



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Councillors present: Cllr Adrian Waygood, Chairman
Cllr Jim Egginton
Cllr Simon Peace
Cllr Tim Noble
Cllr Jackie York

Officer attending: Lorna Ewen, Clerk

Others present: 6 members of the public

23.45 Apologies for absence: Cllr Stuart Norman and District Cllr Aubrey Holt. This being the first regular meeting after the elections, Cllr Waygood expressed thanks to former councillor Mike Stevens for his service to Ardeley Parish Council during his term of office and welcomed Cllr Jackie York to the council.

23.46 Declarations of interest: None.

23.47 To receive the minutes of the last meeting held 6th March 2023.

Amendment at 23.24, white gates were installed at Cromer *and at and Ardeley boundaries*.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood as an accurate record, having been hand corrected contemporaneously, seconded by Cllr Egginton, approved unanimously and signed by the chairman.

23.48 Matters arising:

Chris Dawson seat: The clerk contacted the PCC and was informed that the church does not have a maintenance plan in place but will consider doing so.

Birch Tree Paddock: The initial response from Planning was that there had been no infringement by current use. However, a subsequent email had been received suggesting that this will be reassessed.

Container in field at Cromer-Luffenhall Crossroads: The clerk had been informed that a case file had been opened and a decision awaited.

23.49 Correspondence: PCSO Glen Stanway is forwarding monthly crime reports for Ardeley and the surrounding villages which will be posted on the website.

Litter collection: It has been confirmed that there are 3 litter bins in Ardeley that should be emptied on Thursdays, two in the village and one outside the playground.

23.50 Financial report and cheques for approval.

Auditor's remuneration. This has been graciously declined by the auditor who has kindly continued to offer his services free of charge. Proposed by Cllr Waygood and seconded by Cllr Peace: The council agrees to accept Mr Charlton's generous offer of his services without remuneration. Resolved unanimously.

Cheques for approval were presented as per the schedules:

Proposed by Cllr Peace, seconded by Cllr Egginton and approved unanimously.

23.51 Planning: To consider current planning applications.

3/23/0773/HH 4 Bradcots, Ardeley. Proposed by Cllr Peace, seconded by Cllr Waygood: This council is of the view that the application is sensitive to its setting and fits within planning policy. Approved unanimously.

23.52 Highways: Speeding issues in Cromer. Cllr Egginton has emailed District Cllr Holt and will pursue the case for another speed indicator so that there is one at each end of the village as the two sockets already exist. Cllr Egginton commented that the entrance gates to the village are a major achievement.

The state of local roads: Proposed by Cllr Waygood and seconded by Cllr Peace: A letter to be sent to District Cllr Holt and to Ringways regarding the state of the main road (Moor Green Lane) from the corner of Lodge Hill to the junction at Cromer (White Hill, B1036). The edges of the road continue to deteriorate, causing the side of the road to collapse. The danger is further compounded by detritus building up in the roadway, combining with the pothole, making the worst sections barely passable at times. Resolved unanimously.

23.53 Ardeley:

Repairs to library box and telephone box update: Cllr Peace reported that he has met with Peartree Furniture regarding the repairs needed and has approved as necessary the work proposed in the quotation. A further quote to repaint the telephone box is outstanding and a maintenance plan for the noticeboards will be included, excluding the noticeboard at Wood End which will be kindly maintained free of charge by Peartree Furniture.

Playground: a) March inspection report: No actions required. b) Replacement sign: Cllr Waygood has obtained one and will kindly gift it to the playground free of charge. c) Obsolete litter bin: Cllr Waygood will obtain a quotation for its removal.

23.54 Moor Green: Acre Farm- application for access easement.

Following the application by the residents of Acre Farm, the council looked at the information submitted as well as historical parish council records. An amendment to the original easement was agreed at a council meeting on 27th October 1967 when Mr Frith, the then owner of Acre Farm, applied to change this from a single track direct to Acre Farm house to the current crescent, thereby allowing access to the then newly created Ladydene, as well as improving access to the Acre Farm farmyard. The location claimed to be the original entrance on the documentation submitted was deemed incorrect and did not correlate with the applicant's claims. The council also considered local views which supported maintaining the status quo, together with the fact that Moor Green is a conservation area.

Proposed by Cllr Peace seconded by Cllr Waygood: This council does not grant the application from Acre Farm for an additional easement. Resolved unanimously.

23.55 Parish council land: Maintenance update. Former Cllr Stevens sent his apologies for not being able to attend and hopes to forward an update prior to the next meeting.

23.56 Urgent matters not previously notified: None.

23.57 Date of next meeting: Monday 10th July at 7.30 pm.

23.58 Dates of future meetings: 4th September, 6th November and 8th January 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm. Comments:

Highways and Ringway: It was mentioned that ditch clearing causes disruption to traffic, as recently the case in Moor Green to Wood End and the work done has not been effective. The council responded that the more people who report issues to Highways, the more attention these are given.