

# Ashton Keynes Parish Council

## Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10 May 2017

Present: Cllrs M Carter; S Crawford; B Ellison; A Tindall; E Tidmarsh; A Wheatley.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wilts Cllr C Berry; Peter Crozier (Fowler Architecture and Planning Ltd); Mrs S Cripps; Mr N Nurden; Mr A Levens; (members of the public)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Tindall was proposed, by Cllr Carter to Chair the meeting, seconded by Cllr Crawford voted in favour unanimously.

Prior to the meeting Mr Crozier addressed the Parish Council on behalf of a neighbour to the property concerned with the application 17/03218/FUL. Mr Crozier's client, Mrs Cripps, objected to the application on the grounds that it impinged on the boundary and privacy to the next-door property and made several observations of inconsistencies in the application. The objections had been circulated to the Parish Council to give the Parish Council the opportunity to give due consideration to the application.

Mr Nurden addressed the Parish Council as a neighbour to give his concerns regarding the same application. Mr Nurden considered the development would unbalance the neighbouring properties and raised concerns that the extensions, by encroaching further into the garden, created privacy issues.

The Parish Council had no further questions and thanked Mr Nurden and Mr Crozier for their observations.

### 2017/060 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council had been received from Cllrs Cooper and Wingrove. Cllr Tidmarsh apologised for a delayed attendance.

### 2017/061 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Tidmarsh declared an interest in the planning application 17/03218/FUL for business reasons.

### 2017/062 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 May 2017

The minutes of the Council Meeting 10 May 2017 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 2017/063 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Berry confirmed that the decision following the consultation of the decommissioning of the phone boxes would be made at the Malmesbury Area Board meeting on 31 May 2017 and then conveyed to British Telecom. Cllr Berry had had no further notification regarding this matter.
- Notification of a call in of the application for the Cable Ski Centre should the case officer at Wiltshire Council consider approving the application without confirming the conditions forwarded by the Parish Council. The target decision date for this application is 30 June. Cllr Berry will check on the progress of the application.

**Action: Cllr C Berry**

- Cllr Berry had forwarded a link to Urchfont Parish Council which provided evidence of how a Community Bus could work. The Parish Council had been advised to contact Urchfont PC to discuss how running a volunteer driven bus can work, together with representatives from the Parish Councils at Leigh, Minety, Oaksey and Crudwell. There is an attempt to bring the Chairs of the relevant parishes together to see if there is an appetite for this project.

**Action: Cllr C Berry**

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- Notification of the vacancies on the Parish Council had been inserted in the Parish Newsletter.

## 2017/064 Chairman's Report

- It was reported that, Cllr Wingrove had been unable to contact the owner of lake 83 about the link gully between Lake 82 and lake 83. The meeting noted this to be an on-going issue.
- It was reported that there is a new edition of the village telephone directory which has been produced and circulated. The meeting wished to express its thanks to parishioner, Mr D Perks, for organising the publication.

## 2017/065 Clerk's Report –

The report had been circulated previously and it was noted that since the last meeting, there have been changes to Wiltshire Council Cabinet members, Cllr Wayman has replaced Cllr Whitehead as the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste with Cllr Whitehead moving to the role of Cabinet Member for Finance and IT. Cllr Wayman has been Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Area Board for four years, having worked with Adrian and Bill on many occasions regarding various Local Highway issues. Cllr Wayman trusts that this knowledge and involvement will ensure a good understanding on the services being delivered, but look forward to working with on the local issues. Cllr Berry has been appointed to Cabinet Member for Housing and Economics. The council has commenced its second major litter pick on the major roads this year throughout Wiltshire, this started in the beginning of May. At which time the litter service will then react to MyWiltshire reports for the rest of the year. The rural verge cut commenced at the beginning of May and should be completed by the end of June. The Parish Stewards are currently scheduled to weed control, grass strimming at road junctions and other sensitive location works. The incident of the large branch from the Willow at 6 High Road, having broken off and fallen into the river has been reported to the Environment Agency. It was noted that the Environment Agency had visited the site on more than one occasion, but had not been able to contact the occupier. The clerk will follow up with the Environment Agency for an update.

**Action: The clerk**

## 2017/066 Financial Report

The annual accounts for 2016-17 had been received by the external auditors, Grant Thornton.

Income since the last meeting:  
No new income received

Expenditure:	
Clerk's salary (May)	£429.60
Room Hire (May 4 mtgs)	£94.00
OSM Contract (May)	£900.00

Closing balance: £50,933.18  
The Parish Council noted the report.

## 2017/067 Footpath 20 – by Lake 82

Prior to the meeting, notification from Wiltshire Council regarding the adoption of the Public Right of Way to the north of lake 82 had been circulated. The members of the Open Spaces working group will draft a response and will request a full report from Mr M Seymour for the historical evidence.

**Action: Open Spaces Working Group**

## 2017/068 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

### • Planning

Cllr Tidmarsh withdrew from the meeting  
a) Application: 17/03218/FUL

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Proposal: Two storey front and side extension, incl addition to existing one storey side extension, demolition of existing conservatory and the addition of pitched roof to existing detached garage building

Address: Wall Cottage, 2 Kent End

Decision: The Parish Council OBJECTED to the application on the grounds that it contravened the recently adopted Neighbourhood Plan which identified a shortfall of two-bedroomed properties; the increase in the size of the property would increase parking issues in the area and the development would impact on the privacy of the neighbouring properties.

Mrs Cripps, Mr Crozier and Mr Nurden left the meeting.  
Cllr Tidmarsh returned to the meeting.

b) TPO 2017/00012/GRP - 1 Dairy Farm. Gosditch – the Parish Council supported the tree preservation order as forwarded by Wiltshire Council.

- **Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses** – The working group has commenced with its review of the watercourses through the village and a progress meeting will be set up before the next Parish Council meeting.

**Action: The Open Spaces Working Group**

It was noted that footpath 28A was being fenced off to prevent the public wandering off the public right of way towards the open water, this is being done as a safeguard for the public.

It was noted that several stiles in the village are difficult to cross due to sheep wire blocking off the lower sections. The working group will review the stiles to ascertain the problem.

**Action: The Open Spaces Working Group**

- **Village Hall** – there was nothing to report
- **Playing Fields Committee** – there was nothing to report
- **Minerals Liaison** – there was nothing to report
- **Cotswold Water Park** – Cllr Carter had attended the pre-opening event at the Keynes Country Park, which introduced the new management, Planning Solutions, who have been appointed by the Cotswold Water Park (CWP) to run the business, however CWP will continue to maintain the site. The Keynes Country Park opened at the end of May.
- **School Governors** – Cllr Crawford had met with School Governor, John Hughes, and had agreed to liaise with the governors as and when appropriate. It was noted that the teachers at the school had taken to using the High Road Playing Field car park and walking to the school in an attempt to alleviate the parking issues by the school.
- **Police** – it was noted that PCSO John Bordiss made regular visits to the village hall when the WI run coffee mornings were held and the outreach post office is open.

## 2017/069 Neighbourhood Planning update

The referendum for the Neighbourhood Plan, held on 25 May 2017, had received a vote in favour of 91% from a turnout of 424, 38% of the total electorate, and has been incorporated as part of the Wiltshire Core Strategy as of 31 May 2017. Cllr Carter was thanked for the commitment in bringing the Neighbourhood Plan to fruition. It was noted that part of the Plan included an Implementation Strategy and these projects will be reviewed, on a regular basis, by the Parish Council.

## 2017/070 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to inform the clerk by 5 July should any additional items be required. Cllr Berry reported he had received thanks for himself and the Parish Council from Mr Bailey on getting most of the potholes down the Derry repaired.

**2017/071 Date for next meeting 12 July 2017.** The meeting was concluded at 08:23pm