

ASHFORD CARBONELL PARISH COUNCIL

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The Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council meeting held at Ashford Carbonell Village Hall on Wednesday 18th May 2011 at 7.00pm

1. Present:

Councillor R Tilt (Chairman)

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

Over 50 Members of the Public were present

Shropshire Councillor: Martin Taylor Smith

Apologies were received from Reverend Richard Green

Annual Parish Meeting

2. Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Mr R Tilt presented his annual report providing details of the main items the Council had dealt with during the year making particular reference to the development of the new school, the Ludlow and Cleve Local Joint Committee, the Flood Forum, Ludford Bridge and the budget cuts being implemented by Shropshire Council which will impact on the delivery of Local Services.

The Chairman thanked fellow Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their contribution and support during the year.

3. Parish Council Income and Expenditure Details 2010//2011

The Clerk had produced a statement of the Income and Expenditure for the financial year 2009/2010 and highlighted the main items of expenditure and income with the balances at the 31st March 2011 being £1,618.

4. Report from Shropshire Councillor Martin Taylor Smith

Cllr Martin Taylor Smith in his report highlighted his role on Shropshire Council with his current Cabinet Portfolio being Transformation and IT with more reliance on information being available on the Internet; however this will require Broadband for all areas in Shropshire which currently had 75% coverage.

Shropshire Council had identified required budget cuts of £76 million over the next with considerable savings being achieved with the restructure of the management of the authority.

Martin referred to the development of the new school which should be completed by September 2011.

5. Report of the Chairman of Ashford Village Hall Committee:

Mrs I Yellowley highlighted the use of the hall which was used on a regular weekly basis by a variety of organisations, an award had been received for access to services and a grant of £1,200 obtained from the Ludlow and Cleve Local Joint Committee for redecoration works.

Improvements continue to be undertaken both in respect of the hall and the grounds which included repairs to the Tennis Court and the provision of a new football net.

The Village Hall Committee were grateful to the annual grant received from the Parish Council to which it had applied for increased funding as the Hall and Grounds are seen as benefit to all of the local community.

6. Items from Members of the Public:

a) Bishop Hooper School:

i) Mrs E Marrs gave an update on the development of the school following a site visit by the Parish Council and Reference Group highlighting the following: the stone work and variation of the use of different timbers in the construction, the landscaping and planting schemes which were planned but were still to be commenced, the sample of proposed perimeter fencing which could now be viewed on site.

ii) Mrs J Tennent gave an update on the Orchard Group; the orchard would be beneficial to the school and local environment, the group was working with the School and Governors and would publish regular updates in the Parish Magazine.

The community involvement would be growing, cooking and sharing and would involve residents of Caynham, Ashford Bowdler, Ashford Carbonell and parent and children attending the school from Ludlow.

It was envisaged that planting would be started in 2012 giving the ground time to settle and for funding avenues to be considered the orchard would have between 30 and 60 trees and would be subject to some security.

iii) Proposed speed limit and visibility of the junction by the School: - The Chairman and Mrs M Heath had meet the local police to discuss the imposition of a speed limit, the local police raised questions about a 30mph speed limit which would require more traffic calming measures than a 40mph speed limit which they preferred as being more enforceable.

The Shropshire Council representative explained the proposed two schemes based on either a 30mph or 40mph speed limit which could include Ashford Carbonell Village which would provide the provision of additional signage.

The meeting discussed the options with a number of questions being raised by the public concerning the start and finish of the appropriate speed limit, the provision of school hazard warning lights and a speed activated sign to the eastern side of the access to the School. There was also considerable discussion concerning the improvement of visibility to the Ashford Carbonell/Caynham Road Junction with it being suggested that the hedges at both sides of the junction being taken back an appropriate distance and then replanted to provide good visibility when accessing Caynham Road from the village.

The meeting agreed by a show of hands that there should be an appropriate 30mph speed limit along Caynham Road which should not include Ashford Carbonell Village, there should be a permanent speed activated warning site to the eastern site of the school access, the provision of school hazard warning lights and the improved visibility to the junction Ashford Carbonell/Caynham Road which should include an improvement to both sides of the road with the taking back and replanting of the existing hedges to provide good visibility when accessing Caynham Road from the village.

iv) The meeting agreed because of the security to the school that the current Right of Way Access across the Bishop Hooper School Site should be deleted.

v) There was further discussion on various aspects of the school which related to the following issues:

Planting of trees between the existing Chestnut Trees – this should be looked at by the Reference Group however the preference of the meeting was that there should be no other planting between the avenue of trees.

Landscaping - meeting had been held with local residents and it would appear that appropriate consensus had been reached with a mixed planting scheme being agreed.

Fencing and Panelling – sample of proposed fencing can be seen on site there would also be fencing around the proposed multi sports area.

Lighting and CCTV – Lighting will not be left on all night, the provision of CCTV would be on a 15Ft pool which would cover the whole school.

Use of the School – This was a matter for the school governor's

Security – Access to the Orchard will be authorised users and will be controlled at all times.

c) Improvements to the Village Green - The item was deferred until the next meeting until further information had been provided by Shropshire Council on the legal and financial implications to the suggested road closure.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and especially the Martin Taylor Smith and the representatives of Shropshire Council specifically for the way that they have consulted and dealt with items raised by the Parish Council, the Reference Group and Local Community in respect of the development of the school.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

1. Public Session:

No items

2. Declarations of Interest: Personal – Mr D J Brundrett – Grant Village Hall Committee

3. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Mr R Tilt was elected as Chairman for the ensuing year

Mr D N Bowen was elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

4. Appoint of Representatives to outside Organisations for the Year

SSAPTC – Mr R Tilt

Ludlow and Clee Hill Area Local Joint Committee – Mr R Tilt

Ashford Carbonell Village Hall – Mr D J Brundrett and Mrs M E Heath

5. To approve minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Chairman's communications:

No items to report

7. Planning Items:

No items to be considered at the meeting

8. Highway items:

No Items to report

9. Bishop Hooper School

a) The Parish Council agreed that:

i) An appropriate 30mph speed limit should be implemented along Caynham Road in the vicinity of the new school however this should not include Ashford Carbonell Village.

ii) There should be a permanent speed activated sign to the eastern side of the entrance of the school

iii) The provision of school warning flashing lights

iv) The removal and replanting of the hedgerow to an appropriate distance on both sides of the road junction Ashford Carbonell/Caynham Road to provide improved visibility for road users.

b) The Parish Council agreed that appropriate consultation be undertaken by Shropshire Council for the deletion of the Right of Way across the Bishop Hooper School Site.

10. Improvements to the Village Green:

The item was deferred until the next meeting until further information had been provided by Shropshire Council on the legal and financial implications to the suggested road closure.

11. Financial Items:

The Parish Council approved a grant of £1,200 to the Village Hall Committee for the upkeep of the field.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council may have to consider increasing the Precept in 2012/13 if it wishes to continue to provide this level of support to the Village Hall in future years.

12. Future Meetings:

Monday 11th July 2011, Monday 15th August 2011, Monday 26th September 201, Monday 14th November 201,
Monday 19th December 2011, Monday 13th February 2012, Monday 19th March 2012, Monday 14th May 2012

Chairman

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