

GREAT ASHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday, 6th July 2017 at 7.30pm
The Lord Thurlow Village Hall

Mr. A Peake – Chairman*

Mr. R. Barker – Vice-Chairman*

Mrs. N. Calderbank*

Mr. B. Fitch*

Mrs D. Stick*

Mr. R. Watts*

Present: All marked*

Mrs S. Austin took the minutes.

One member of the public attended

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Record Councillors' apologies for absence

Cllr Calderbank arrived after the meeting had started - All Councillors in attendance

2. Declarations of interest

Declaration of interest received from Cllr Barker in respect of being a District Councillor for item 6

3. Suffolk County Councillor

Cllr Storey sent her apologies as unable to attend

District Councillor

District Cllr Barker circulated the end of year report for 2016/2017

Public Forum

The member of the public did not wish to speak

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 25th May 2017 were signed as a correct record.

5. General Highways and Speeding in village

Cllr Stick had circulated a report on Speed Indicator Devices to all Councillors before the meeting an update was given to Council, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. An email had been received from a Councillor at Badwell Ash parish council indicating the Council was happy to give Great Ashfield parish council the shortfall monies (£1,090) to allow them to purchase a SID. Cllr Stick to clarify that this is a donation and not a loan and to receive this in writing. It was noted there are funds to purchase a SID but currently not in the Council bank account. Cllr Peake advised Westcotec was happy to issue a pro-forma invoice as soon as the deposit was paid to allow this to be used to access funding. Cllr Calderbank advised the second instalment of the precept is normally paid on the 1st September. Cllr Stick proposed to purchase a mini SID package from Westcotec at a cost of £3690 with a 10% deposit and the balance to be paid not before the first week of September. Seconded by Cllr Calderbank three Councillors in agreement with one Councillor against. A cheque no: 312 was dually raised for £370 as the deposit for Westcotec to purchase a mini SID package.

Cllr Stick updated Council on the volunteer teams and Community Speedwatch a copy of the report is attached. Community Speedwatch Application Forms had been sent to volunteers to complete, once completed volunteers will need to be registered and trained which do not incur a cost. The use of a speed gun was discussed with Great Ashfield, Long Thurlow and Badwell Ash all working together, possible costs were discussed, report attached.

Cllr Fitch was unable to stay and gave his apologies and left the meeting.

Cllr Barker thanked Cllr Stick for all her hard work on this project this was seconded by Cllr Peake and all in agreement.

6. To consider & agree to apply for funding for Speed Indicator Device

Cllr Barker did not take part in the discussion. Council confirmed Cllr Storey agreed at the Great Ashfield annual parish meeting to give funding of £1250 from locality monies towards the cost of a SID. Cllr Calderbank proposed applying for funding from District Cllr Barker of a minimum of £600 for a SID this was seconded by Cllr Peake and all Councillors in agreement. As soon as the Council receives the invoice from Westcotec to send a copy to Cllr Storey, Cllr Barker and the playing field group to release funds.

It was hoped when the SID is delivered to place the news in the September issue of the Newsletter.

7. Correspondence

Clerks and Councils Direct and information on the Boundary review were circulated to Councillors.

8. Planning

No planning applications had been received and no applications decided by the Planning Authority had been received

9. Finance

All Councillors confirmed the payment of cheques between meetings as set out below:

- i. Owl Bookbinding Ltd inv: 16140 £500: A cheque no: 311 for £500 was raised. A previous cheque no: 310 was cancelled due to incorrect date and was re-issued as no: 311
- ii. J. Constantine mileage for above 160miles @ 25p per mile £40: A cheque no: 309 for £40 was raised.
- iii. MSDC inv: 2000051197 dog bin x4 emptying 1.4.17 – 31.3.18 £168: A cheque no: 308 for £168 was raised.
- iv. No further invoices had been received

10. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

Cllr Stick to report on '30mph signage on bins' for next agenda. Report on Great Ashfield trees to be placed on next agenda. To place '2018 Beacon' on the next agenda. Cllr Calderbank highlighted the overgrown hedges and verges encroaching on pavements throughout the village to report to Highways. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Watts for the additional salt boxes in Daisy Green.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 28th September, 2017 in the Lord Thurlow Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

