

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Monday 28th February 2011 at 7.15pm

1. Present:

Councillor R Tilt (Chairman)

Councillors: Mr D N Bowden, Mrs M E Heath, Mr D J Brundrett and Mrs E Marrs

Members of the Public were present

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor Smith

2. Apologies:

Nil

3. Items from member of the Public and Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith:

a) Members of the Public:

i) Members of the public commented on the proposals of the village green the design of which had been produced by Mark Ansell for which he was duly thanked.

Although the plans were generally welcomed there were concerns about the closure of the stretch of road on the Butts/Bannuts side of the Green due to problems that would be experienced by articulated lorries and tractors turning into Huntington Lane unless remaining access was made wide enough.

ii) A member of the public raised the triangular parcel of land by the Maypole Pole and as it is outside the school should remain as open access this matter would be referred to the Reference Group.

iii) consideration should be given to the appointment of a tree warden.

b) Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith reported on the following items:

i) There would be no increase in Council Tax in respect of Shropshire Council, Fire Service and Police for the financial year 2011/12.

ii) The LJC had approved a grant provision for two speed vehicle activated signs for use on a rotation basis around local parishes. Six schemes had been put forward for the Market Town Revitalisation Scheme for which there will be a special LJC meeting on the 30th March 2010.

iii) Repair work had commenced to Ludford Bridge consideration was being given to a Weight Limit Restriction or a Vehicle Length restriction on the bridge with both Ludlow Town Council and Ludford Parish Council being consulted.

iv) The planning application for a caravan mobile leisure site in Overton Road had been publicised.

4. To declare any Personal/Prejudicial Interests:

Personal – Mr D N Bowden

5. To approve minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 24th January 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The Clerk informed the meeting that if the Parish Council purchased an additional grit/salt bin for the centre of the village Shropshire Council would supply and replenish the salt and grit. The cost of the bin would be approximately £126 the item would be placed on the agenda for next meeting.

7. Chairman's communications:

i) The Chairman reported on the recent Local Joint Committee on which there had been reports from the Local Police and Fire Service and there was a presentation on the Shropshire Council budget cuts.

ii) The Chairman also reported that there were concerns about Ludford Bridge and that consideration should be given to some form of restriction.

8. Improvements to the Village Green:

The Parish Council discussed the proposed improvements to the village green area with the proposed closure of the strip of road Butts/Bannuts side of the Green.

There were concerns about access to large vehicles and tractors but councillors were in favour of the scheme which would be a community program and could be a Queens Jubilee 2012.

Mr J Cowans had produced a detailed on the improvements which included various actions in relation to the verges, closure of the road costs etc.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cowans for the work he had undertaken.

The Parish Council agreed to proceed with the scheme in principle subject to the issues raised being consulted both with Shropshire Council and Local residents.

9. Planning Items:

No items to report

10. Highway items:

a) Following a request from a local resident Shropshire Council about the north western corner pillar on Ashford Bridge and reports that there does not appear to be any noticeable movement with the lean on the pillar appearing to be historic although it was agreed that this will need repairing in due course.

11. Financial Items:

The Clerk reported that the current bank balance was £2,381.73

Payment of salary and expenses to the Clerk were agreed.

12. Development of the New School:

It was reported by the Chairman that development of the new school was progressing and that any issues that should arise should be referred to the Reference Group who will be asked to look at the triangular parcel of land by the May Pole and the open access.

13. Tree Warden:

Consideration to the appointment of a Tree Warden would be given at the next meeting any persons interested should put their names forward it was also suggested that there should be a Tree Watch Scheme were members of the public could report the Parish Council

14. Village Hall:

It was reported that the village hall committee were not currently pursuing an alternative access to the hall and were also obtaining costs of a new notice board.

15. Future Meetings:

Monday 11th April 2011, Monday 23rd May 2011.

Chairman

Village Matters to be put on agenda for next meeting.

- a) Tree Warden
- b) Grit Bin
- c) Notice Board