

**Agenda for the monthly meeting of the Parish Council to be held on
Wednesday 6th July 2022, 8.00pm at the PARISH ROOM**

All are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council and will have the opportunity to speak in the 'Open Forum'. Members of the public can join on Zoom if they wish-please sign up on the website (www.ashwell.gov.uk) to be sent login details and receive regular communications on village matters, or contact us direct. Our District Councillor Tom Tyson and County Councillor Steve Jarvis routinely attend meetings.

Councillors Gemma Allan, Cath Connolly, Ian Duffy, Martin Hoffman, Graham Lee (Chairman), Norton Mahy (Vice-chairman), David Sims and Mark White are summoned to the meeting.

- 20 **Apologies for absence from parish councillors.**
- 21 **Declarations of interest.**
- 22 **Proposal to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting 1st June 2022.**

23 OPEN FORUM - VILLAGE MATTERS, REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES, ETC

Standing Orders to be suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

23.1 Items from members of the public. To include:

- 23.1.1 Jubilee Street Party. *See also 26.2 below*
- 23.1.2 Voneus Broadband proposals for high-speed fibre internet.

23.2 Items from our district councillor Tom Tyson. To include:

- 23.2.1 Bygrave solar farm/planning application.
See also 25.4.1 below
- 23.2.2 Telecoms mast/planning application.
See also 25.4.2 below
- 23.2.3 Bygrave Woods events.
- 23.2.4 Safer routes to the station.

23.2.5 New footway in Station Road as a condition of planning permission for Townsend Close.

23.3 Items from our county councillor Steve Jarvis. To include:

23.3.1 Chicane at West End.

23.3.2 20mph speed limit enforcement.

23.3.3 Safety improvements at the War Memorial junction and Station Road.

23.4 **Items on general village matters from parish councillors.** To include:

23.4.1 Village Hall trustees/re their proposal to change to an Incorporated Charitable Organisation and the future involvement of the Parish Council.

23.4.2 Community Land Trust/Community Benefit Society. Appeal for a local resident to become a Founder Member Director.

23.4.3 The Ruddy. Update on the request to HCC rights of way for a change of status to improve safety.

23.4.4 NHC review of the Ashwell Conservation Area.

23.4.5 Defibrillators/siting of two new units obtained by the Accies.

23.4.6 Farm walk at Partridge Hill on Sunday 17th July.

23.4.7 Electric Vehicle charging points.

23.5 Items from working groups. To include:

23.5.1 Trees and Hedges Group (leader Cllr David Sims).

End of Open Forum/Standing Orders reinstated.

24 **MONTHLY REPORTS ON PREMISES/OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS. To include:**

24.1 Recreation Ground/new equipment for older children.

24.2 Pavilion upgrade project.

24.3 The Springs/new fencing and litter bins.

24.4 The Cemetery/ future tree works.

25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

25.1 New consultations received from North Herts Council. To agree responses.

25.1.1 **Land to the West of 35 Ashwell Street.** NHC ref. 21/02650/FP Full Planning Permission: Erection of two detached

dwelling (1 x 2-bed and 1 x 4 bed) including alterations to existing vehicular access (amended plans received 16.06.2022)

Full documents are available on the NHC website

https://documentportal.north-herts.gov.uk/GetDocList/Default.aspx?doc_class_code=DC&case_number=21/02650/FP

25.1.2 Slip End Farm, Royston Road. NHC ref. 22/01541/FP

Full Planning Permission: Replace existing entrance gates with acoustic gates, decommission existing vehicular access and install protective landscape bund to boundary.

Full documents are available on the NHC website

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25.2 Tree consultations (Conservation Area and TPO) received from North Herts Council.

25.2.1 To note responses made –‘no objections’ -to (i) Westbury Farm House, West End. NHC ref. 22/01586/TCA *Fagus sylvatica* - 30% reduction and thin. *Juglans regia* - 30% reduction and thin. (ii) The Adelong, 63 High Street. NHC ref. 22/01568/TCA *Robinia*, crown reduce by 20-30%. Silver Birch, crown reduce by 20-30%.

25.2.2 New consultation for response. **69 Back Street.** NHC ref 22/01739/TCA. Ash-Remove.

25.3 Updates on previous planning applications, developments ongoing.

25.3.1 Bygrave Solar Farm. Land West of Ashwell Road, Bygrave
NHC ref. 22/00741/FP. *See also 23.2.1 above*

25.3.2 Telecoms mast. Land Opposite 41, Ashwell Street.
NHC ref. 22/01395/TD. *See also 23.2.1 above*

26 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS.

26.1 Monthly summary of accounts. Proposal for acceptance.

26.2 Jubilee Street party. Proposal to approve payment of the costs claim from the organisers (support already agreed in principle to come from the Community Support/Section 137 allocation in the 2022-23 budget).

26.3 Co-options. Proposal for further new councillor co-options.

Jane Porter, Clerk Ashwell Parish Council.

Forthcoming meeting dates: August Council Wednesday 3rd, 8pm.