



Ashwell Parish Council

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All are welcome to attend meetings of the Parish Council and will have the opportunity to speak in the 'Open Forum'. Meetings are currently being held on Zoom. Members of the public who have signed up to the website (www.ashwell.gov.uk), and any others who request, will be emailed a link with log on details. Our District Councillor Tom Tyson and County Councillor Steve Jarvis have also been invited and routinely attend.

Councillors Gemma Allan, Martin Hoffman, Graham Lee (Chairman), Norton Mahy (Vice-chairman), David Sims and Mark White are summoned to the **January 2021 meeting of Ashwell Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 6th January at 8pm online using Zoom.**

AGENDA

- 31. Apologies for absence.
- 32. Declarations of Interest.
- 33. Proposal to approve and sign the minutes of the previous monthly meeting, 2nd December 2020.

34. OPEN FORUM - VILLAGE AFFAIRS, REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES, ETC
Standing Orders to be suspended to allow members of the public to speak if they wish.

34.1 Items raised by members of the public.

To include reports received earlier and any matters raised at the meeting.

34.2 North Herts District Council (NHDC). Reports/updates from our District Councillor Tom Tyson. To include:

- (i) Update on the wall in Swan Street damaged by the Urbaser waste/recycling vehicle.

34.3 Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). Reports/updates from our County Councillor Steve Jarvis. To include:

- (i) Local residents' consultation on proposed parking restrictions in Silver Street.
- (ii) Parking issues outside the URC in the High Street.

34.4 Working Groups reports.

Members include volunteer parishioners as well as parish councillors. Offers to join or start new groups welcomed. Village Sports, New Pavilion, Litter Pickers and Springs volunteers currently on hold.

To include: Neighbourhood Plan Group, (leader Cllr Graham Lee, deputy Cllr Norton Mahy), Local business support (leader Cllr Graham Lee), Trees and Hedges Group (leader Cllr David Sims), Yearbook Group (leader Norton Mahy).

34.5 Monthly reports from parish councillors.

See appendices below for summary of actions completed, actions ongoing and premises matters. Also reports received from other organisations.

34.5.1 Village communications. To include: newsletters, via Ashwell Village News, the website.

34.5.2 Concerns re clearance of wildlife friendly vegetation by householders.

34.5.3 Luton airport/NATS consultation on changes to arrivals routes, deadline 5th February 2021.
https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk/london-luton-airport/ad6_luton_arrivals/

End of Open Forum/Standing Orders to be reinstated from here.

35. Planning matters.

See appendix below with a summary of recent NHDC consultations and their status.

35.1 New consultations for response to NHDC.

35.2 Trees in the Conservation Area/Tree Preservation Orders -submissions to NHDC.

35.3 Updates on previous planning applications/developments ongoing.

35.3.1 Land at the junction of Station Road and Ashwell Street (permission granted for x9 houses).

(i) The NHDC Street Naming Officer has proposed 'Townsend Meadow' and the developer has accepted this.

(ii) NHDC consultation on the developer's application (Section73 amendment) to increase the size of all the houses to 4 and 5 bedrooms (current permission for 3 and 4 bedrooms).

The Parish Council's objections are pending a response from NHDC.

(iii) NHDC planning permission granted with a condition that the developer provides a new section of footway to join with the existing.

Further information is pending.

35.3.2 Land rear of Claybush Road development.

(i) The NHDC Street Naming Officer has informed that the name 'Claybush Hill Meadow' has been agreed. He is disappointed that the houses are being marketed under the name 'Harvest Place' as this is confusing.

(ii) Concerns re the tree barrier, required as a condition of the planning permission, to mitigate the impact of views from Arbury Banks.

36. Finance and governance matters. To include:

36.1 Monthly summary of accounts. Proposal for approval.

4th January 2021 Jane Porter, Clerk

Forthcoming meeting dates:

Next monthly Council meeting - Wednesday 3rd February 2021, 8pm on Zoom.

APPENDICES – FOR INFORMATION

Appendix A: Parish Council actions completed since last meeting.

(i) Residents' requests for additional street name signs to address delivery issues. Additional signs for the Dovecote (off Back Street) and Ashwell Street (east from Station Road) were taken up with the relevant NHDC officer and will be installed.

Appendix B: Parish Council actions ongoing.

(i) Village hall/transfer to the Parish Council of the holding/custodian trusteeship. A form was completed by the Management Committee and passed to the solicitor to inform the drafting of their new trust deed. No further communications received.

(ii) Improved cycleway and carparking at the station/proposals by Cambridgeshire landowner as part of development plans in Odsey. No further communications with the landowner.

(iii) 'Twenty's Plenty' wheelie bin stickers/posters available free from the Parish Council office. Our local police are to give speed awareness training to pupils at the school

(iv) Drainage issues. Gully clearance by Herts Highways is ongoing; some drains will have to be manually dug out. Our county councillor Steve Jarvis is monitoring this.

(v) Overhanging vegetation in the High Street to Silver Street twitchel. Information on ownership of boundaries is pending.

(vi) Office of National Statistics/request for local assistance with the 2021 census.

Appendix C: Reports/updates from other organisations.

- (i) Greening Ashwell. Regular reports on their meetings and activities.
- (ii) Regular local policing update 'Rural News' from our PCSO Chris Braybrook.

Appendix D: Reports/updates on Parish Council premises management.

- (i) Small Gains (Cllr David Sims). New tree planting funded by the developer's mitigation for the loss of the Chestnut tree in Lucas Lane has been completed. Some additional tree planting and hedge works are planned.
- (ii) Recreation Ground (Cllr Gemma Allan) Minor works to the playground equipment and the pavilion roof have been completed. The automatic closures on the toilets are now operational and they are closed overnight; signs have been put up to inform users. Works to trees along the boundary with Lucas Lane properties are pending quotes from the supplier.
- (iii) Cemetery. The tarmac paths have been pressure-washed to remove moss. The avenue of pollarded Lime trees will be pruned in late February/early March.
- (iv) Street furniture. The Parish Council's notice board and the open access 'community' board by the old telephone box in the High Street will be given an interim clean with varnishing planned for later in the year. The old telephone box that houses the defibrillator will also be cleaned. The litter bin in the High Street by the bus stop was damaged by a vehicle mounting the kerb and is to be repaired.

Appendix E: Summary of recent NHDC Planning Application consultations and their status -as of 16th December 2020.

Details of applications are sent from North Herts District Council (NHDC) to the Parish Council as a consultee. Full details of applications are available on the NHDC website www.north-herts.gov.uk

Address	Application Number	Brief description	Ashwell PC Comments	North Herts Decision
95 High Street	20/02752/FPH	Replacement of existing cladding, fascias / soffits, windows / doors	PC to NHDC: No Objection	Pending
Zoar Baptist Chapel	20/02619/FPH	Replacement single storey rear extension	PC to NHDC: No Objection	Pending
Land at Jct of Ashwell Street & Station Road	20/02599/S73	Erection of 9 dwellings, application already granted (19/00455/FP) this is an application for a change in design to utilise roof space for additional bedrooms and insert rooflights	PC to NHDC: Objection	Pending
Land east of 35 Ashwell street (NB this is an additional proposed dwelling to the one recently granted permission for on the same site 20/01721/FP)	20/02309/FP	1 x 3 bed dwelling inc basement & light-well	PC to NHDC: recommendation for Permission to be GRANTED (with conditions)	Conditional permission GRANTED 08/12/2020
10 High Street	20/02252/FPH	Replace five existing front elevation windows and one existing side elevation window with powder coated aluminium frames in Anthracite	PC to NHDC: recommendation for Permission to be GRANTED	Permission GRANTED 26/11/2020
Land (known as Hunts Close) north of Ashwell Street and south of Lucas Lane between Hunts Ridge and East Lodge, 22 Lucas Lane.	20/00126/FP	Erection of 24 dwellings including creation of vehicular access off Ashwell Street, footpath link to Lucas Lane, associated public open space and landscaping (as amended by plans received 17.08.20).	PC to NHDC: Objection	Permission REFUSED 26/11/2021
4 Springhead	20/01594/FPH	Insertion of dormer to existing rear roof slope.	PC August meeting PC to NHDC: recommendation for permission to be GRANTED	Still Pending