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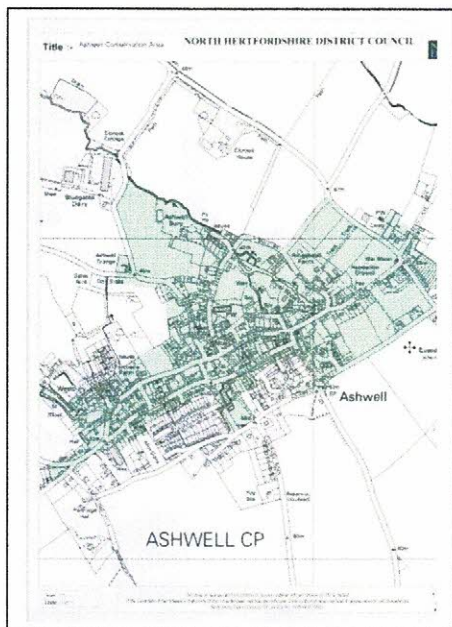
## Ashwell Parish Council

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'Catch-Up Notes' from the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021  
(full minutes on [www.ashwell.gov.uk](http://www.ashwell.gov.uk))



- **Defibrillators.** It was confirmed that in addition to the unit in the old telephone box in the High Street, the Accies football club had recently applied for additional units at Small Gains and the Recreation Ground; this had been supported by the Parish Council.
- **Herts Lynx DRT (Demand Responsive Transport) bus service.** District Councillor Tom Tyson advised that 3 buses were already in operation with additional vehicles scheduled to come into service next year. He had used the service himself and apparently user response to the new service has been good so far.
- **Bygrave Woods events.** This had been discussed at the latest NHDC Licensing Committee following the difficulties experienced at the end of the last one day event. The licensing officer had assured District Cllr Tyson that he would provide information on proposed future events when details were submitted to NHDC. The advance notice period is three months for smaller events and six months for larger events. These assurances were in addition to those he had received from the landowner that forward notice would be given. The number and size of events for 2022 was currently unknown. The license did not specify the number permitted, so Cllr Tyson was asked to request what review processes existed for the license and whether the number of events could be controlled.



**Ashwell Conservation Area Review.** NHDC have commissioned a review of the Ashwell Conservation Area. Conservation areas are places of special architectural or historic interest where **it is desirable to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of such areas.** The Parish Council have set up a committee being led by David Short consisting of 8 members of which two are Parish Councillors and the remainder residents with diverse backgrounds and knowledge of the village. This group have met three times so far and are likely to suggest a small number of additions to the current conservation area, and the justification for including them. The deadline for these to go to the Consultant employed by NHDC is the end of November.

- **Planning.** One householder application for a single 4-bedroom dwelling was considered by the Parish Council with the decision to support the application, but with the recommendation to restrict future permitted development rights.
- **Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 1st December 2021**