

ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL



DRAFT Minutes of the Online meeting of ARKESDEN PARISH COUNCIL held via Zoom on

Monday 19th October at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies:** Chris Coady
2. **Public Speaking:** None
3. **Declaration of Interests:** None
4. **Minutes of the meeting of 21st September:** Agreed after minor amendments
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of 21st September:**

5.1 The White Paper – Planning for the Future

Consultation responses had been received by the Chairman and he agreed to collate these into a single reply for each question. Although the deadline for submission to the NALC had passed, the response could still be uploaded to government website until 29/10.

6. Planning matters

6.1 New Applications

6.1.1 UTT/20/2430/FUL Deans Meadow New dwelling in rear garden

Some members of the Parish Council had visited the neighbouring property to assess the impact of the proposed development and after a lengthy discussion, agreed to request that the Planning Officer reconsider his pre-application advice on the suitability of the site for this proposal. The principle of back-land development appeared to not meet any of the required criteria for permission, especially regarding the overbearing/overlooking of Christiana. The proposed impact on the countryside and the sustainability of the site were discussed with particular reference to the DaRT bus service. Other points such as exit on to a Protected Lane and some irregularities in the application were also discussed.

The council was split on its decisions but agreed:

- a) to object to the overbearing impact to the neighbouring property by a 4:1 majority
- b) to not object on the grounds of impact to the countryside by a 3:2 majority
- c) to not object on the grounds of sustainability by a 3:2 majority

Cllr Edward Oliver commented that to not object on the grounds of sustainability may have future repercussions and, since this is not a strong objection, he would not be calling it in as previously suggested.

6.2 Determinations

6.2.1 UTT/20/1863/FUL	Wood Hall	New dwelling on tennis court	Approved
6.2.2 UTT/20/1865/HHF	Wood Hall	Cart Lodge and boundary walls	Approved
6.2.3 UTT/20/1894/HHF	Applebees	Alterations to garage	Approved
6.2.4 UTT/20/1856/HHF	Deans Meadow	Amended scheme	Withdrawn

7. Report from District Councillor

This had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Oliver reminded the Parish Council that he had the Ward Councillors Initiative fund to distribute amongst the parishes in his ward. He would be supporting UDC's concerns on the Planning for the Future White Paper. The new Local Plan is moving on slowly.

8. Playing Field Report

Chairman reported plenty of activity on the playing field and clerk reported he was still trying to source a reasonably priced replacement sanitiser dispenser.

9. Village Hall report

Rupert Bull reported that the Village Hall was still operational with circuits twice weekly but that Pilates had not yet restarted and that he would get an update from the Pilates teacher.

10. Village Activities report

Rupert Bull reported that the scheduled “community dig” (archaeological survey) would not take place during the Covid 19 restrictions. Likewise, the proposed rambling group will be on hold until there is some lifting of the restrictions.

It was agreed to hold a Christmas Card competition to take place over half term. Winning entry would be printed for sale with any profit going to charity.

11. Highways

Nothing to report

12. Correspondence

As circulated via email – clerk’s internet speed permitting!

13. Finance

13.1 Balance

Current Account	£9679.69
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13.2 Invoices

The following invoice was agreed for payment

BH Grounds maintenance	£ 192.00	inc.VAT
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13.3 Interim Budget

The clerk had prepared an interim budget which showed that the PC was on course for a larger than expected carried forward balance due to various underspends – mainly on no Parish Plan project or website upgrade. This budget would be circulated before the next meeting so that councillors can give some thought as to future spending plans.

14. Further Discussion Points

14.1 Communications strategy

Ted Buttling raised the issue of communication with the whole village rather than relying on the clerk’s email list and the Whatsapp group. It was agreed that email seems to be the least intrusive form of notification and the clerk agreed to put another request in the village news for further email addresses.

14.2 Dog Bin

The position of the new dog bin on Hampit Road had now been decided and would be erected shortly.

14. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will still be via Zoom on Monday November 16th at 7.30pm.

Rod Higgins (Chairman)

Steve Coltman (clerk)