

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12 October 2016

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove; M Carter; M Cooper; S Crawford; B Ellison; Y Jordan; M Seymour; A Tindall.

In attendance: The Clerk; Mr A Wheatley (parishioner)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

2016/113 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council from Cllrs Berry; A Seymour and Tidmarsh.

2016/114 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2016/115 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 October 2016

The minutes of the Council Meeting 12 October 2016 had been circulated previously, with the amendment on item 2016/107 to read "A request for EIA scoping opinions has been forwarded to the Parish Council for comments", the minutes were agreed and signed as a true record.

2016/116 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Wingrove had received confirmation from Wiltshire Council that planning permission would not be required for the placement of the "March Hare" by the White Hart and Kathryn Gray will be liaising with the White Hart management to take the project forward. It is expected that the Hare should be unveiled on 25 March 2017.
- 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. There has been a request for a six month trial. Mr Phipps has had no further correspondence from the bus company, Stagecoach. The clerk, through the newsletter, has invited parishioners to contact Stagecoach directly, if they require the service through the village. The progress will continue to be monitored.

Action: The Clerk
- Cllr M Seymour has contacted the owners of Footpath 7 to request the footpath is made passable, but there has been no response and the footpath still requires attention. Cllr A Seymour will continue address the issue.

Action: Cllr A Seymour
- Footpath 13 also requires attention; Cllr Ellison will attend to this matter.

Action: Cllr Ellison
- A parishioner had raised concerns regarding a possible hornet's nest in the Lotts playing field area. It had been noted that hornets had been identified at the sub-station on the corner of Eastfield and Fore Street. The owners of the sub-station have completed hedge work on the site and there was no evidence of a nest. Pest Control at Wiltshire Council had been contacted, however with no nest identified, no further progress was taken.

Cllr Jordan joined the meeting

- Cllr Tindall had requested the discussion of the Environmental Impact Assessment be made more public through the newsletter. Cllr Wingrove proposed that a factual notification be entered in the newsletter, seconded Cllr Tindall, voted in favour, unanimously.

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- Cllr A Seymour had identified three estate agents' notices on public land, away from the property on the market. Cllr Wingrove will contact the estate agents concerned to inform them of the Parish Council's policy that public spaces were not suitable for this type of advertising and will ask for the signs to be moved within the next two weeks.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

- The clerk has received a letter of thanks from the Village Hall Management Committee for the offer of the grant to assist in the repair to the car park and had received assurances that quotes had been sought for the work, but getting companies in to tender for the work had proved quite onerous.

2016/117 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman reported that Wiltshire Council had informed the Parish Council on Monday 7 November that it could co-opt a Councillor, however this was too late for inclusion for the November agenda and will be on the December agenda.
- The clerk had forwarded information from BT that there would be a consultation period regarding the continuation/closure of the phone box in the High Road. Evidence had been forwarded which indicated that the box had been used once during the last 12 months. Should the service be removed, BT will offer the Parish Council to adopt the phone box for a nominal amount of £1. The Parish Council will discuss this at the next meeting once terms and conditions have been ratified.

2016/117 Clerk's Report

Since the last meeting, the clerk has met up with the Parish Steward, some of the elements requested by the Parish Council are outside the scope of the Parish Steward duties, this includes the repair work to the fence by the bridge along the footpath from Four Acre Close to the rear of Harris Road and Ashfield. The painting of the railings will be scheduled for the spring/summer period. As requested by the Parish Council, the clerk has informed the Village Hall Management Committee that up to 50% of phase one of the repair work to the car park will be met by the Parish Council, also the Management Committee have been informed of the Parish Council's request for future grant applications, that the committee follow Parish Council financial guidelines for three tenders to be sought and to inform the Parish Council at an earlier stage of future projects, the Village Hall Management Committee's response was noted earlier in the meeting. The Wiltshire Council advice on roadside hedges will be included in the next newsletter. The trees in Kent End have been confirmed as "...none of them pose an 'unacceptable' level of risk (as defined by the Health and Safety Executive). As such, there is no management required in relation to risk management at this time" by the Wiltshire Council Tree and Woodland Officer. Although quotes for the potential work had been obtained, the Parish Council considered that Wiltshire Council should maintain the trees on its land.

2016/118 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:	Expenditure:	
Interest (Oct) £2.29	Clerk's salary (Oct)	£424.40
	Room Hire (Oct)	£19.00
	OSM Contract (Oct)	£816.00
	Final MUGA costs	£100.00
	Playing Fields Grant (partial)	£1,880.00

Closing balance: £48283.27
The Parish Council noted the report

2016/119 Footpath 20 – by Lake 82

Cllr Jordan has been in contact with Wiltshire Officer, Barbara Burke, but Mrs Burke was not able to give an update about the requested re-instatement of the footpath to the north of

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Lake 82. Cllr Jordan will contact Mrs Burke again later in the week. The owner of the land has been informed of the application, however he has not responded

Action: Cllr Jordan

2016/120 Transfer Of Land (footpath from The Mead to the rear of the Lotts)

The clerk has sent two signed transfer of land agreement forms back to the solicitors acting on behalf of GreenSquare, the signed copy for the Parish Council records has not been returned as yet.

Action: The Clerk

2016/121 Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Cllrs Ellison and Crawford have constructed a bracket for the SID and obtained new batteries. It is expected that the SID will be sited within the next two weeks.

Action: Cllrs Crawford and Ellison

2016/122 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning – the minutes from the latest Planning Committee meeting had been circulated previously.
Application: 16/09180/106
Proposal: Modification of section 106 agreement relating to 00/02473/FUL as amended by 01/01791/FUL in relation to restrictions to disposal of land separate from the agricultural workers dwelling at Wheatley's Farm, Ashton Keynes
Address: Wheatley's Farm, High Road
Decision: The Parish Council considered the application and resolved to object on the grounds that whilst there is provision in the section 106 agreement for the removal of the tie on the land, the mechanism proposed by the applicant does not comply with these provisions, in particular 3.1 "is of equivalent size to the part of the land to be removed from the tie;" nor does the application comply with the support statement in paragraph 12.0 which states that "...together with an area of pasture to the east of the buildings that may be required ancillary to the development of the farm site".
- Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses – Issues brought forward for the Parish Steward included the leaf clearance from the footpath between Richmond Court and the High Road and the footpath alongside the Lotts Play Area. It was noted that the silt levels by the hatch at the Mill, Church Walk, have raised considerably over the last 35 years. The Parish Council will arrange a meeting with an Environment Agency Policy Officer to discuss the Agency's strategy for the maintenance of the Thames in the area.
Action: The Clerk
- Hatches along the Thames – the Environment Agency had confirmed that the repair to the hatches could progress and the hatch by Groom's Cottage has been repaired. It was noted that there had been significant silt clearance already. Concerns were raised regarding the state of the river further downstream.
- Village Hall – the Village Hall Management Committee has proposed to place a sign in the Car Park requesting drivers to avoid the recently repaired footpath and for this to be signed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that the proposal for a sign was sensible, but not to be signed by the Parish Council as such an action could be misinterpreted.
- Playing Fields Committee – there was no report from the recent committee meeting, but it was noted that there would be a fund-raising quiz night to be held at the Bradstone Pavilion on 18 November.
- Minerals Liaison – Cllr Ellison suggested that the Liaison group should arrange an early meeting with the developers of the proposed gravel extraction at Wheatley's Farm to discuss concerns and potential opportunities for the village. Cllr Berry will be requested to ascertain Wiltshire Council's views on the application, its viability and how it fits in with the Council's Minerals Strategy. There may be an opportunity

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for Parish Councillors to meet with the Minerals Officer from Wiltshire for confirmation of the strategy.

- Cotswold Water Park – it was noted that the picnic area along the Spine Road (East) had been opened recently, however, after 10 days had been closed again due to vandalism.
 - School Governors – a report had been forwarded which noted that: the new deputy head was bringing new ideas to the school; the head and chair of Governors had been asked for the views of the school on the proposed development next to Dairy Farm, the school remained neutral; the Breakfast Club has increased in popularity; the school has new caterers and it is hoped to increase the number of pupils taking school dinner to 50%; the Governors Strategy meeting discussed the issue of the school becoming an academy, however it was not considered a priority due to the change of emphasis by Government, instead it is to focus on improvements to pupil experience and working to achieve the best rating at the next OFSTED inspection.
 - Police – John Bordiss has recently become the PCSO for Ashton Keynes and Minety area joining the team in Royal Wootton Bassett area on 17 October 2016, previously working for Wiltshire Police over 15 years, mainly in the Marlborough area, for the last 7 years as part of the Rural Crime Team, covering the whole of Wiltshire. PCSO Bordiss looking forward to working in the Ashton Keynes and Minety area and is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible in the coming months. Cllr Wingrove will arrange to meet with PCSO Bordiss.
- Action: Cllr Wingrove**
- Ashton Keynes Charity Parish Council Representative – one of the two Parish Council trustee positions has fallen vacant. Cllr M Seymour nominated Cllr Tidmarsh, having discussed the vacancy with Cllr Tidmarsh previously, seconded Cllr Jordan, voted in favour, unanimously.

2016/123 Neighbourhood Planning update

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is currently on the Consultation Portal on the Wiltshire Council website, Regulation 16 of the procedure. Councillors have until 14 November to visit the website and make comments, all of which will be public and be forwarded to the inspector. Once the inspector has ratified the plan, it will go to a referendum. To date, 19 responses had been recorded, all favourable, some of the more recent comments had not been made live, so there are more responses expected. James Gray MP has written to Wiltshire Council in support of the Plan. Cllr Carter was thanked for his continued work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Cllr Carter

2016/124 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to inform the Clerk by 6 December should any additional items be required. Items already noted include the Parish Council vacancy and the future of the phone box.

2016/125 Date for next meeting 14 December 2016.

The meeting was concluded at 09.11 pm