

Minutes

Ashwell Community Land Trust Ltd

- Meeting Thursday 2 February, 7pm at the Parish Room, Swan Street, Ashwell.
- Participants: Graham Lee (Director Member/Parish Council Chairman), Norton Mahy (Director Member/Parish Council Vice-chairman), George Tait (Director Member/Parishioner representative). Parishioners who have expressed interest in becoming members: Anne Fletcher, Max Jackson. Also present: Jane Porter, Clerk to Ashwell Parish Council acting as Secretary to the Trust.

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** John Humphries, Cliff Jenkinson, Vanessa Jenkinson.
- 2 **Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 November 2022.** These were approved and signed.
- 3 **Rules and objectives of the Ashwell Community Land Trust (CLT) Ltd.** These were noted. See <https://www.ashwell.gov.uk/news2/community-land-trust/> The criteria for individual and community group membership were based on one share per member at a cost of £1. This would entitle a member to one vote at a meeting. Membership was open to any resident over 16 years old or a community group.
- 4 **Update on bank account application.** An application for a Community Direct Plus account with the Co-operative Bank was being progressed.
- 5 **CLT Network.** Membership of this organisation would be progressed once the bank account had been set up. This would provide liability insurance for directors as well as access to advice, networking and potential funding sources.
- 6 **Asset categories.** The list of potential categories included, but was not limited to, sports facilities, green spaces, shops/pubs/services, homes for first time buyers/elderly, electric vehicle charging points. These were consistent with the consultations carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 7 **Potential funding sources.** CLT Network membership would give access to advice and contacts. Communications had also been established with the CDAHerts Rural Housing enabler and the First Garden City Homes housing association.
- 8 **Potential properties/sites.** Sites known to be under consideration for development and/or acquisition were noted including Dixies Meadow and Hunts Close. It was noted that the Parish Council had previously applied to have the three pubs registered as Community Assets but this had been rejected on the basis of insufficient information on their community benefit. It was agreed that fuller information on specific uses by community groups be obtained and the applications re-submitted.

- 9 **Publicity.** It was noted that items had appeared in the Village News, had been posted on the website and noticeboard and sent direct to website sign-ups; reports had also been made at Parish Council meetings. It was agreed that a flyer be produced to further publicize the CLT and encourage membership. It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 22 March would be a good opportunity for this.
- 10 **Date of next meeting.** Thursday 16 March 2023, 7pm at the Parish Room.

Signed

Date