

SIMPSON AND ASHLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date:	4 th March 2019
Venue:	Simpson Village Hall
Councillors present:	David Pye (DP) Peter Barnes (PB) Carole Baume (CB) Robert Ling (RL) Sheila Thornton (ST)
Also present:	Rupert Fairclough (RF)
Apologies:	None received
Members of public:	5 members of the public (MOP) were present

Ref.	Agenda item and Minutes	Action
18027	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence	
	The meeting was opened by the Chair, Cllr Pye and Councillors and members of public were welcomed. There were no apologies for absence	
18028	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations were made	
18029	Public Forum	
	A grant application for £450 for a nutrition and fitness group was presented to the Council for approval. After discussion it was agreed that the Council would not approve the grant in its current form. The Council is keen to support this type of activity so the applicant was asked to redesign the format so that more people could be included, from both a financial and a scheduling point of view.	
18030	To approve the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 7th January 2019	
	The minutes were approved with no amendments	
18031	Matters arising	
	18020c – CA:MK Ashland Project – Cllr Baume reported that a Steering Group has been set up to take forward the engagement project alongside Community Action MK (CA:MK). There has been ongoing discussion about the S106 monies that are available and the fact that there is currently no indoor community space in Ashland. A community event is being planned on Ashland for Sunday 14 th April including activities for children. Participants will be asked to bring their own picnics. The Steering Group will aim to identify residents who may be interested in assisting with community engagement ongoing. Cllr Ling is looking at Easter activities. Cllr Baume requested that the Council pay for a marquee for the event – Agreed.	

	<p>The presence of a fire engine has been very attractive in the past so the Fire Service will be contacted to see if this can be rearranged.</p> <p>A licence will be required from The Parks Trust – Clerk to investigate Insurance cover to be checked.</p> <p>18020d – Village Hall Developments – Cllr Ling reported that following the laying of the carpet, the sound reverberation time has been considerably reduced, in line with expectations.</p> <p>18024 – Planning and Development – Following a visit to the Dementia Day Centre, by Cllr Barnes and the Clerk, Cllr Barnes noted that the land to the rear would require landscaping and suggested that local groups may wish to be involved on a voluntary basis. Cllr Pye pointed out that MKC should be more proactive in liaising with the Council. Clerk to feed back.</p> <p>MKC to be contacted in two weeks re bus stop at The Mount if nothing has been heard</p>	<p>RF RF RF</p> <p>RF RL/ST</p>
18032	Chair's Report	
	<p>Cllr Pye presented his report for approval by the Council – Approved</p> <p>Following the resignation, for personal reasons, of Cllr Pope, the Chair thanked her for everything that she has done for the council. It was proposed that Cllr Ling will take over her responsibilities related to the Council finances – Agreed</p> <p>Cllr Ling proposed that a bouquet of flowers be sent to Mrs Pope to thank her for her work - Agreed</p>	RF
18033	Delegated Decisions	
	<p>The following Delegated Decisions were noted and Approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of new vacuum cleaner for Village Hall • Agree to re-engage with CART re the canal towpath • Sources of SID/ANPR equipment investigated • Formal registration of The Plough as a community asset investigated • Creation of a new Community Worker role and advertising of the position 	
18034	Special Items	
	<p>Organise a meeting with the developers at 211 Simpson – Agreed</p> <p>Continue with on-going developments at Village Hall including construction of a cleaner's cupboard. Cllr Ling has kindly offered to undertake this work with one day of labour from others - Agreed</p>	RL RL
18035	Financial	
	<p>The Financial Report was presented for approval - Approved</p> <p>Virements will be required to cover overspend on some budget items – Agreed</p> <p>It was noted that this is for financial budgeting purposes only and that the overall expenditure is within budgeted levels</p> <p>A cake will be purchased for the AGM to serve 40 people - Agreed</p>	
18036	Policies	
	<p>The following updated policies were presented for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asset Register • Code of Conduct • Financial Regulations • Delegated Powers • Financial Risk Assessment 	

	All were Approved without amendment A request was made to defer approval of the Standing Orders to the next full council meeting as additional work was required - Agreed	
18037	Date of next meeting	
	The AGM will be held on Monday 13 th May 2019 at 8pm at Simpson Village Hall The next full council meeting will be held on Monday 15 th July	
	The meeting closed at 09.31PM	

Signed Chair Date

Signed Clerk Date