

Minutes of the Askerswell Parish Meeting

held in Askerswell Church 7.30pm 25 May 2021

Present: John Mahoney Chair
Frank Hemmings Deputy Chair
Isabel James Clerk

In attendance: 17 Electors Observers

Item 01/21 Welcome and safety information

Thank you to everyone for attending.

Item 02/21 Apologies for absence were received from

Mrs Mandy Hall	Mr. Graham Hall	Mr. Graham Fowler
Mrs. Gillian Fowler	Mrs. Pat Atkinson	Mr. Howard Atkinson
Mr. Tim Boden	Mrs. Dinks Boden	Mr. Ian Russel
Mrs. Mary Russel	Mr. Don Allcock	Mrs. Enid Allcock
Ms. Buffy Sacher	Mr. Michael Dyson	Ms. Janet Thomasson

Item 03/21 Minutes of August 2020 & October 2020 (email) meetings

Acceptance of minutes proposed by

August 2020 – Frank Hemmings
October 2020 – Godfrey Lancashire

Seconded by:
August 2020 – Richard Hobbs
October 2020 – Maggie Barrett

Passed unanimously.

Item 04/21 Matters arising from October 2019, August & October 2020 not covered below

No comments made.

Item 05/21 Correspondence

Email forward on from DAPTC regarding the Queen's Green Canopy –
"Plant a tree for the Jubilee"
This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Item 06/21 Chair's report for 2020/21

No comments made.

Item 07/21 Finance report for 2020/21 and Approval of statements for external auditors

Item 07/21/1 Finance report for 2020/21

No comments made.

The chair asked for approval of Certificate of Exemption this has been proposed by Maggie Barrett and seconded by Gill Reypert and passed unanimously.

Item 07/21/2 Approval of the Annual Governance Statement

No comments made.

The chair asked for approval of Annual Governance Statement this has been proposed by Nigel Guard and seconded by Jessamy Wilsdon and passed unanimously.

Item 07/21/3 Approval of the Accounting Statements 2020/21

No comments made.

The chair asked for approval of the Accounting Statements 2020/21 this has been proposed by Lis Guard and seconded by Sue Cleaver and passed unanimously.

These three documents will be published as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulation 2015 for a period of 14 days. The Clerk will put them on the village noticeboard. The Chair noted that Parish residents have a legal right of access to the Parish's financial records. Requests can be made within 30 days from the meeting, ending on 24 June 2021.

Item 08/21 Washingpool Fund 2020/21

Frank Hemmings summarised the situation of the fund which had been reported in the Chair's written report previously circulated.

No Comments made.

Item 09/21 2021/22 Election of officers and internal auditor

This item was chaired by Godfrey Lancashire.

Nominations were received for

Chair: John Mahoney

Deputy Chair: Frank Hemmings

Clerk: Isabel James

Proposed by Suzi Huston, seconded by Anthony Wilsdon and passed unanimously.

Nigel Guard had agreed to act as internal auditor for 2021/22

This has been proposed by Maggie Barrett, seconded by John Mahoney and passed unanimously.

Item 10/21 Budget plan for 2021/22

No Comments made.

Item 11/21 Summary of planning applications and highways work

Concerns raised about the condition of Hembury Road.

People must put in any complaints to Highways and/or the Council if they require work to be carried out. Unless people complain nothing will be done as it is not a busy thoroughfare.

There is a specific place on the website for Dorset County Council where you can click to report potholes etc. Alternatively, please write to the council.

Highways have proven to be very helpful in the past.

As a note the A35 is maintained by the Highways Agency.

Item 12/21 Dorset Council topics [report from DC councillor Anthony Alford in writing or in person]

Councillor Anthony Alford kindly attended our meeting.
He praised Askerswell and advised he would be happy to go and look at Hembury to see if there is something that can be done about the potholes.
He advised there will be better information about what the Council is doing. There is a Parish Council news feed which we receive that will feed through further information which might be of use.
Dorset council have worked more with Healthcare and Volunteers in recent times.
With regard to major events, there has been over 7000 responses to the consultation.
Legislation has said that the local plan needs to be completed by 2024. Planning policy purposes there will be no changes to Askerswell.
Regarding the Climate and Ecology policy, Dorset Council have received a grant from Central Government of GBP19million to change the ways we use power, to de-carbonise. For example in leisure centres, pools will be heated by air pumps.

No further comments.

Item 13/21 Local reports and acknowledgements

Item 13/21/1 village hall [Jessamy Wilsdon]

No comments.

Item 13/21/2 good neighbours' scheme [Godfrey Lancashire]

Item 13/21/3 Washingpool maintenance and nature report [Antony Wilsdon]

Preventing the pond drying out in the summer [written proposals from Howard Atkinson]

A working group is to investigate more options and report back.
Anthony Wilsdon and Geoff Barrett will begin the group.

Item 13/21/4 flower tubs [written report from Mandy & Graham Hall]

No comments

Item 13/21/5 website [written report from Mandy Hall]

No comments

Item 13/21/6 Parish Lands charities update and confirmation of trustees [written report from Howard Atkinson]

No comments

Item 13/21/7 Neighbourhood Alert [Veronica Sheppard] and appointment of new coordinator

No volunteers at present.

Item 13/21/8 Rights of Way [Antony Wilsdon]

No issues.

Item 13/21/9 village clean-up day – should we have one this year?

John Mahoney to suggest a day if appropriate.

Item 14/21 Suggestion to install a defibrillator in the village – initial discussion

Isabel James to investigate further along with Jessamy Wilsdon to present more details regarding location, cost etc at the next Parish Meeting.

Item 15/21 Askerswell Millennium File preview

A huge thank you to Howard for a fantastic achievement.

Thank you to Godfrey Lancashire and the Church for allowing us use of the church.

Item 16/21 Next meeting and agenda items

The proposed date of Thursday 21 October 7.30 in the Village Hall was agreed.

Item 17/21 Any other business

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman's signature

Date