ASHCHURCH RURAL PARISH

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING HELD REMOTELY ON WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2021

Present: Cllrs J Hargreaves T Davies; D Garnett; B Cooke; G Shurmer; D Street

B. Cllr Gore and 6 parishioners

In Attendance: Clerk

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone.

1. **Apologies were received from C. Councillor Smith, Cllr. Shurmer and Cllr. Brown**

2. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 14th May 2019**
   Taken as read

3. **To receive the following reports**

   3.1. Parish Council Chairman's Report, Cllr John Hargreaves JH

   JH reported:

   NDP

   The plan commenced in 2012 and has experienced numerous obstacles, including with the MOD site which is not now available for development

   We are now required to do a further survey (REG 14) and hope to complete the plan by end of the year

   Defibrillators

   Three now installed, at the Village Hall, Aston on Carrant and Pamington

   Others to be installed in Fiddington Phone Box and on new estates, he asked for suggestions from residents on locations

   Garden centre

   We have been consulted and development is now under construction

   Linden Homes

   Development is now 2/3 occupied

   Aston Cross development

   We will be asking TBC for s106 monies

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Rhino development

Noted includes nursing home

Hitchens

The PC has been In discussion with developer, and discussed school and leisure facilities and maybe retail units

Also asking for a pre-school on the 450 house development

Solar farm

A very large development of 200 acres. We have asked for improvements to bridleways and solar panels on village hall roof

Garden Town

Plan for 10,000 houses plus employment land. The PC has had discussions with Garden Town team and details not yet decided, but funding has been received from central Government

Cllr Davies TD added TBC will also be consulting residents in the near future. Community centre has been agreed and the PC will take ownership along with other playing pitches, we would also like further community facilities

The PC is looking for further burial ground and is in discussion with diocese who are talking to Garden Town team

Proposals on the bypass have not yet been agreed but we will be consulted

3.2 Draft Accounts for 2020/21, Pauline Clarke Clerk/RFO

The Clerk presented the completed end of year accounts and the End of year report (AGAR) which was agreed by all members - proposed TD, seconded DS

4. Gloucestershire CC, and Tewkesbury Borough, Council Reports

i County Council (Cllr Vernon Smith)

Not in attendance

ii Borough Council (Cllr M Gore MG)

Reported:

Pandemic has created challenges but community has stepped up. Help Hub set up and proud of Borough achievement

Development plan is progressing

JCS being reviewed over next few months

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Borough Plan going through scrutiny with Inspector, plans are important for 5-year housing supply

Now consulting with ARPC and NPC on the Garden Town

Consultation on A46 September in 2021

Will forward any concerns from residents

TBC has visited 11 flooded properties and the report will form an action plan

No questions

5. Ideas for schemes/funding that will benefit the local community (S137 Local Government Act 1972)

The PC is looking for suggestions on schemes and the Chairman asked for ideas from the public

6. To receive questions from members of the public

A resident raised concerns on future flooding regarding the recent planning application for the Bridge over the railway line

JH raised concerns the flood plans may not be accurate and the situation is worsening, especially at Natton and possibly at Carrant Brook, may also be issues with attenuation ponds which may not be fit for purpose

TD added the application has been agreed but no road agreed, and properties and this could pave the way for 826 homes which is the bridge capacity

TBC will have to eventually look at the problem as something has happened to exacerbate the flooding issue

MG added flood mitigation has to be approved before the decision is agreed. Garden Town principles is a key consideration, but a lot of work has to be done. The A46 is a key consideration for any more than 850 houses but it looks like it will go forward, and road will come as part of housing development

Thanks were expressed to Councillors for all their work over the year

Councillors started hope a further meeting could be arranged to include more information on the GT and will ask for a representation form the GT team

No further business and the meeting ended at 7.20

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