

# Ashton Keynes Parish Council

## Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9 March 2016

Present: Cllrs M Carter; B Ellison; Y Jordan; A Seymour; E Tidmarsh; A Tindall; R Thomas; K Winstone.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wiltshire Cllr C Berry;

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Prior to the meeting Cllr Winstone was nominated to Chair the meeting, proposed Cllr Thomas; seconded Cllr Ellison; voted in favour unanimously.

### 2016/014 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Cooper, M Seymour and D Wingrove.

### 2016/015 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2016/016 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 February 2016

The minutes of the Council Meeting 10 February 2016 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

### 2016/017 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- The clerk has written to the Chairman of the Ashton Keynes Tennis Club to give the historical account of the High Road Playing Field and the inclusion of a kick wall which has been replaced by an additional tennis court. The AKTC had applied to replace the kick wall with a Multi Games Area, but the application had been withdrawn and no further attempt had been made to recompense the village for the disposal of the kick wall. The request for a contribution of £2,000 towards the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has been made. To date there has been no response from the AKTC. The clerk to find when the AKPC hold the next meeting to discuss the request.

**Action: The Clerk**

- Mr Ollie Phipps, the Community Engagement Officer of Wiltshire Council, is continuing to negotiate with the bus company regarding the inclusion of Ashton Keynes on route 51. The bus company have agreed to review the situation in the autumn, once they have satisfied their concerns as to the accessibility of the village by their coaches. Any route change would include amendments to their timetables and would need to be cost effective for the company as Wiltshire Council is reducing bus subsidies throughout the county

**Action: The Clerk**

- The case officer for planning application 15/10351/WCM has advised the applicant to provide increased information before the application can be reviewed and removed the original application from the website. Once the updated information becomes available through a re-submission, Wiltshire Council will inform the Parish Council.

**Action: Cllr Berry**

- Footpath 7 is on land leased by Cirencester Ski Club, the landlord is yet to be identified in order to be requested to maintain the footpath.

**Action: Cllr Ellison**

### 2016/018 Chairman's Report

No report

### 2016/019 Clerk's Report –

It was noted:

Update on issues raised through the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

- Gosditch Ashton Keynes. Wider vehicles such as the school bus cannot proceed along Gosditch as cars are often parked along the narrow road.

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- Rixon Gate Ashton Keynes. Parking along Rixon Gate by the gateway to the Waterhay bridle path and in private gateways in the vicinity. It was noted that there were seven vehicles parked by the gateways recently.
- Parishioner, Mr G Clarke, had requested the Parish Council get Wiltshire Council to repair the potholes in the village. The Parish Council agreed that the situation was deteriorating rapidly and Wiltshire Council should be aware that some of the potholes were becoming a danger to drivers and Wiltshire Council would be liable as these potholes have been reported. Mr Clarke has been informed that the Parish Council continues to chase Wiltshire Council to meet its responsibilities. The clerk has contacted the Highways Co-ordinator, stating that 15 issues have been reported since December 2015 and are scheduled, but not resolved. If there is no response, the Engineer will be contacted.

## **Action: The Clerk**

The clerk attended the meeting organised by the Waterland, Keynes Park, with regard to the stewardship of Triathlons and Road Cycle races based at Keynes Park. Event organisers have to adhere to strict rules and regulations, however the main problems appear to be local cycle clubs, unaffiliated clubs and the organisers of the cycle races who use the fields by the North End crossroads as a Car Park. There were no representations from these organisations. A calendar has been devised by Waterland, which requires to be populated by local parishes and event organisers in order to highlight when and where events will be taking place. The Parish Council agreed to provide a link to the calendar through the website so that everyone has an opportunity to review event dates and locations. There will be a review meeting at the end of the Triathlon season.

The Parish Council agreed to additional tree work and accepted the recommended quotes, it was confirmed the trees were the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was noted that, due to the weather conditions throughout the winter, there had been a necessity for additional grass topping and cuts in the playing field which were outside the scope of original contract. The Parish Council agreed to pay for the additional work.

## **2016/020 Financial Report –**

As requested the year end forecast outturn had been reported and expenditure for February was noted:

Clerk's salary: £410.40 (gross), room hire; £19.00, open space maintenance £816.00.

## **2016/021 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports**

- Planning – there were no objections to the recently received applications. The appeal for the development at Wheatley's Farm, application 14/11928/OUT has been deferred to the 18 March 2016, Cllrs Carter and Wingrove to attend.

### **Action: Cllrs Carter; Wingrove**

- Footpaths, hedges and water courses- it was noted that only six forms have been returned supporting the safe keeping of footpath 20 to the south of the Millennium Green, four of which were incomplete. There had been complaints that, following a recent funeral, the verges around footpath 21 by Church Walk had been damaged. Cllr A Seymour agreed to repair the damage.

### **Action: Cllr A Seymour**

- Village Hall – the AGM will be held 16 March as noted from the previous meeting. It was noted that the Wiltshire Council Youth Officer, Xina Hart, is looking to establish a "Travelling Youth Club" which would be monthly events rolled out around the around the parishes providing there was availability at the village halls.
- Playing Fields Committee – there is a concerted effort to refurbish the Bradstone Pavilion by volunteers. Further grant opportunities have been sourced and forwarded to the Playing Fields Committee which may be appropriate to assist in the restoration of the building. It was noted there had been a successful application for a grant for £5,000 from the Youth Network Group to go towards the MUGA and coaching sessions for the youth. Coaching sessions for different sports are available through Wiltshire Council. It was noted that the Playing Fields Committee has improved its financial situation.

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- Minerals Liaison – no report
- Cotswold Water Park – there had been no recent meeting
- School Governors – no report
- Police – PCSO Dee Curran had forwarded a report for February which stated that there had been two crimes reported during the month, theft of a carpet cleaner from a company at the Old Brickyard by a named offender, with enquiries ongoing, and unknown offenders jemmed open a temporary fibreboard door, nothing was taken and the incident closed undetected. In the wider North Wiltshire Area, there has been an increase in reports of Polish/Romanian persons cold calling door to door offering items such as paintings for sale. In order to do this lawfully, they should be in possession of a "Pedlars Certificate". If anyone has any concerns, then call 101 and note any vehicle details if possible. The Parish Council noted that, recently, there had been a group offering to "tarmac drives" in the village, but they did not appear to be that competent.

## **2016/022 Neighbourhood Planning Update**

Members of the Steering Group had met with Wiltshire Officer, Henning Totz, to discuss the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, a meeting which had proved constructive and helpful with useful information to take forward. It had been confirmed that Henning Totz, who had reviewed the plan, is the new link officer for the Steering Group. All comments are to be reviewed and worked through, there have been three representations forwarded by developers citing Cox's Hill, Mill Field and Cotswold Community as areas suitable for development. All representations and comments submitted on the plan need to have agreement that the information submitted can be accessible in the public domain, once attained then the Steering Group can continue with the openness and transparency required by the reviewing processes. The next stage is for the Steering Group to assess the information and agree relevant changes.

**Action: AKNP Steering Group**

## **2016/023 Multi Use Games Area**

The objection to the amendment to the footpath had been withdrawn and notices from Wiltshire Council are in place stating the footpath will be moved. Cullimore have confirmed willingness in assisting in the removal of the spoil. Discussion was had surrounding the best accessibility for the heavier vehicles. It was agreed to investigate metal tracking, similar to the materials used for the WOMAD festivals, to protect the playing fields. Playing Field Chairman, Martin Young has agreed to co-ordinate the spoil removal. Wiltshire Council Officer, Colin Kennerson has agreed the availability of the Section 106 funds. The Parish Council confirmed that it had agreed, previously, to set aside up to £10,000 for the project, which may not be needed in full due to part availability of the grant received by the Playing Fields and, potentially, a contribution from the Tennis Club. It is hoped that work can commence in April making it convenient for users of the playing field, but this is weather dependent.

## **2016/024 Date for the Annual Parish Meeting**

It was agreed to hold the 2016 Annual Parish Council prior to the monthly meeting, on 13 April 2016 at the Village Hall. It was not proposed to hold the meeting in the main hall, as history had proved that few parishioners attended.

## **2016/025 Matters for the next meeting**

Councillors were reminded to forward items for the April agenda to the Clerk by 6 April 2016.

## **2016/026 Date for next meeting 13 April 2016.**

The meeting was concluded at 08:25pm