



ASHFIELD-CUM-THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

All Councillors are reminded of their obligations under the Code of Conduct Regulations.

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 27th February 2023 at the Community Hall

Attendance	Robert Grimsey (Chair) (RG)	Myles Hansen (Vice-Chair) (MHa)	Simon Garrett (SG)
	Ruth Hart (RH)	Chris Sharpe (CS)	Sarah Clare (Clerk)

Public present at the meeting: 0

ACTPC-23-03-01 Apologies for Absence

None

ACTPC 23-03-02 Public Forum

None

ACTPC 23-03-03 Declaration of Interests

None

ACTPC 23-03-04 Minutes of previous meetings

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30th January 2023 as a true and accurate record, were proposed by SG, seconded by RH all voted in favour and **IT WAS SO RESOLVED**. The Minutes were signed by the Chair and the Clerk

ACTPC 23-03-05 Matters Arising and Action Points from the January 30th Minutes

1. Submit responses to Planning Department at District Council as agreed. DISCHARGED
2. Conduct survey of village residents to find out about demand for buses. ONGOING – CS had sent out a final draft and asked for all Councillors to view and consider before next meeting.
3. Contact Housing Officer at the District Council about whether the commercial vehicle parked dangerously close to Grove Lane could be parked on a tenanted property's driveway. (Copy in KG). ONGOING. RG reported he had been in contact with latest housing officer at Mid Suffolk not only about vehicle parking, but about a recent chimney fire and large bonfires taking place in the garden. RG has advised nearby residents to contact the emergency services without delay if a similar situation arises.
4. Reinstate footpath sign. ONGOING
5. Return signatory resubmission form to the bank. DISCHARGED The Clerk reported that the bank have confirmed no further information is required and will now look to start the process of applying for online dual authorisation banking to be set up for the Council.
6. To distribute payments as approved at the January 30th meeting. DISCHARGED

ACTPC 23-03-06 Planning

- a) To consider planning applications that had been submitted since the last meeting:
 - i) DC/23/00667 – Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a building for Agricultural or Forestry Use. Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 6 – Erection of storage building. Ashfield Place Farm, Main Road, IP14 6LU

Councillors had all studied the application in advance of the meeting. After discussion it was decided to submit a Neutral Comment on the application as follows

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- The Parish Council believes that such a substantial building needs to go through proper planning process, particularly as the application is being presented as a new build even though there is an existing building on site, so demolition work would be required first. Additionally, the Council has ~~has~~ concerns about possible asbestos being in an old farm building of this nature, which is not mentioned in the application.

CS proposed, RG seconded, all voted in favour and **IT WAS SO RESOLVED.**

- b) To consider any planning applications that have been submitted since agenda was published: None
- c) Updates and outcomes on previous planning applications:
- i) DC/22/06023 – Full Planning Application – Installation of Ground Mounted Solar Panels. 1 Hillside, The Street – Granted
 - ii) DC/22/06019 – Listed Building Consent – Increase height of chimney, including 3 chimney pots. Merrivale House, The Street – Granted.

ACTPC – 23-03-07 Urgent Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

- a) RG reported that he had met with Suffolk Highways at Grove Lane now that the issue of who is responsible for the heavily potholed stretch of road has been resolved. The area that requires remedial work has been measured, but when the work is likely to be carried out is unknown at present as Suffolk County Council has just negotiated a new contract with a new supplier to carry out Highways work.
- b) Items for March agenda:
- Review & Re-adopt Standing Orders & Financial Regulations
 - Consideration for adoption – Environmental Policy
 - Management of Ashfield Mail messaging
 - Any final preparations needed for the Annual Parish Meeting

Items for the March Agenda – please notify the Clerk of any further items for the agenda as soon as possible and by Monday 6th March 2022 at the latest, with any accompanying paperwork ready to be circulated with the agenda upon publication.

There being no further business requiring the attention of the Parish Council, the meeting was closed at 8 pm. The next meeting is set for **Monday 13th March 2023** at 7.30 pm in the Community Hall.

Sarah Clare
Parish Clerk

Robert Grimsey
Chair

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