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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the village hall.**

Councillors present: Cllr Adrian Waygood, Chairman  
Cllr Stuart Norman, Vice-Chairman  
Cllr Jim Egginton  
Cllr Tim Noble  
Cllr Jackie York

Officer attending: Lorna Ewen, Clerk

Others present: 5 members of the public

**23.73 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Simon Peace, District Cllr Aubrey Holt.

**23.74 Declarations of interest:** None.

**23.75 To receive the minutes of the last meeting** held 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

Proposed by Cllr Waygood as an accurate record, seconded by Cllr Norman, approved unanimously and signed by the chairman.

**23.76 Matters arising:** None.

**23.77 Correspondence:** The clerk reminded the council of: The invitation from Cty Cllr Crofton regarding the annual meeting of HCC and HAPTC on 21<sup>st</sup> November and the Department for Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill Consultation to simplify local plans and the request from Citizens' Advice for grant funding. There were no comments relating to these.

Correspondence from HAPTC relating to the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings next June: Cllr Noble asked for this to be added to the next agenda.

**23.78 Financial report** and cheques for approval. There was an outstanding balance for BHIB Insurers of £43.69 and clerk's expenses of £9.80 for 2 reams of paper in addition to the usual outgoings.

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

3/23/1584/VAR Ladydene, Moor Green: 2 applications to vary.

Letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> August: Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Noble: No objection. Resolved unanimously.

Letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> August: To be considered post meeting.

**23.80 Highways:** Speed reduction measures for Cromer and Luffenhall and parish road repairs update.

Cllr Egginton reported that information about the 'Twenty's Plenty Campaign' had been favourably received by Cromer residents. Luffenhall would also be suitable for inclusion because like Cromer, there is no pedestrian pavement. Figures from the Dept of Transport show that a 20 mph limit has

the effect of slowing traffic which instead of travelling at 35 mph would be reduced to 25 – 30 mph which would be a big improvement. Cllr Egginton mentioned that attitudes are changing rapidly with the recent reduction of 30 mph to 20 mph in Wales.

Proposed by Cllr Egginton, seconded by Cllr Waygood: That Ardeley Parish Council registers its interest with the 'Twenty's Plenty Campaign' for all of the 30 mph areas in the parish as well as Luffenhall (which is currently 60mph) with the intention of working to implement a reduction to 20 mph. Resolved unanimously.

Moving the Cromer speed sign/obtaining another sign was put over to next agenda.

Information received from Cty Cllr Crofton confirmed that repairs to the 'Walkern trench' had been put back to November.

**23.81 Ardeley:** Repairs to library box and telephone box repainting: update.

It was reported that the work would be carried out once there had been a break in the weather.

**23.82 Litter Collection:** On-going bin emptying issues in Ardeley, update.

Cllr Waygood had been in regular correspondence with District Cllr Holt regarding the irregular bin emptying; a minimum of every Thursday was deemed essential, and in the summer, twice weekly would be ideal. District Cllr Holt had been helpful and was trying to obtain a response.

**23.83 Parish council land:** Maintenance update was postponed in the absence of Cllr Peace. Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Noble and approved unanimously that Cllr Waygood would approach Mr Paul Andrews be asking him to maintain the hedges in Munchers Green for payment.

Cllr Waygood had been in communication with District Cllr Holt regarding an abandoned car and reported that there was a mattress dumped on Munchers Green.

**23.84 Policing priorities:** The clerk attended a meeting at Buntingford with the local police and had forwarded notes to councillors prior to the meeting. In summary, delegates had expressed concerns about the lack of visible police presence in rural villages. In response, the police highlighted the large area to be patrolled - 184 square miles with only 6 officers on duty at any one time. The public were urged to report crimes as this would have a knock-on effect on resources allocated in the long-term. Residents were urged to update their security arrangements, especially that of outbuildings with agricultural machinery being particularly vulnerable. The clerk had raised the problem of speeding in Cromer and was informed that police do carry out night time patrols which may not be apparent to residents and that they would endeavour to increase these when manpower permitted.

**23.85 Urgent matters not previously notified:** It was requested that matters relating to the defibrillator were carried over to the next meeting.

**23.86 Date of next meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm.

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

Comments from members of the public present: Work will need to be carried out to trees on parish council land in Munchers Green and bordering along the track from the school to Wood End. Mr T Waygood would forward a report and suggested that the council should consider carrying out a tree survey every 3 years.