

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th June 2019

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove; A Tindall; S Crawford; M Carter; M Cooper; M Smith.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wilts Cllr Berry; 5 members of the public (names noted)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Chairman welcomed the 5 members of the public and invited them to speak.

One member of the public had come to the meeting to give the Parish Council a Public Right of Way Proposal Survey that contained 59 signatures in support of making the footpath behind The Mead an extension to existing Footpath 18.

A member of the public had sent an email to the Parish Council prior to the meeting regarding concerns about the Wheatley's Farm extraction application 17/12064/WCM. Concerns raised included noise levels and dust.

Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending and requested that agenda items 29a and 27 were moved up the agenda.

19-20/019 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Ellison, Levens, Inzani and Low.

19-20/020 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19-20/021 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th May 2019

The minutes of the Council Meeting 8th May 2019 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

19-20/022 Parish Council vacancies

There is currently one vacancy on the Parish Council.

19-20/023 Actions from Previous Meeting

- Cllr Smith is now using AKPC email.
The subsidence at Mill House has been checked and it is not on the owners land, Highways are saying that it is not their land. It looks like the subsidence is occurring due to water flowing through. The Chairman agreed to speak with all stakeholders including the council as there is a safety issue. Clerk to email Cllr Berry with all details so that he can speak with the legal dept of Wiltshire Council and advise. Highways are happy to look into subsidence occurring at another area of Church Walk.

Action: Cllrs Wingrove & Berry

19-20/029a Planning

This item was brought forward at the request of the Chairman to discuss the Wheatley's Farm site. When the planning application first went in the Parish Council objected. The application is still in negotiations and is currently at the technical stage, we now need to formulate a response prior to next month's meeting. We have heard from a parishioner this evening who is happy to work on a response with the Parish Council. Cllr Berry agreed to speak to Wiltshire Council Minerals Department to see if they have a view on this matter. The development has now been sold and has no connection with the quarry owners, it was agreed to contact the developer. The wording of the Parish Councils objection is to be ratified at next month's meeting.

Actions: Cllrs Wingrove, Tindall & Berry

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19-20/027 Extension to Footpath 18

The Parish Council have received a proposal for the extension of Footpath 18 from Four Acre Close to The Mead. During the Neighbourhood Plan process one area of importance to the community was to protect access to footpaths for the future, 9.4.1.2 on the Neighbourhood Plan lists this proposed extension. The land was owned by Green Square and gifted to the Parish Council, this should now be updated with Land Registry. The proposal is to add the strip of land which is a grass walking track as an extension to Footpath 18 and to make it a public Right of Way. The track has been walked in excess of 40 years and a petition in support has been provided containing 59 signatures. The Parish Council resolved to initiate the process of designating Footpath 18 extension as a Public Right of Way subject to periodic review. Clerk to establish completion of ownership of land.

Action: Clerk. Cllr Carter

8.29pm All member of the public left the meeting.

19-20/024 Chairman's Report

Ashton Keynes has won the first round of the Best Kept Village Competition, topping the Large Village section of the North Wiltshire and Swindon Area.

The Parish Council storage in the village has been looked through and sorted, there is some IT equipment that needs checking over before we decide what we are going to do with it.

19-20/025 Clerks Report

The Village Hall is owned by the Parish Council but run by a committee on our behalf, occasionally invoices are made out to the Parish Council – all councillors were happy for this to continue.

The savings account is now set up, Councillors agreed to pay in £40,000 from the current account.

The NS&I Certificate has been located, Cllr Cooper was appointed as the new Trustee. Cllr Cooper will liaise with Ian Wood to complete and return the paperwork to NS&I.

Action: Cllr Cooper

A parishioner has made a request for tree pruning on the cut through between Four Acres Close and The Lotts. The trees were pruned 2-3yrs ago but are now overhanging the property. The land that the trees are on is maintained by Wiltshire Council. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Wiltshire Council and request them to carry out the works required, original comment from parishioner to be included.

A request for a new Dog Bin/Litter Bin has been received, however, Wiltshire Council will not supply or empty any new bins. Parish Council have previously arranged the relocation of an existing bin. Environment Group to carry out a survey on all bins. Clerk to write to parishioner explaining Wiltshire Councils policy and inform them that we are carrying out a survey on bins.

Action: Clerk & Environment Group

Winter Preparation forms need to be completed and sent back to Wiltshire Council by the end of August. It was agreed to ask villagers who are at risk of flooding to contact the Parish Council if they require any Gel Sacs, these would need to be stored and deployed by property owners and not the Parish Council so that they are accessible when needed. To be included in the Parish Newsletter. The Salt Bins need to be checked and reported back on.

Action: Cllrs Ellison

The developer of land at Wheatley's Farm would like to use the names Maisey Corner and Heavens Rise. It was agreed to put an entry in the Parish Newsletter asking for relatives to contact the Parish Council should they have any objection.

Action: Clerk

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19-20/026 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:

Expenditure:

Administration to Council	£ 414.80
Village Hall Room Hire	£ 19.00
Mobile Phone Contract	£ 19.68
WALC Annual Subscription	£ 553.76
A Batchelor Internal Audit	£ 25.00
D Wingrove (Tree Plaque)	£ 173.10
Millenium Green Trust Grant	£ 750.00
Holy Cross PCC Grant	£ 1100.00
Playing Fields Committee Grant	£ 3300.00

Closing balance: £54,914.24

The Parish Council noted the financial report and approved the income and expenditure to date.

19-20/028 Footpath 41

The Northern Area Planning Committee meeting took place earlier today, Parish Council Chairman and one other Councillor were in attendance. The Chairman spoke in support of the proposal. The result was a unanimous vote to resolve that Path 41 be forwarded to the Secretary of State with the recommendation that the order be confirmed without modification.

19-20/029 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- a) **Planning** – Discussed earlier in meeting
- b) **Environment Committee** – Footpath 28 between Lake 81 & 200 needs cutting back as it is impassable.

Action: Cllr Crawford

A complaint has been made about the footpath by Little Kent End, Clerk to make contact to request it is cut back.

Action: Clerk

- c) **Internal Affairs** – No report as have not met
- d) **Minerals Liaison** – No report
- e) **Village Hall** – No report
- f) **Playing Fields Committee** – Family Sports day is being held on 7th July from 2pm – 6pm
- g) **Cotswold Water Park** – No report
- h) **School Governors** – Hoping to go to planning asap for the new build. The Travel Plan is due for renewal, the school will be asking for input from the Parish Council.
- i) **Police** – No report
- j) **Highways** – CATG have granted 75% of the cost of the pole for the SID. The SID cost is not a CATG spend, we are still within the budget previously agreed. A location has been requested and the pole will be installed by the end of summer. The policy whereby you have to take the SID down after 14 days is still being reviewed.

19-20/030 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to contact the Clerk before 2nd July with any items to be considered for the next agenda.

19-20/031 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be 10th July 2019

The meeting concluded at 9.40pm