

Ashbrittle parish Council 25/4/24

Present

CD Charles Doble

PW Philip Wilson

JR Jeremy Robbins

PL Paul Leyland

It was discussed that we should employ someone to take minutes.

Paul to place advert on facebook (everyone to share where possible) also put an advert in Parish mag.

1. Highways & Planning

Kyle House/ Primrose Cottage application - No objections raised

cards Farm application - No objections raised

Parking in village. all agreed that we should try and discourage any parking on the green. Paul said he would talk to Ted Franklin when possible to ask about his vehicles.

Rights of way - nothing to report

3. finance

everyone agreed to PW's certificate of exemption and AGAR and it was signed by CD.

PW to publish on StASH site and forward to internal auditors.

Paul to publicise Stash site in parish mag alongside important local contacts.

PW has created a year ahead forecast which was welcomed and agreed by all.

Burial and footpath grants will cease and will adversely effect income.

All agreed to the forecast and realised cuts would need to be made.

One cut would possibly be the church and it was agreed to discuss at the end of the meeting without CD due to conflict of interest.

PL & PW suggested that future church payments should be more itemised and perhaps mention specific outlays such as ground maintenance, roofrepairs and insurance.

PW & PL reported that they have been trying against the odds (Lloyds bank) to set up PL as a signatory for online banking. it is hoped that by May 2nd this will be in place and will allow for simpler online BACS payments to be made in the future.

It was mentioned that the church could be used as a venue for music etc. CD was very supportive of this idea which would also bring in additional funding for the church.

4. Finger Posts

PL offered to paint the signs on a weather and time permitting basis.

CD to send Lenas previous ocument on locations etc.

PL to check signs and report back on potential quantities of paint etc.

CD said he knows a good company to source paint.

5. Phone Box

It was suggested that it could be painted by local volunteers but was agreed it needed to be done professionally. it was also suggested it could be any colour but all agreed it should be the traditional red.

JR offered to put together a brief that could be used to get quotes from local tradespeople.

6. AOB

PL & PW are involved with Ashbrittle Arts and asked for some support for a project that will celebrate the 150th birthday of the church clock.

It was agreed that £200 will be given to fund materials for the event.

CD offered to send some history of the clock to PL to use for the event.

7. church funds (discussed without CD due to conflict of interest.

PW, PI & JR agreed that due to the reduction in funds i.e burial and footpath grants that the previous funding to the church was no longer viable and a baseline fund of £400 pa was appropriate in the circumstances.

It was suggested that next year we should increase our precept once we have a better idea of what the new budget impacts on or outgoings.

it was agreed that a reasonable increase would have a negligible impact on Council tax bills.