

SIMPSON AND ASHLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date:	6 January 2020
Venue:	Simpson Village Hall
Councillors present:	Cllr Pye – Chair (DP) Cllr Barnes – Vice Chair (PB) Cllr Ezeh (CE) Cllr Thornton (ST)
Also present:	Lisa Emmanuel, Parish Clerk (LE)
Apologies:	None received
Members of public:	7 members of public

Ref.	Agenda item and Minutes	Action
19075	Budget Workshop & Public Forum	
	<p>DP welcomed everyone and outlined the budget setting process and precept requirements. SAPC propose to raise the precept by 5.75% equating to approximately an additional 10p per week per household.</p> <p>Discussion followed on future budget spend and priorities for residents, points covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity audit • Devolved services and landscaping maintenance • Blue Light Hub • Canal <p>DP thanked everyone for their input and reminded of the further opportunity to feed in on Saturday 11th January.</p>	
19076	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence	
	<p>There were no apologies received. No update had been received regarding the OU project.</p>	Noted
19077	Declarations of Interest	
	None received.	
19078	Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th November 2019	
	The minutes were agreed and signed.	
19079	Chair's Report	
	<p>DP gave a verbal report thanking the Ashland Steering Group for their continued involvement in driving the S106 project. The second budget workshop will be held Saturday 11th January following which the budget will be agreed.</p>	Noted

	DP wished everyone a happy year in 2020.	
19080	Co-option of new Councillors	
	DP introduced Julie Winter who has agreed to stand as a councillor for Simpson Ward. DP proposed that SAPC co-opt Julie as Councillor for Simpson, ST seconded the proposal. JW signed the declaration of acceptance and agreed to write a small article introducing herself for the next parish newsletter. It was resolved unanimously to co-opt Julie Winter as Councillor representing Simpson ward.	JW Approved
19081	Precept for 2020/21	
	An increase of 5.75% was proposed. LE to complete the precept proforma and return to MKC. It was resolved unanimously to raise the precept by an amount of 5.75%.	LE Approved
19082	Ashland S106 Projects	
	LE circulated the latest drawings for the two options proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping container construction • Sustainable Insulated Panels (SiPS) construction LE further explained the options for external cladding. The next steering group meeting takes place on 3 February. It was agreed that the steering group recommend the preferred option taking account of cost implications. Letters of support are yet to be received from Ward Cllrs.	Noted
19083	Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF)	
	The revised scheme and report from MKC were discussed. Cllrs expressed their disappointment at both the delay and the response with the complete change of proposed scheme. The grant had been approved based on a particular scheme which should be upheld. It was resolved that LE write to MKC expressing disappointment and confirming its position the original scheme be honoured.	LE
19084	Devolved Services Third Option	
	The Memorandum of Understanding was reviewed and agreed following the amendments to the council address. It was resolved to agree the Memorandum of Understanding.	Approved
19085	Biodiversity Plan	
	It was agreed that the consultant provide the costed proposal by Full Council meeting on 2 nd March 2020.	Noted
19086	Simpson Village Hall	
	a) A second electrician has been contacted to further discuss the specification. b) The review of hire charges will be considered at the next meeting	PB Noted
19087	Simpson Brook	
	LE outlined the issues raised by residents regarding the lack of maintenance of the banks on a stretch of the brook. Discussion has taken place with the MKC Flood Risk Manager and clearance options and costings obtained from Serco. It was resolved that LE liaise with MKC to approach the Inland Drainage Board regarding clearing the banks.	LE

19088	Finance Report and Payments List	
	The report was accepted. LE also confirmed that Nat West bank had now changed the signatories for the bank accounts.	Noted
19089	Planning Applications	
	The response to the Application Reference 19/02950/FUL Simpson Post Office, 153 Simpson MK6 3AH had been submitted to MKC.	Noted
19090	Delegated Decisions	
	The report was accepted and signed.	Approved
19091	Note any changes to Risk Management	
	No issues to report.	Noted
19092	Any Other Business	
	CE and LE had attended a meeting at Woughton Community Council to discuss future provision for young people. It was agreed to add this item to the agenda for the March meeting. PB updated on the continued vandalism at the Five Actres site. It was agreed for LE to formally write to the landowner, PB to draft a letter and share with LE.	LE PB
19093	Date of next meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd March 2020 at 8.00pm at Simpson Village Hall, Simpson, Simpson.	
	The meeting closed at 10.00PM	

Signed Chair Date

Signed Clerk Date