**ASHREIGNEY PARISH COUNCIL.**

Minutes of the meeting of Ashreigney Parish Council which was held on Tuesday, 15th June 2021 at 8pm.

The meeting was held in Ashreigney Village Hall with Covid safety restrictions in place.

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| Present: | Agenda: |
| Mr. Hellyer – Chairman.  Mr. Cole.  Mr. Johns.  Dr. Kirkup.  Mr. S. Middleton.  County Councillor Saywell. | 1. Chairman’s welcome. 2. PQT. 3. Apologies. 4. Declarations of Interest. 5. Approval of Minutes. 6. Matters Arising. 7. Planning. 8. Finances. 9. Reports. 10. Play area celebration. 11. Date of next meeting. |

1. Chairman’s welcome: The Chairman welcomed all attendees to the first face-to-face meeting since the pandemic. CC Saywell was congratulated on his recent election success
2. Public Question Time – There was no PQT.
3. Apologies – Apologies were offered from Councillor Tillyer and Councillor P Middleton.
4. Declarations of interest in Agenda items: Councillor S Middleton – Coldharbour Solar Park. Item 7.3.
5. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2021.

Minutes of the meeting held in May 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting for Councillor’s perusal. A spelling error was identified, which was corrected at the meeting. Councillor Kirkup proposed approval of the minutes, and this was seconded by Councillor Cole. The Chairman signed the minutes as an accurate record of events.

1. Matters arising: None.
2. Planning:

7.1: Eaglescott: Concerns continue to be expressed regarding low flying aircraft and breaches of planning. A public meeting is being arranged at Roborough, but it is thought unlikely that representatives of NDC will attend.

7.2: Application 1/0584/2021/LBC – A proposed extension to a converted barn at Bridge Farm, Bridge Reeve, Chulmleigh.

Councillors Cole and Councillor Johns agreed to carry out a site visit.

7.3: Proposed solar farm at Coldharbour: The proposed solar farm was discussed, particularly the Community Benefit Payment offer. An almost identical project on the outskirts of Barnstaple has achieved a far greater Community Benefit Payment for the communities involved. The Clerk has sought advice from TDC and DC Newton has made enquiries on behalf of the parish. The Clerk to request an extension to the response deadline to allow more information to be gained. (It is apparent that there are no definitive protocols in place in this situation).

8. Finances:

8.1: Payment of invoices – None.

8.2: Grant funding. The Clerk asked both the County and District Councillors if they have any available funds to support providing a remote meeting facility in Ashreigney.

Though establishing a broadband connection may be an issue it was agreed that remote meetings are a convenient meeting tool. (DC Newton confirmed that the cost of Zoom licenses for TDC Councillors is more cost-effective than fuel allowances and is more environmentally friendly).

9. Reports:

9.1: County Councillor Saywell:

CC Saywell thanked parishioners in Ashreigney and Riddlecombe for their support at the recent elections.

C.C Saywell went on to say how pleased he is to be back at face-to-face meetings and outlined the priorities for DCC which include recovery from the pandemic and promoting healthy and active lifestyle choices.

9.2: District Councillor Newton:

DC Newton confirmed that he has investigated procedures with projects that may deliver a Community Benefit Payments and will support the Parish Council as they negotiate with the agent involved at Coldharbour.

9.3: Village Hall Representatives:

Councillor Hellyer confirmed that the Parish Council continues to be represented by Councillor Parfitt and himself.

The Hall hire rates are being revised, and fundraising is being considered.

The Chairman concluded by saying how pleased he is that the Post Office has continued to operate its satellite service throughout the pandemic.

1. Play Area Celebration – It is hoped that this event will go ahead as planned on the 31st July 2021.

11.Date of the next meeting – the next meeting of Ashreigney Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 29th June and will be a finance meeting.

1. The Chairman thanked Councillors for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Signed: Dated: