

Ashbrittle Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 10th April 2017

Present:

Councillors: Charles Doble (Chairman), Helena Massie, Jeremy Robbins

Vicky Hughes (administrative support)

Apologies for absence: None

1. **Minutes of previous meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
2. **Matters arising:**
 - i) JR had invited the conservation officer to visit the village to look at several places previously identified as needing attention. They had had an interesting discussion but, so far, the conservation officer had not been able to visit in person. The council will now issue a written invitation. The officer had asked if a current parish plan was in operation as this would be the foundation for any developments and restorations. The parish plan will now be on the agenda for the next council meeting;
 - ii) HM reported that the date of the Wiveliscombe Area Partnership meeting had been rescheduled but she had received the notes and there was nothing to report pertinent to our community;
 - iii) A response had been given by the flower garden team that, as yet, there was no need for council funding for seeds or other materials.
3. **Correspondence received:**
 - i) the crime report was received from PCSO Louise Fyne and distributed to all councillors. No crimes had been reported in our village community;
 - ii) the invoice had been received from Stawley Parish Council for the Stash website running costs. This invoice had been paid;
 - iii) a box of chocolates had been received from Untold Theatre as thanks for the council's donation to the recent production of 'The Ghosts of Mr Dickens'. The performance had been well-attended and positively received.
4. **Addition to Council:** VH expressed her wish to join the parish council. She was co-opted by the existing councillors present (proposed CD, seconded HM) and warmly welcomed by all. VH will submit the appropriate forms to TDBC.
5. **Reports from Councillors:**
 - i) **Planning** (Charles Doble): The proposed development of the bungalow on the corner of Rectory Road had been previously discussed and the appropriate planning process was underway.
 - ii) **The Globe** (Jeremy Robbins) JR had attended the meeting organised by Stawley Parish Council on 4th April about the future of The Globe. Stawley PC could exercise a six month moratorium to put a hold on a proposed sale to a third party as the pub is registered as an asset of community value. A steering

committee is being established to monitor developments and to look at the feasibility of taking over The Globe as a community-run pub. At present The Globe is for sale as a licensed premise with no change of use proposed. Ashbrittle Parish Council expressed their support of Stawley PC in their determination to keep this valuable community asset open and running.

- iii) **Footpaths** (Jeremy Robbins) JR reported that two trees had fallen across the stream boundary of the footpath through Grogham Copse, on the Devon side. He would inform the landowner to see if the trees could be cleared from the path.
- iv) **Affordable Housing** (Jeremy Robbins): JR and the representatives from the other parish councils would be meeting to review and update the recommendations of the previous report.
- v) **Community Matters** (Helena Massie) HM reported that Wivey Link costs have increased; the enrolment fee has gone up from £10 to £15 a year but fares remain much lower than taxis and the service is efficient and door-to-door. More volunteer drivers are needed. Ashbrittle Parish Council is happy to support this valuable community service so agreed a donation of £50 to the Wivey link running costs (proposed JR, seconded CD, unanimously agreed).
- vi) **Finance** (Helena Massie) HM presented the accounts to the present date. £42 was paid to Stawley for our share of the Stash website. The burial and churchyard maintenance grant had been received and passed to Ashbrittle PCC as appropriate. A discussion was had about the necessary and urgent repairs to the Church following the quinquennial inspection and an initial donation of £500 was proposed by JR, seconded by HM, for the Church. A further donation would be considered later in the year. HM presented the annual governance statement paperwork. This forms part of the annual return for the year ended 31.03.17 and would now be sent to the accountants and external auditors. CD expressed grateful thanks to HM for the amount of work she has put in to managing the accounts this year.

6. Any other business: None

7. Date of next meeting: The AGM would be held on Monday 5th June 2017 at 7pm followed directly by the regular bi-monthly meeting. HM will advertise the AGM on the website.

8. The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.