and payment was proposed by Mr. Cole and seconded by Dr. Kirkup. (Cheque No 718).

10.2: An invoice was due to settle an invoice from Mr. W. Morris. The invoice totalled £62 and covered Footpath No 23. Payment was proposed by Mrs. Tillyer and seconded by Mr. S. Johns. (Cheque No 719).

10.3: The Clerk was due to be reimbursed to the sum of £45.84p for the purchase of virucide for the play area. Payment was proposed by Mr. Thorne and seconded by Mrs. Tillyer. (Cheque No 720).

11. Report from Ashreigney Village Hall:

11.1: The Chairman reported that the deep clean of the Village Hall is well underway to allow safe re-opening, under conditions.

12. County Councillors Report: To be forwarded to Councillors.

13. District Councillor's Report:

District Councillor Newton confirmed the current situation with Parish Councils holding remote meetings. DC Newton explained that legislation was passed to allow remote meetings to be held legally, and this legislation will require being formally reversed prior to reverting to face to face meetings.

13.1: Report: It was reported that TDC continue to administer and distribute grant schemes. The fourth tranche of the Discretionary Grant Scheme is available for

applicants, and there are still funds in the pot. TDC have experienced a massive loss of revenue themselves through the crisis, and though they have administered the Government grant schemes there has been no direct support for them. Discussions are taking place to reach an agreement which would allow an element of compensation to be made, or to retain some of the funds they have been controlling from central government. (Up to £35 million has been handled by TDC alone). TDC income has dropped considerably owing to a fall in Council Tax revenue amongst other things. However, precepts still need to be paid together with funds committed to the fire service etc. A new budget will be completed in the autumn of 2020 which will look very different to the budget set in 2019. Some projects will be delayed, and the completion of some capital programmes will require funds to be borrowed. The outcomes of the Covid pandemic are still uncertain, and TDC will be working with Government on financial options.

Winkleigh Airfield: Chris Fuller (TDC) is looking at ways that the 'industrial site' can be promoted to draw people and businesses to the area.

Great Well Park – There is outline planning permission to develop Great Well Park, and it is going to the Planning Committee.

DC Newton concluded by congratulating the parish on their achievements throughout the Covid-19 situation.

14. Date of next meeting: It was agreed not to hold a meeting in August 2020. The next meeting of Ashreigney Parish Council will be Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm via zoom.

The Chairman thanked everyone for zooming, and declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.