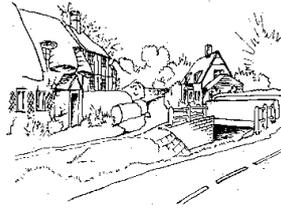


ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES of the ONLINE MEETING of ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL held via Zoom on

Monday 21st September 2020 at 8pm

Present: Rod Higgins (chairman), Robert Patmore (vice chairman), Chris Coady, Satu Lawrence, Ted Buttlng, Cllr. Edward Oliver and Steve Coltman (clerk).

1. **Apologies:** Rupert Bull
2. **Public Speaking:** None
3. **Declaration of Interests:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting of 20th July 2020** Agreed
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of 20th July 2020**

5.1 Summer Activities update

Outdoor Table Tennis ran for seven weeks during the summer with two tables outside the village hall four times a week. Plenty of positive comments were received from residents and visitors to the village, although little participation.

Thanks go to Rod Higgins, Rupert Bull and others for putting up/putting away the tables. Coffee mornings are not yet able to start.

Pilates classes will restart after the autumn half term and circuit training has restarted on Monday and Wednesday mornings only.

6. Planning matters

6.1 New Applications

6.1.1 UTT/20/1856/HHF Deans Meadow Amended plans to include increase in roof line and second storey extension plus additional glazing.

The Parish Council had already sent a letter of objection relating to the increased bulk and to the overlooking of neighbouring property – May barn. Although a further amendment of roof line had been submitted the application was still withdrawn. Clerk agreed to check the current status with the planning department.

6.1.2 UTT/20/1894/HHF Applebees Alteration to garage and other minor works. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

6.1.3 UTT/20/2047/HHF Griffin Cottage Replace shed with garden building. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

6.2 Determinations None

7. Report from District Councillor

Cllr. Oliver reported that August is usually a quiet period, but this summer sees UDC working on the Stansted Airport appeal, the drafting of the new Local Plan and its response to the Government's Planning White Paper. With regard to this last point UDC has issued a summary of the white paper - Planning for the Future – to all Parish Councils. Clerk confirmed that he had passed this on to councillors and would also forward the questionnaire from EALC regarding same. The government is hoping to have the new planning regime in place by the end of this parliament and so presumably UDC will continue with producing its plan by 2023.

8. Playing Field Report

Chairman reported the hand sanitizer broken. Clerk agreed to source a cheaper alternative.

9. Village Hall report

Chairman reported that a full risk assessment had been carried out and that the committee had decided to reopen. The Hall is now being cleaned on a weekly basis, hand sanitisers are in place and a one-way system operates. Social distancing signs are in place and only two people are allowed in the kitchen at once and a maximum of twenty people in the hall at any one time.

As stated at item 5.1, circuit training has restarted twice weekly and Pilates classes will restart after half term.

10. Highways

The sunken trench half way down to Clanver End had been reported again to the clerk and clerk agreed to report again if possible.

Fly tipping on Long Lane – clerk agreed to report.

11. Correspondence

As circulated by email, when the clerk's internet connection would allow!

12. Finance

12.1 Balance

Current Account £11788.99

12.2 Invoices

The following invoices were agreed for payment:

BH Grounds maintenance (2 months)	£ 576.00	
Clerk's wages – 3 months	£ 1100.00	
Glasdon UK – dog bin	£ 129.08	inc VAT
123 Reg – website domain	£ 143.76	
Seton – Covid supplies of sanitiser and wipes	£ 83.84	inc VAT
Amazon – social distancing and dog poo signs	£ 16.52	inc VAT
S. Lovegrove – strim the graves	£ 60.00	

13. Further Discussion Points

13.1 Stansted Airport

The Parish Council decided that its original comments were still valid and that no further comments were necessary. Clerk confirmed that all original comments would be forwarded to the appeal inspector.

13.2 Planning for the Future

The "questionnaire" received from EALC regarding the proposed changes to the planning regulations would be forwarded to all councillors and the clerk would combine comments into suitable responses. It may be necessary to hold a further meeting as response needed by Oct. 15th.

13.3 Arkesden Hill Climb

This is taking place on Sunday 27th September under socially distanced conditions. Clerk would email the village to inform of the road closure (Long Lane).

14. Date of next meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be via Zoom (again!) on Monday 19th October at 7.30pm.

Rod Higgins (Chairman)

Steve Coltman (clerk)