

ASHBY CUM FENBY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00PM AS VIRTUAL MEETING ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present: Cllr Nick Pettigrew Cllr Jane Thomson
Cllr Brian Purchon Cllr Carol Shaw
Cllr Philip Jackson (NELC)

In Attendance: Kim Kirkham Parish Clerk Four members of the public

(members present by audio and visual access) Members of the Public and Clerk as minute taker (present by audio and visual access)

20/094 Declaration of Interest (Model Code of Conduct Order 2012)

- (a) To record declaration of interest by any member of the Parish Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interest should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared – Cllr Pettigrew declared an interest on agenda items 20/099-09/104 Whitsend and 20/072 Footpath 89.
- (b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the Agenda Items listed below – None received.

20/095 To receive apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting

Apologies were received from Cllr J. Shaw.

20/096 Questions raised by members of the public on agenda items (15 minutes)

The Chair welcomed residents and invited them to individually address the council. The landowner of the field off Post Office Lane explained that he is trying to obtain planning permission to build a house on the land and has applied to temporarily place a static caravan on the site for 18 months. Another resident in attendance responded that everything on this land has been done without permission. The Parish Council noted the residents' points/concerns and thanked them for attending the meeting.

20/097 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 2020

To consider and approve the minutes held on 2nd November 2020.

Resolved: The minutes were approved as a true record and the Chairman confirmed to be signed virtually.

20/098 Police Report

A police report was not received in time for the meeting. Cllr Purchon advised that there has been an incident in the village and said he was verbally assaulted when walking a public footpath. This incident has been reported to the police.

20/099 Highways / Public Footpaths / Items Carried Forward

- 09/104 Whitsend – The chair advised that the clerk has received an update, which has been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting and no action was required. However, if Councillors wished to discuss this item they could do so at the end of the meeting once Cllr Pettigrew leaves due to him declaring an interest.
- 20/072 FP89 safety Issues – Clerk advised that Matthew Chaplin (NELC Public Footpath Officer) has confirmed that the landowner has cutback the hedge and the fencing is not obstructing the line of the path.
Resolved: Cllr Thomson agreed to walk this path to check that the fencing is not obstructing the public footpath.
- 20/091-5 Ward Funding – Cllr Pettigrew confirmed that the ward funding has been granted and that the monies will be paid into the Council's bank account.
Resolved: The Parish Council approved that the upgrade to the website can now be actioned. Clerk to contact the website provider.
- 20/91-6 Chapel Lane damaged street sign update – Clerk reported that NELC highway inspector visited the location, he noted that there was a damaged fixing rivet, but the sign was legible and posing no risk to highway users and therefore did not warrant replacement at this time. However, it was noted during the inspection that a traffic sign was slightly obscured from overgrown vegetation and that a request will be sent to the landowners asking for the shrubbery to be trimmed.

20/100 Items for Discussion

1. Field at the end of Post Office Lane Footpath 90 concerns – Clerk advised that a resident has raised concerns regarding public footpath 90 and the increase in vehicles driving up and down it, as well as parking on and along it. The main concern is that horses have been put in the field next to this footpath and cars/trucks will be using the footpath daily to deliver food and water as it is the only access. Cllr Purchon reiterated the concerns of the resident stating that the footpath is very slippery and treacherous. He also said that the field is an established migrating and hibernation habitat for Great Crested Newts and within 200m of two established breeding sites. The resident has sent several emails and photos to NELC footpath office and each reply has been dismissive.
Resolved: Clerk to contact Matthew Chaplin to see what actions he will be taking to help resolve this concern.

20/101 Planning Matters

Application Received:

- a) DM/0907/20/FUL – Land Adj Field Gates, Post Office Lane. Temporary siting of a static caravan for a period of 18 months during the build phase for the new dwelling on site. Cllr Purchon advised that the recent events, the placement of the caravan, JCB digging are all without planning permission, which makes this application no longer relevant. Previously, this type of action has been frowned on before permission has been granted. The land is an established migrating and hibernation habitat for Great Crest Newts and damaging migrating area's is a criminal offence. Cllr Thomson agreed that procedures should have been followed and screening/netting should have been out in placed before any excavating took place. Cllr Jackson reported that he has spoken to the Portfolio Officer and Planning and has asked why a stop notice has not been placed on this site.
Resolved: The Parish Council reviewed and discussed this application and agreed to defer their comment until an Ecology Report has been completed and that planning enforcement have investigated all the concerns raised.

20/102 Clerk's Report - To receive and report any correspondence from Councillors or Members of the Public for consideration at the meeting

1. Meet the Commissioner via Zoom Tuesday 8th December at 6pm to 7.30pm. Councillors to contact the clerk if they are interested to attend.
2. NELC is launching a multi-agency survey for people to have their say on the future of NELC. Councillors agreed to complete the survey as individuals.
3. NALC have asked if Councillors would complete a survey on Standards in the Public Life. Responses to be emailed to policycomms@nalc.gov.uk by the 15th January 2021. Councillor agreed to complete the survey as individuals.

20/103 Future Dates

- Date of Next Virtual/Remote Meeting – **Monday 4th January 2021 at 7pm.**
- Planning Committee Virtual Meeting – Wednesday 6th January 2021 at 9.30am.
- Town and Parish Councils Liaison Committee Meeting - Thursday 21st January 2021 at 7pm to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Cllr Pettigrew advised that he would be attending this meeting.

20/104 Finance

- a) Finance/Budget review – Finance/budget information was emailed to Councillors and explained by the clerk. Councillors perused and agreed to study during the month, any comments to be made at the next meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to agenda precept setting for January.

- b) To approve the purchase of Office 365/McAfee yearly renewal. Clerk advised that the renewal for the Microsoft Office and McAfee security subscriptions were due for renewal on 15th December 2020 the cost for both £59.99, which would be shared with Brigsley Parish Council.

Resolved: The Parish Council approved the purchase.

To receive a list of Accounts payable up to 7th December 2020 and approve their payment: -

- 1) Kim Kirkham – Salary (paid by standing order) £143.00
- 2) Southern Electric – Telephone Box electric supply (paid by standing order) £6.97
- 3) Ashby PCC – Room Hire £35.00

Resolved: Accounts approved for payment.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Prepared by Kim Kirkham, Parish Clerk

Approved by: _____

These minutes are subject to approval at the next meeting of the Parish Council.