



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Councillors present: Cllr Adrian Waygood, Chairman
Cllr Stuart Norman, Vice Chairman
Cllr Jim Egginton
Cllr Michael Stevens
Cllr Simon Peace
Cllr Tim Noble

Officer attending: Lorna Ewen, Clerk

Others present: 3 members of the public

22.87 **Apologies for absence:** None.

22.88 **Declarations of interest:** None.

22.89 **To receive the minutes of the last meeting** held 5th September 2022.

Proposed by Cllr Stevens as an accurate record, seconded by Cllr Noble and approved unanimously.

22.90 **Matters arising:** Cllr Peace has had a meeting with the Chief Planning Officer which was helpful and had forwarded his notes to all councillors:

- Objections should be accompanied with reasons, explaining the impact that the proposed development will have
- The council's opinion does not outweigh that of neighbours
- Proximity increases the weight given to the objection
- If the council expresses an opinion it needs to explain the reasoning behind it
- Ugliness and context with existing buildings is also a valid factor.

22.91 **Correspondence:**

An email had been received from a parishioner objecting to the Cottered trial traffic weight restriction, arguing that if a restriction is imposed on HGVs passing through Cottered, they will divert through even more unsuitable roads in the surrounding villages, leading to fuel inefficiency. Proposed by Cllr Norman, seconded by Cllr Egginton that the council send a letter of objection to this effect. Carried with 5 in favour and one abstention.

22.92 **Financial report** and cheques for approval as per the circulated schedules: Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Peace and approved unanimously.

22.93 **Planning:** To consider current planning applications.

Ladydene, Moor Green: has submitted another planning application - the clerk had not received notification.

Orchard Cottage, Wood End 3/22/2174/HH: Application for an outbuilding. Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Stevens: No objection as the structure is in keeping with the main property and those surrounding it. Carried unanimously.

Spring Grange, Wood End: It was mentioned that the building work appears to have progressed without satisfying the archaeological study requirement which was a condition of planning consent being granted.

Proposed by Cllr Noble, seconded by Cllr Peace: Clerk to ascertain status of archaeological study requirement from EHDC. Carried unanimously.

22.94 Highways:

Cromer drains update: Charlotte Dunham has taken over from Ben Randall at Ringway and is happy to arrange a site visit. Cllr Norman and Cllr Egginton agreed to attend.

Cromer traffic calming update: Cllr Egginton reported that he has carried out 3 sessions on Drive Safe, the overall speed is decreased as a result of the speed warning device but there is still the same percentage of persistently fast drivers. Enhanced cars are still a problem, especially to children and pets.

Moving the speed deterrent sign from south to north Cromer: Cllr Egginton has written but has not had a reply. Cllr Egginton will contact Cty Cllr Crofton to request a second sign for the north end of the village.

Cromer white entrance gates: The parish council has agreed previously to contribute to the cost in conjunction with Highways Dept. To be followed up with Cty Cllr Crofton.

22.95 Ardeley:

Pond fencing - update: Cllr Waygood reported that there is no plan as to the precise materials to be used as this will not be decided until closer to instigation but at the site meeting with Cty Cllr Crofton and the two representatives from Highways, it was agreed that the new fencing would be in keeping with what was already there. Cty Cllr Crofton is chasing Highways about temporary repairs to the breakages and danger points.

Repairs to BOAT 51 and Back Lane - update: Cllr Stevens wrote to Cty Cllr Crofton and the track is being repaired from Church Farm almost to Wood End which is a good result.

Back Lane: Cllr Stevens will write again to Cty Cllr Crofton to request repairs.

Reported leak to library box: The clerk has notified Mr Williamson and is awaiting a response.

22.96 Playground: To consider report from September's inspection. No action required.

Fence repairs: Cllr Egginton agreed to progress this, following the resignation of Cllr Miller.

It had been reported that the 'No Dogs' notice needed renewal. Cllr Egginton has already installed a replacement.

Pigeon deterrent spikes: Cllr Egginton will inspect the installation prior to the settlement of the invoice.

22.97 Moor Green:

Acre Farm, request for signs: Cllr Stevens noted that Wood End has signs on parish council land to indicate the properties.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Peace: The council should permit the erection of 2 signs to Acre Farm, one at each access route to the house showing entry from either direction, the signs each being made of wood, set on wooden posts. Carried 5 in favour, 1 against.

Traffic issues along the track adjacent to Acre Farm: Proposed by Cllr Peace, seconded by Cllr Norman: A letter to be sent, stating that any further obstructions placed on parish council or common land will be removed by Ardeley Parish Council at the expense of the person placing it there, without notice. Carried 3:2, 1 abstention.

It was noted that it was open to the owners of Acre Farm to ask for temporary signs during the course of construction work at Ladydene.

Cllr Stevens reported that the oak trees on Moor Green are due to be renewed this month.

Cllr Egginton to consult Wildlife Trust about how best to deal with the thistles that are encroaching on Moor Green and Munchers Green.

22.98 Litter collection:

The new litter bins - update: The purchase of these is on hold because of the changes to the litter collection grant. Cllr Waygood to report at next meeting.

It was noted that despite the objections submitted on behalf of the council, the litter collection grant is likely to be axed in rural parishes, which will lead to litter collection being funded directly by Ardeley Parish Council.

22.99 Parish council land: Munchers Green.

More cutting back has been done and a letter sent to Mr Andrews requesting him to cut the hedges in Munchers Green, but it may be that an outside contractor will need to be instructed. For next meeting's agenda.

22.100 Jubilee tree planting at Cromer and Wood End: update on progress.

Cromer: Cllr Egginton has sourced the trees, 3 small limes and 2 whitebeams at either end at £20-30 each plus £5 for each planting kit. He will get a planting party together for 'The Cromer Jubilee Trees'.

Wood End: Cllr Egginton will order limes and oaks 5 trees in total for Wood End from Herts Natural Trees.

22.101 Urgent matters not previously notified

Cllr Peace reported that he had attended his inaugural meeting of the Parish Hall Committee. The school will no longer be using it for lunches after 70 years in order to make savings. The vicar wants to promote the village hall as a venue for local events. Improvements to the village hall are planned.

22.102 Date of next meeting: Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm, the last one for 2022.

Public participation: The owner of Acre Farm thanked the council for its consideration.