

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Monday 24th January 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) A member of the public suggested that it may be useful if the distributors of the unpleasant posters concerning the new school should apologise.

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council had drawn a close to the matter and could not comment as the item had been referred to the Local Police.

ii) A member of the public raised the condition of the highway verges in the village and enquired if the Parish Council could use some of the Environment/Highway Grant to tidy the verges. The Chairman suggested that this item should be considered at a future meeting of the Council.

b) Shropshire Councillor – Martin Taylor Smith:

i) Martin reported that 14,000 tonnes of salt/grit had been used this winter and that an extra £1m had been placed into the Highway Gritting Fund.

ii) Martin reported that meetings had been held with Richards Castle Parish Council and Ludford Parish Council by representatives of Morris Leisure to discuss the possibility of a 135 pitch Touring Caravan Park on land in Overton Road the major concern of those present was access to the site. It should be noted that no planning application had been submitted for the development the company are also holding two open days at the Charlton Arms Ludford on the 4th and 5th February 2011.

4. To declare any Personal/Prejudicial Interests:

Nil

5. To approve minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th December 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

No Items

7. Chairman's communications:

i) The Chairman reported on the recent discussions concerning improvements to the Village Green the parcel of land at the entrance to Dumblehole Lane which was being damaged by vehicles reversing at the junction.

A meeting had been held with the Highways Engineer and consideration was given to the closure of part of the road, the provision of bollards, salt bin to be resited and a general tidying of the area.

After a discussion it was agreed that residents views should be sought and the item discussed at a future meeting.

To clarify the status of the parcel of land the Clerk has established that it was registered as a Village Green in 1972 in the name of the Parish Council.

ii) There would be an Emergency Planning Briefing held by Shropshire Council on Monday 11th April 2011 Council Chamber Shirehall to which a representative of the Parish Council is invited.

iii) There is a Consultation Meeting to which the public are invited about securing the future hospital services in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin to be held on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at Craven Arms Community Centre 7pm

iv) There is currently a Bus Strategy Consultation Road Show concerning the reduction of bus services details are available on Shropshire Council website www.shropshire.gov.uk.

8. Planning Items:

No items to report

9. Highway items:

a) The Chairman referred to the closure of Ludford Bridge which will be closed for a considerable period of time while repairs are undertaken to the bridge and the need for an appropriate weight limit.

The Parish Council agreed to support the requests for a weight limit although concerns were expressed at the other routes for access to Ludlow by Large Vehicles.

b) The Clerk to obtain quotes for Grit Bins and to enquire if a bin is provided by the Parish Council if it will be filled with salt by Shropshire Council.

10. Financial Items:

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

11. Development of the New School:

Cllr Mrs E Marrs reported on the recent site visit by members of the Council and the Reference Group to view the site and works undertaken to-date. The redistribution of the soil, timescale, replacement hedges, improvements to the Ashford Carbonell junction was discussed.

The contactors intend to send out a monthly newsletter, the school children will visit the company where the timber frames are made, there are proposals for a time capsule to be buried and pupils from Ludlow School were producing a film of the development of the new school.

Cllr Mrs E Marrs will co-ordinate any ideas for the time capsule with copies of the History of the Parish and Millennium book being suggested.

12. Tree warden:

The Parish Council received the resignation of the Tree Warden Mr Ericsson who was disappointed that he had not been consulted on the removal of trees at the new school site as Tree Warden for the Parish.

The Clerk read a copy of a letter received from Mr T McCabe Corporate Director Places Shropshire Council that had been forwarded to the Local MP Phillip Dunne concerning the consultation that had taken place on the erection of the new school which explained the whole community was invited to comment; as part of the community and as the Parish Tree Warden Mr Ericsson was in no way excluded from this consultation.

The Chairman apologised on behalf of the Parish Council that Mr Ericsson was not consulted personally as Tree Warden and thanked him for the work that he had undertaken over the years on behalf of the community in the protection of the Trees.

13. Future Meetings:

Monday 28th February 2011, Monday 11th April 2011, Monday 23rd May 2011.

Chairman

Village Matters to be put on agenda for next meeting.

a) Village Hall alternative Access

b) Village Hall Notice Board