

Ashill Parish Council

Minutes of an *informal* meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on Monday 24 January 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present : Cllrs P Lang (Chairman), R Abel, A Crouch, A Knight, P Varney, Mrs J Davidson (Clerk), District Cllr M Wale, & 1 member of the public (*left after the Public Participation item*).

61/21 County / District Councillor – the retirement of County / District Councillor Linda Vjeh with effect from 1 January 2022 was noted with regret. The Chairman conveyed appreciation for all of the help, support & friendship given to the Parish by County / District Cllr Vjeh over the years & wished her a happy retirement. District Cllr Sue Osborne & District Cllr Martin Wale would be representing the Neroche Ward until a by-election is held on 5 March 2022.

62/21 Apologies / Casual Vacancies

- a) All members of the Parish Council were present at the meeting & apologies were noted from District Cllr Osborne.
- b) It was noted the Parish Council still currently has two Casual Vacancies.

63/21 Parish/Town Council Elections

It was noted that Parish / Town Council elections which were scheduled to be held in May 2023 have now been brought forward to take place on 5 May 2022.

64/21 Public Participation

A member of the public voiced concerns with regard to the amount of surface water which is collecting & failing to drain away from the carriageway of the Old A358.

65/21 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests

None.

66/21 Minutes

It was agreed for the minutes of the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 November 2021 to be signed as a true record by the Chairman.

67/21 Planning

- i) The following applications submitted to SSDC since the last meeting were noted :

	21/03188/FUL
Proposal	Demolish existing agricultural buildings & the erection of a new dwelling in place of prior approval (20/03611/PAMB) scheme approved in April 2021.
Location	Sty Lodge, The Former Piggery Southtown Farm, Thickthorn Lane, Ashill.

Application No.	21/03187/FUL
Proposal	Demolish existing agricultural buildings & the erection of a new dwelling in place of prior approval (20/03610/PAMB) scheme approved in April 2021.
Location	Hay House, The Former Hay Barn Southtown Farm, Thickthorn Lane, Ashill.

The Clerk - using delegated authority – had consulted with Members & had conveyed to SSDC that the Parish Council wished to support the concerns raised by the residents of neighbouring properties with regard to the proposed treatment plant & drainage which was considered to be not viable due to the high-water table. The Parish Council also noted & had concerns with regard to the proposed new driveway which would have to be constructed from the road to service the proposed new dwelling as the existing barn currently can only be accessed by a field track. However - if the concerns regarding the treatment plant & drainage field could be resolved & the proposed new development was to be granted planning permission - then the Parish Council wished to request that SSDC

ensured the design – including the access – would be in keeping & in sympathy with the neighbouring properties & the area.

- ii) It was noted the following applications are still waiting to be determined by SSDC & the status of each application can be found on the SSDC website :

Application No.	20/01623/REM
Proposal	Application for reserved matters following outline approval for the appearance, scale & landscaping for 10 new dwellings and associated carports/parking.
Location	Land West Of School Lane, Ashill.

Application No.	20/03697/REM
Proposal	Application for approval of appearance, & ecological mitigation (condition 5), access details (condition 9), cycle & footpath links (condition 16) & foul & surface water drainage (condition 20) pursuant to outline planning permission ref. 17/03800/OUT for the erection of 25 dwellings and formation of access.
Location	Land Os 3727 Part Windmill Hill Lane, Ashill.

Application No.	20/02902/FUL
Proposal	The erection of three detached dwellings & associated parking (re-submission of withdrawn application 20/01419/FUL)
Location	Paddock Adjoining The Flying Fish, Windmill Hill, Ashill.

Application No.	19/02465/OUT
Proposal	Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the erection of 9 No. dwellings
Location	Land Adjoining Ashill Village Hall, Ashill.

Application No.	19/03418/FUL
Proposal	Erection of 10 No. dwellings with garages & ancillary parking
Location	Stewley Cross Caravan Park, Wood Road, Ashill.

68/21 Playing Field

- The January Playing Field Inspection report carried out by the Chairman was received & noted.
- No other matters regarding the Playing Field were tabled'

69/21 Highways / Footpaths

- The Chairman reported he is continuing to work with neighbouring Parishes & attending meetings with National Highways with regard to the A358 dualling proposal;
- It was noted the issues reported by a resident to the SCC Rights of Way Team & noted at the last meeting of the Parish Council - Ref : 64720; Ref : 64721 & Ref : 64722 – have now been resolved by the SCC Rights of Way Team.

70/21 Environment / Parish Maintenance

- The concerns with regard to the level of surface water which is collecting & failing to drain away from the carriageway of the Old A358 were noted by the Parish Council & District Cllr Wale.
- Cllr Lang reported damage to the bus shelter roof & is therefore currently exploring the cost of getting it repaired.
- No other matters regarding Environment / Parish Maintenance were tabled.

71/21 Village Hall

The Chairman reported the Village Hall Committee had recently been awarded a Covid Recovery Grant Funding Payment of £2,677.

72/21 Church

Cllr Knight had no matters to report with regard to the Church.

73/21 Christmas 2021

The Chairman reported 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' followed by refreshments had been well attended on 26 November 2021.

74/21 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

The Chairman advised he had received a suggestion to mark this occasion with a cake baking competition - possibly to be split between children & adults – which would tie in with the national idea to invent a new pudding.

75/21 Finance

- i) The January payments/receipts report was noted & further consideration was given to the draft budget for 2022/23. It was agreed to set the amount to be collected for parish purposes at £6,450 for 2022/23.
- ii) It was agreed for the following payments to be approved :

Mr P Lang – Zoom Meeting(Nov)/'Drop In' Costs/Rubbish Bin Sign/Xmas Lights	£107.00
Ashill Village Hall – 'Drop In' Electricity	£ 6.00

76/21 Items for consideration for a future agenda

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

77/21 Date of Next Meeting

It was confirmed the next meeting would be held on 7 March 2022 commencing from 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9 : 20 pm

Signed : (Chairman
7 March 2022