

GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 24th January 2019 at 7.30pm
The Lord Thurlow Village Hall**

Mr. A Peake – Chairman*

Mr. R. Barker – Vice-Chairman*

Mrs. N. Calderbank*

Mr. B. Fitch*

Mr. I. Sadler*

Mrs D. Stick*

Mr. R. Watts*

Present: All marked*

Mrs S. Austin took the minutes.

No members of the public attended

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Record Councillors' apologies for absence

All in attendance.

2. Declarations of interest

Declaration of interest received from Cllr Barker in respect of being a Mid Suffolk District Councillor in regards item 12i.

3. Suffolk County Councillor

Cllr Storey attended and gave a report which included: Sport brings £270m to the Suffolk economy, Consultation on the proposed changes to the local Citizen's Advice (CAB) grant funding, update from the Most Active County team and Locality funding. Cllr Storey confirmed she was happy to fund printing costs of 'Here but not Here' second run of printing, the Clerk to send the invoice to Cllr Storey and complete the funding request paperwork when received. Cllr Storey also agreed to use some of next year's locality money towards the 'Peace Day' event, 80th anniversary of evacuees coming to Great Ashfield and research costs.

Cllr Fitch had taken photographs of the pavement, by the railings, on corner of School Road which was being encroached by vegetation and becoming dangerous for pedestrians. Cllr Storey to take this to Highways and ask for it to be cleared as well as the rest of the encroaching vegetation on the pavements on Elmswell Road, the Clerk to also report this to Highways. Cllr Storey to find out status of all reported pot holes in Great Ashfield as well as the lump in the road in Daisy Green.

District Councillor

District Cllr Barker reported the MSDC Council tax portion will be going up by 6p a week which equates to a 2% rise, the police portion and County portion will also be rising. The Christmas waste collection went well. The incinerator was nearly running out of waste over the Christmas period. A presentation was made of decorative shell cases to Cllr Peake, Cllr Stick and Cllr Sadler for all their work in putting together the 'Here but not Here' event. There were a number of further decorative shell cases to be presented to residents who had helped so much with this successful event.

Public Forum

No members of the public in attendance.

4. To Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting as a True Record

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 29th November 2018 were signed as a correct record.

5. Reports

- i. General Highway Report: The outstanding highways list was updated. The Clerk to report the collapsed drain on Elmswell road again. Cllr Calderbank reported water on the highway outside Ashfield House, Elmswell road the Clerk to report to Anglia Water and Highways.
- ii. Community Speed Watch Report: Cllr Stick updated Council reporting a letter had been received highlighting the lack of volunteers in Great Ashfield. Council discussed how to encourage more residents to volunteer. Cllr Peake and Cllr Stick to put together an article for the Newsletter and an email to go out on the village email.
- iii. Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Stick updated Council they have 27 households on the list they have split the village into postcode areas and will leaflet those areas with little uptake. Notices to also go up including at the next TOAST event.
- iv. Clerks Report: The next election takes place on Thursday, 2 May with the Election Notices being issued between 12 – 26 March. The deadline for delivery of the nomination papers is by 4pm on 3 April.

6. Annual Review of provision of dog waste bins

Council discussed all in agreement to keep the dog waste bins in their current positions.

7. To consider applying for Blue Plaque

To place on next agenda.

8. To consider tree planting in the village

Council discussed and agreed Cllr Fitch to make a list of trees needed and place on September agenda with the intention of planting any trees in October.

9. To consider War Memorial

Cllr Sadler asked whether it was worth trying to find funding for a war memorial. Council discussed including whether another war memorial outside of the church was needed, the possible location, what style/ type. Council agreed to bring ideas to the next meeting.

10. To consider role of Editor for Newsletter

Cllr Calderbank to try to find out the previous applicant for the role of editor. The Clerk to contact the editor of the Badwell Ash newsletter to see if they would be interested in taking on the Great Ashfield newsletter as well. To place on next agenda.

11. Correspondence

To circulate: Clerks & Councils Direct

- i. Notification of Thurston Neighbourhood Planning – Noted

- ii. Buckingham Palace Garden Party nomination – It was noted the Chair had been unsuccessful
- iii. Suffolk Minerals & Waste Local Plan submitted on 21 December – Noted
- iv. Spring Litter Pick 2019 - Noted

12. Planning

- i. **Application No: DC/19/00041 Ashton House, School Road – Erection of 1no dwelling following demolition of outbuilding:** Council discussed Cllr Peake proposed no objection seconded by Cllr Sadler all in agreement no objection.
- ii. **Applications decided by planning authority:**
Application DC/18/05458 Maythorn, Wetherden Road – TPO tree reduction – Granted 11.1.19
Rookery Barn – discharge of conditions application DC/18/03246 Condition 3 (Landscaping Scheme) approved condition(s)

No further planning applications had been received.

13. Finance Report and to consider the payment of invoices

The deposit account held £801.27 at 30.12.18 the current account had a cleared balance at 10.1.19 of £2,929.78. It was confirmed £250 locality grant had been received from MSDC, the final invoices have been sent to MSDC confirming monies spent on the WW1 project.

- i. To confirm internal auditor for 2019: Council agreed to ask Mr M. Sargent as per last year.
- ii. £40 in cash was received from Cllr Stick in respect of payment for x4 Here but not Here booklets.

All Councillors in agreement for the payment of invoices below:

- i. Village Hall room hire 2018-19 £128: A cheque no: 348 was raised for £128
- ii. Information Commissioner's Office annual subscription £40: A cheque no: 349 was raised for £40
- iii. Profile Printing inv: 117686 £256: A cheque no: 350 was raised for £256
- iv. SCC Street Lighting Maintenance invoice: Council agreed to pay between meetings if received before March.
- v. No further invoices had been received

14. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Nothing to add to the next agenda.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 21st March, 2019 in the Lord Thurlow Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

