ASHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall on Monday 17th May 2021 at 7.17pm

Present: Councillors R Fisken (Chairman), C Butler, A Keeley, R Butler and G Light

In Attendance: P Thompson (Clerk) and two residents

1. **Apologies:** Councillor A Dick

2. **Declaration of Interests:** None

The Chairman advised that he would change the order of business by bringing forward item 7 and adjourned the meeting to allow the residents present to comment on their application.

7. Planning:

Applications-

21/00985 - Linden House, Burnt Hill: Single storey side extension to create a granny annex. It was unanimously agreed that 'no objections' should be submitted in respect of this application.

21/00967/LBC2 - Noakes Hill Cottage, Noakes Hill: Replacement of 24 windows with timber double glazed windows. It was unanimously agreed that 'no objections' should be submitted in respect of this application.

21/01014 - Gate Cottage, Haw Farm, Hampstead Norreys (as adjacent parish): Two storey and single storey rear extension and other alterations. It was unanimously agreed that 'no objections' should be submitted in respect of this application.

The Clerk was asked to submit the Council's observations to WBC

Updates-

21/00436 - Oakley House, Pinfold Lane: First floor extension and external alterations. Coloured render to all walls and new roof tiles to all roofs. Approved by WBC.

3. Police Matters:

None reported.

4. Footpaths and Byways:

Councillor Colin Butler advised that he had received a complaint from a resident concerning footpath 13 and its exit onto the Aldworth Road which is quite steep. The Clerk was asked to write to the Estate regarding the possibility of creating a permitted path to continue footpath 13 to Hartridge Lane, which is a single track road, as an alternative to passing through the crop onto the busy two lane Aldworth Road. He was also asked to contact highways suggesting the creation of steps to make the exit onto the Aldworth Road safer. The Clerk was asked to complete the WBC PROW survey. This particular path was the only area of concern.

5. Roads:
Concerns were raised regarding waste bins left on Palmers Hill. The Clerk was asked to write to the householders.
The Clerk was also asked to write to WBC regarding weight restrictions for Holly Lane and Palmers Hill, other than for access. This followed complaints regarding HGVs ignoring existing signs.

6. Open Spaces Review:
The Green: The Chairman advised that he would ask residents to remove the logs. The Clerk was asked to write to the Estate regarding scalpings for making good the lay-by.

8. CIL Reserve:
The Clerk advised that, with the recent purchase of the bench and outdoor table tennis table, there is now a balance held of £3,622 which must be spent by 2024. The Clerk was asked to investigate whether this could be invested in a match funded scheme set up by Ashampstead Recreational Trust, the charity which owns the hall and recreation ground.

9. Finance:
Payments were authorised as follows:

Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£607.46	Grass cutting for March and April
P Thompson	£228.80	Clerk's net salary for April and May
P Thompson	£ 40.09	Clerk's expenses
BHIB Ltd	£144.58	Insurance to 31 May 2020
CPRE	£ 36.00	Subscription
Hampshire Association of Local Councils	£ 93.50	Subscription
The Information Commissioner	£ 35.00	GDPR registration fee (Direct debit)

Payments previously authorised by email:

Table Tennis 365	£749.95	Outdoor table tennis table
Reformation Ltd	£299.00	Bench

Donations:
It was agreed that donations under Section 137 should also be made of £250 to Ashampstead PCC, £60 to Pangbourne & District Volunteer Centre, £25 to West Berkshire Citizens Advice Bureau and £30 to Berkshire Vision.
Internet banking:
It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate further the impact of internet banking on the Council's internal controls.

10. Government Consultation on Remote Council Meetings.
It was agreed that remote meetings would be beneficial where there is little business on the agenda, as in the case of some extraordinary meetings. The Chairman would respond accordingly.

11. Any Other Business: There was none.

12. The meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will convene at 7.00 pm on Monday 5th July 2021.

13. **Parishioners' Questions:** There were none.