

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**Minutes the Annual Parish meeting held on
Monday 13 March 2023 which commenced at 18:30pm
At the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash**

Present: Cllr Nigel Manning – Chairman Ash Parish Council
Dennis Wheeler – Clerk To The Council

Fifteen members of the public including seven Ash Parish Councillors and Residents of the Parish of Ash

1. Welcome from the Chairman of the Council.

The Chairman of the Council opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. He reported that now that Covid-19 pandemic is not the threat it once posed. we are finally seeing the return of normal life. It had been a busy year progressing new projects in the Parish using term contractors who were more efficient and economically advantageous.

2. To accept Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies of absence received.

3. To receive Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest to report.

4. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March 2022.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 14 March 2022 copies of which have been circulated to Ash residents, were confirmed as a true record, and will be signed by the Chairman of the Council.

5. A Financial Report from the Trustees of the Parochial Charity (Smith's Charity) was received.

Ash residents present received and accepted the report with one minor correction to a date.

6. A Report from the Trustees of the James Payne Memorial Fund was received.

Ash residents present received and accepted the report.

7. A Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council was received.

Ash residents present received and accepted the report.

8. The Annual Reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council Committees and the reports submitted by the representatives of the other bodies were received.

Ash residents present received and accepted all the reports.

9. OPEN MEETING.

Items raised for discussion, of local concern or interest affecting Ash Parish, are detailed at Appendix A.

10. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is due to be held on **11 March 2024** commencing at 18:30pm.

The meeting concluded at 19.04pm

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

Dog Fouling in the Parish

It was reported that dog fouling seemed to be on the increase in the Parish. Were the Parish about to highlight this issue to the public.

The Chairman replied that in the current Ash Matters Newsletter which is about to be published the issue of Dog Fouling was highlighted on the front page.

It was suggested that “no dog fouling” signs could be installed on lamp posts in the new developments in the Parish.

The Chairman replied that Councillor Jo Randall would help with this matter. Guildford boroughs Dog Warden is now responsible for licensing and welfare for all animals in Guildford Borough and is much busier.

Shawfield Road Tunnel

The issues of the Shawfield Road pedestrian tunnel was reported at the last Annual Parish meeting, currently it needs painting and new lights.

The Chairman replied that Surrey County Council (SCC) have finally admitted ownership of the tunnel and he would chase up SCC for an update on the maintenance. The Parish had offered to pay for the maintenance, but an agreement had been reached with SCC.

Flooding in the Parish

It was reported that there was flooding at the bottom of Longacre on the footpath to the garage way. When it rains people have to wade through water to gain access.

The Chairman replied that the Council would contact SCC on this matter.

Highway issue’s Shawfield Road.

It was reported that the speed bumps on the left hand side by Rose Cottages going towards the Greyhound pub in Shawfield Road was breaking up. The road surface was also breaking up, and patches are appearing where the surface is eroded.

The Chairman replied that the council would contact SCC on this matter.

Potholes in the Parish.

It was reported that a potholes have appeared in Chester Road and the roundabout. There has an increase in potholes in the parish. It would seem that this is a big issue within the Parish at the moment.

The Chairman replied that he would contact SCC on this matter. However, Parish residents must keep reporting the potholes in The Parish on the SCC website.