

SIMPSON AND ASHLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting date:	2 March 2020
Venue:	Simpson Village Hall
Councillors present:	Cllr Pye – Chair (DP) Cllr Barnes – Vice Chair (PB) Cllr Ezeh (CE) Cllr Thornton (ST) Cllr Winter (JW)
Also present:	Lisa Emmanuel, Parish Clerk (LE) Anne Rhind, YMCA MK
Apologies:	Steve Bates, Lena Bates, Jane Anderson.
Members of public:	2 members of public

Ref.	Agenda item and Minutes	Action
19094	Public Forum	
	<p>DP introduced Anne Rhind from YMCA MK and outlined SAPC's commitment towards supporting children and young people within Simpson and Ashland.</p> <p>AR outlined the support provided by YMCA MK including an update on the new building opening shortly in CMK. A discussion followed on opportunities for support within the parish to address the wider needs of young people.</p>	
19095	Welcome, Introduction and Apologies for Absence	
	DP welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the sad passing of John Napleton a former SAPC Councillor. The thoughts, love and prayers of the Council are with Sue and her family.	Noted
19096	Declarations of Interest	
	None received.	
19097	Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 6th January 2020	
	The minutes were agreed and signed. LE had yet to progress the action relating to Simpson Brook. PB updated the meeting on the new ownership of the Five Acres site.	Noted LE
19098	Chair's Report	
	DP noted that this was the last meeting as Clerk for LE. DP thanked LE for her work and informed the meeting that she will continue to support the delivery of the S106 project.	Noted

	Two applications for the Clerk/RFO vacancy have been received, interviews commencing on Friday 6 th March.	
19099	Budget for 2020/21	
	DP thanked the budget working party for the work in the draft budget. It was resolved unanimously to agree the budget for 2020/21	Approved
19100	Ashland S106 project	
	AA shared the latest drawings and outlined the budget following recent quotes and estimates received. It is proposed to deliver the project in phases and to continue to explore options for cost savings. The recommendation from the Ashland Steering Group is to submit the planning application based on the latest drawings and to include all external elements and landscaping. It was resolved unanimously to submit the planning application and the S106 Business Case.	AA/LE Approved
19101	Draft Regeneration and Estate Renewal Strategy	
	The Council had no formal comments to submit to MKC.	Noted
19102	Grant Application	
	The YMCA grant application was reviewed. It was resolved on a basis of 4 in favour and 1 against, to award the grant in the amount of £500.	LE
19103	Statement of Intent re Climate Change	
	The draft Statement of Intent was reviewed. It was resolved unanimously to agree the Statement of Intent subject to the following amendments: Point 4 – to add ‘when considering planning applications’ To add an additional point at Point 6 – To encourage and develop the use of public transport by those who live, visit and work in the parish. PB to add the Statement of Intent to the next newsletter.	Approved PB
19104	Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF)	
	Work has begun by painting a 30mph sign and ‘Slow’ sign on the road. Further dates for completion of works are awaited.	Noted
19105	Devolved Services Third Option	
	LE has attended the necessary training to access the MKC systems in readiness for monitoring the contract. Setting up of remote access is underway. LE will continue to monitor until the newly appointed Clerk has completed their training.	Noted
19106	Biodiversity Plan	
	PB confirmed the timetable had been agreed with RH. The report will be ready for the May meeting.	Noted
19107	All-Out Elections May 2020	
	All 5 current councillors have expressed the intention to stand again. LE will circulate the nomination papers once received from MKC.	

	<p>The nominations period opens at 10am on 30th March and ends 4pm 8th April.</p> <p>Concern was raised over posts on Facebook during the pre-election period. A post to be published reminding all parties that no political posts are allowed and that all Cllr posts should cease from 13th March until after the elections.</p>	<p>LE</p> <p>CE</p>
19108	Annual Meeting of the Council	
	<p>The AGM and Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th May. Subjects to be discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Climate change • Biodiversity report 	Noted
19109	Simpson Village Hall	
	<p>PB updated on a meeting held with a lighting consultant, the report and costings are awaited.</p> <p>DP noted that the next meeting should begin to consider the future management of the hall.</p> <p>PB has purchase hand sanitiser for use at the hall in line with recommended practice for prevention of spread of coronavirus.</p>	Noted
19110	Finance Report and Payments List	
	<p>The finance report was reviewed and the payments list signed by the Chair. It was resolved to accept the report.</p>	Approved.
19111	Planning Applications	
	<p>a) The application Ref: 19/02950/FUL Simpson Post Office had been re-submitted with the issue raised in relation to the window addressed. Resolved that no further comment be made other than to refer to the previous concerns regarding parking.</p> <p>b) Ref: 19/00515/FUL Land to NW of Thornbury Resolved that SAPC has no comments to make.</p>	Noted
19112	Delegated Decisions	
	<p>The list of delegated decisions was reviewed. Resolved to accept the report.</p>	Approved
19113	Note any changes to Risk Management	
	<p>There were no issues to note.</p>	
19114	Any Other Business	
	<p>DP continues to attempt to engage with Domino Pizza.</p> <p>DP has met with CART and plans to address the state of the towpath are ongoing. Ownership of canal bridge 91 is also still under investigation via land registry.</p> <p>DP thanked everyone involved with the organisation of the Pop-Up café which had been really well attended. Special thanks were noted for Wendy Jordan for all her efforts.</p>	DP
19115	Date of next meeting	

	<p>The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th May 2020, 8.00pm at Simpson Village Hall, Simpson, Simpson.</p>	
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.55pm</p>	

Signed Chair Date

Signed Clerk Date

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