

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Ashton Keynes Village Hall on Wednesday 12th January 2022

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman); M Carter; N Inzani; B Low; P Moran; C Sims; M Smith; D Ventham; R Blackaller.

In attendance: Wilts Cllr Berry; Fiona Ryder – Clerk; 5 members of public (names recorded).

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21-22/119 Public Section

One member of public spoke about the fundraising for new play equipment. There has been a great response from the community with fundraising and offers of help removing existing equipment, landscaping etc. Cllr Berry recommended contacting Malmesbury Area Board and Malmesbury Area Community Trust for further funding.

The Chairman thanked the member of public and requested that item 128 be moved up the agenda.

One member of public presented a list of issues found with footpaths 2, 7, 8 and 12. The Chair of the Footpaths and Cycle Routes working group made a note of the issues and will arrange for them to be investigated.

The Chairman thanked the member of public.

21-22/120 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hill & Crawford.

21-22/121 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21-22/122 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th December 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2021 were approved and signed.

21-22/123 Actions from Previous Meeting

21-22/061 – An article needs to be written for inclusion in the February newsletter explaining the Emergency Plan and asking for Community Volunteers.

Action: Cllrs Wingrove and Moran

21-22/112 – The Chairman contacted Wiltshire Council for advice regarding a potentially dangerous tree on private land, the council have no power to get a landowner to take action. If an incident should occur it would be a legal matter between the landowner and the injured party. The Chairman has informed the concerned parishioner of the advice given by Wiltshire Council.

21-22/116l – The Chairman is awaiting an updated welcome pack from the church.

21-22/128 Financial Contribution to New Play Equipment

A proposal had been provided prior to the meeting with a suggestion that the Parish Council contribute £10,000 to phase 1 of the new play equipment project. It was noted that further contributions from the Parish Council may be requested for Phase 2 of the project. Following discussions, it was agreed that this was a good use of funds, however, there was concern that the prices quoted were now 12 months old and will probably have increased. It was proposed that the Parish Council contribute £12,000 to phase one of the project, this will be

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made up using £7519.03 CIL money with the rest coming from reserves. The Parish Council agreed unanimously.

A National Lottery funding application will be made in the name of the Parish Council as owner of the asset.

A question was raised regarding the constitution of the Playing Fields Committee. The constitution was drawn up in 2007 and is currently in the process of being updated.

21-22/124 Chairman's Report

The inquiry into footpath 41 has taken place online, the inspector has now provided his report and has agreed with Wiltshire Council that the footpath should be reopened. The decision can be challenged by the landowner in the High Court, but this must be done by the end of the month. After that, the Chairman will contact Janice Green at Wiltshire Council.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

We received concerns regarding building works at Wheatley's Farm site, an Enforcement Officer has investigated and confirmed that the outbuilding is a permitted development. The Officer also stated that the earthworks around the river would not have needed planning permission, however, she has forwarded details to the Environment Agency. The Flood Risk working group have contacted the EA and will chase for a response.

Action: Flood Risk Group

21-22/125 Clerks Report

One quotation had been received regarding trees at Harris Road/Kent End. The Clerk will make enquiries with Wiltshire Council regarding whether or not to cut the Ivy back. It was agreed that like for like quotes should be sought based on the quote provided, advise residents of proposed works and request permission to access gardens to enable the works to be carried out.

Action: Clerk

One of the bins removed from outside the shop has been relocated to Rixon Gate and will be emptied by idverde at no extra cost.

21-22/126 Financial Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Village Shop Loan Interest £ 44.02

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Admin to Council	£ 455.74
OSM Contract Nov & Dec	£ 1800.00
Hedge Cutting Happyland/High Road	£ 70.00
Finger Post Signs Ltd	£ 142.80
AK Primary School Room Hire	£ 16.00

Closing balance: £26,184.80

The council approved the finance report and income and expenditure.

Details of reserves held by the council were included in this months report as requested. It was noted that there was a discrepancy with the Unity Trust figure on page 3. It was confirmed that the figure on page 2 was correct. The reserves spreadsheet had not been updated for 2021-22.

21-22/127 Meeting Dates

It was agreed that from April 2022 the Parish Council will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at Ashton Keynes Village Hall. Clerk to make bookings.

Action: Clerk

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21-22/129 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- a) **Planning**
Minutes and Agenda for planning meetings continue to be circulated to all.
- b) **Flood Risk** – Nothing to report.
- c) **Internal Affairs** – A report was circulated prior to the meeting. A Communications and Media Policy should be ready for approval at the next meeting. We also need to discuss Operation London Bridge and Jubilee celebrations at the next meeting.
- d) **Village Hall** – Nothing to report.
- e) **Playing Fields Committee** – Nothing to report.
- f) **Cotswold Lake Trust** – Nothing to report.
- g) **School Governors** – Nothing to report.
- h) **Police** – Nothing to report.
- i) **Highways** – Nothing report.
- j) **Footpaths & Cycle Routes** – A December meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19. A complaint regarding Footpath 13 had been received, the footpath is effectively redundant, a response has been sent to the complainant.
- k) **Ashton Keynes Charities** – Nothing to report.
- l) **Parochial Church Council** – Nothing to report.
- m) **Phone Box Project** – A report had been circulated prior to the meeting. A proposal to turn the Phone Box into a mini community art gallery had been submitted. It was agreed to go ahead with the proposal as a three-year project, to be reviewed after the first year. It was noted that there will be some start-up costs with this project. There is £855 left from the Phone Box restoration fund currently, but there is some outstanding LED works to be invoiced. The Parish Council agreed to allocate the balance of this figure (i.e. £855 less the LED costs) to the Community Art Gallery project. This will be instead of the £500 originally set aside in reserves for the project.
- n) **Speed Mitigation** – Nothing to report.

21-22/130 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to contact the Clerk with any items to be put forward for the agenda and to submit any reports for the Committees, Working Groups and Representatives section at least 8 days in advance of the next meeting.

21-22/131 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be 9th February 2022 at Ashton Keynes Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.28pm