

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11 April 2018

Present: Cllrs M Cooper; S Crawford; B Ellison; A Levens; M Smith; E Tidmarsh; A Tindall; D Wingrove.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wilts Cllr Berry; 10 members of the public

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Prior to the meeting, Felicity Drewe addressed the Parish Council to highlight her concerns with the dog park planning application. The four main concerns related to the unacceptable increase in traffic along The Derry, a single track road; the prospect of unacceptable levels of noise in a conservation area; as the owner of the adjacent property, Mrs Drewe has concerns for the safety of her livestock, sheep and lambs, that graze in the neighbouring paddock and the proposed hours of opening of all daylight hours all year round.

Alison Bone reiterated the concerns of the excessive opening hours and how the proposal will fit in with the maintenance of the tranquil nature of the area.

John Harvey made two further points stating that the application had indicated the fencing would not be visible from the road, this is incorrect as the fence has been erected already and is clearly visible. It has been indicated the operation will be silent, there is no indication as to this will be controlled.

Natasha Inzani had checked with similar facilities in the area and has found that it is not recommended to have two paddocks, for dog parks, adjacent as this can cause issues, the facility at Cricklade is at full capacity, while the facility at Leigh is at half capacity and both locations are well away from residential areas and it was noted that the case officer in both cases had noted the potential for noise nuisance but as the sites were away from properties, had approved those applications. There were further concerns with the issue of dog waste, owners would not want to take the waste home and if there is no facility on site, then the bins in the village would be utilised.

Ashley Seymour addressed the Parish Council on the issue of the state of the verges in the village, most notably along Church Walk. This has been caused, in the main, by delivery vans and oil deliveries, it would be hoped that the recipients of these deliveries could request the companies concerned to take care and save the verges. The companies concerned should be liable for the repair work. Mr Seymour then invited the Parish Councillors to attend the Millennium Green Trust's AGM on the 14 May at the Bradstone, there will be a walk around from 7:30pm with the meeting commencing at 8pm.

Those who addressed the Parish Council were thanked for their observations.
Mr Seymour left the meeting.

2018/037 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Council were received from Cllrs Carter and Wheatley.

2018/038 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2018/039 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 March 2018

The minutes of the Council Meeting 14 March 2018 had been circulated previously and, subject to the amendment to 2018/33 to state that Cllr Wheatley had also contacted the operators of the pump at lake 200 to get the noise reduction, were agreed and signed as a true record.

2018/040 Parish Council Vacancy

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There have been no applications received for the current vacancy. Due to pressures of work, Cllrs Wheatley and Tidmarsh will be leaving at the end of April, creating two further vacancies. When Cllrs Tidmarsh and Wheatley leave the Parish Council, Wiltshire Council will be informed and a Notice of Vacancies for the Office of Councillor will be issued, giving the parishioners the opportunity to request an election. If there is no request, then the Parish Council will be given the permission to co-opt.

2018/041 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Ellison has commenced with the refurbishment of the telephone box. A second coat to the exterior and an internal clean-up is required before the defibrillator can be moved from the side of the village and this will be done when the weather improves.
Action: Cllr Ellison
- Peter Tuck had indicated that there are no plans to utilise the space by the war memorial in the churchyard and that the vicar was in favour, in principle, in planting a tree in remembrance of the fallen from WW1 in this place. Now the vicar has visited the site and it has been confirmed the site to be suitable, Cllr Wingrove will progress the project.
Action: Cllr Wingrove
- There has been no further notification regarding the re-instatement of footpath 20. Cllr Berry will make further investigations to the progress of the application.
Action: Cllr Berry
- Mrs Corry has been informed of the Parish Council's agreement to fund a defibrillator talk to raise awareness of the machine and advice, this has been arranged for 7 June and will be available for all parishioners. This will be advertised through the newsletter.
- Cllr Wingrove met with a representative from the Football Youth Club regarding the decision halt the temporary use of floodlights at the High Road playing field. This representative agreed to brief the Youth Football Club member who had originally sought a meeting with Cllr Wingrove.
- Cllr Wingrove attended the Wiltshire Planning Committee when the application for a Coach Park at Three Bridges was discussed. The Planning Committee voted in favour of the case officer's recommendation to approve with conditions, unanimously.

2018/042 Chairman's Report

- It was noted that the Community Speed Watch (CSW) co-ordinator, Mrs Sheppard, has been asked by Wiltshire Police to review the group's achievements over the last year along the B4696. Battery problems with the Speed Indicator Device (SID) means that it is not that effective; comments on the recent planning application for the Mill Field highlighted the dangerous state of the road. Mrs Sheppard has attended a number of CSW meetings where other parishes have made improvements in Wiltshire and reduced speed with a number of methods. This has been achieved by setting up a small sub group consisting of a Parish Council member, a CSW member and a Wiltshire Highways representative. Mrs Sheppard has requested that the Parish Council consider this and agree with Mrs Sheppard that this would be a good way forward. The Parish Council will consider this at the next meeting when committees and sub group representatives will be selected.

2018/043 Clerk's Report –

The report had been circulated previously, it was noted that the Parish Steward schedules will be resumed from 16 April 2018. The next Local Highway Town and Parish Council

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meeting will be held on 8 May 2018 at Council Chamber, Monkton Park, Chippenham from 7pm to 9pm for those interested to attend. There has been a further request for a dog waste bin to be placed by the Thames Path along the B4696, the Parish Council has considered this at a previous meeting and it was noted that Wiltshire Council will not increase the waste bins in the village, the only possibility would be if an underused bin could be identified, which could be moved, however it would be up to Wiltshire Council to agree to a new site.

The Parish Council noted the report

2018/044 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:	Expenditure:	
Interest	Clerk's salary	£440.80
£58.24	OSM Contract	£900.00
	Room hire (Mar)	£19.00
	Clerk's expenses (4 mths)	£89.17
	Tree maintenance	£700.00

Closing balance: £40,732.82

The Parish Council noted the financial report

2018/045 Speed Indicator Devices

Cllr Smith had obtained a quote for a speed indicator device (SID) from Swarco, the company has agreed to make a presentation at the June meeting. It was noted that Minety Parish Council has agreed to purchase a SID from Elan City, there may be the opportunity to view this model before making a decision on which product to purchase.

2018/046 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- **Planning** - the minutes from the recent meeting had been circulated.

Application: 18/02153/FUL

Proposal: Change of Use of land from Agriculture to a Dog Exercise / Training Area, the Erection of a 1.9 m deer proof fence and the creation of a car parking area

Address: Keynes House, The Derry

Decision: Ashton Keynes Parish Council resolved to OBJECT to the application, primarily on the grounds as cited earlier in the meeting i.e. noise and other environmental concerns, the increase in traffic using a rural lane; its incompatibility with the villages Conservation Area status and variance with policies in the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council did not object to the concept but considered that a more suitable location needed to be found. The full report can be found on the Wiltshire Council website.

The proposal to object by Cllr Wingrove; seconded by Cllr Cooper; voting 7 FOR; 1 AGAINST

There was a proposal to request Cllr Berry to call-in the application should the case officer be minded to approve; proposer Cllr Tidmarsh; seconded Cllr Levens; voting 6 FOR; 2 AGAINST

8 members of the public left the meeting.

- **Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses** – it was noted that there has been no further work on footpath 24, which the owner has asked the contractors to ensure that the fencing is a minimum of 1.75metres, the contractors have been unable to access the field as the ground is too wet.

The final member of the public left the meeting

As this will be Cllr Tidmarsh's final meeting, Cllr Wingrove thanked Cllr Tidmarsh for his work whilst a member of the Council.

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- **Village Hall** – the AGM had been held recently and it was noted that the new committee had been elected and is at full strength.
- **Playing Field Committee** – the AGM will be 25 April at the Bradstone from 8pm
- **Minerals Liaison** – the liaison group agreed to meet with Aggregates Industries on a 6-month cycle, the next meeting will be August or September.
- **Cotswold Water Park** – no report
- **School Governors** – no report
- **Police** – no report
- **Historic Conservation Group** – no report
- **Environment Group** – Cllr Levens reported that whilst he had received much grassroots support, he would like help from his volunteers to undertake some of the co-ordination of the project.

2018/047 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to inform the clerk by 2 May should any additional items be required.

2018/048 Date for next meeting 9 May 2018.

This will be the first meeting of the administration.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held 25 April 2018, 7pm at the village hall.

The meeting was concluded at 08:38pm