

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in Ashton Keynes Village Hall on Wednesday 18th January 2023

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman); R Blackaller; M Carter; S Crawford; S Hill; N Inzani; B Low; M Smith and D Ventham.

In attendance: Wilts Cllr Berry, Fiona Ryder – Clerk. 27 members of public attended the presentation by Acorn Bioenergy. 2 members of public were in attendance for the Full Parish Council meeting, the names of which were recorded.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and handed over to representatives of Acorn Bioenergy for a presentation on proposals for an anaerobic digestion plant.

22-23/117 Public Section

A summary of questions and answers following the Acorn presentation are attached as a separate sheet.

22-23/118 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Moran and Sims.

22-23/119 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wingrove declared an interest in agenda item 125 – PL/2022/09599 and signed the interests register.

22-23/120 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th December 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2022 were approved and signed.

22-23/121 Actions from Previous Meeting

22-23/93 – Clerk contacted Acorn and a presentation has been given this evening.

22-23/110 – Landscaping at the Wheatleys Farm development. Cllr Berry is still awaiting a response from the Enforcement Officer. Carried forward.

Action: Cllr Berry

22-23/113 – Clerk will carry forward ringfenced tree works funds not spent in this financial year.

22-23/114b – Lake 82 ditch works carried forward. Cllr Berry to chase an update from Wiltshire Council.

Action: Cllr Berry

22-23/114i – A Happy Land sign towards Waterhay has been approved and passed to Wiltshire Council sign department.

22-23/122 Chairmans Report

SSE have posted notices to inform residents that they will be carrying out works at Wheatley's Farm and Rixon Gate throughout February and March.

Drainage repairs are due to be carried out at Wheatley's Farm between 6th and 10th February.

Details of upcoming work/road closures can be found at: ssen.co.uk/about-ssen-our-works/ or [one.network](#)

22-23/123 Financial Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting which also included a breakdown of Playing Fields costs.

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Income since the last meeting:

Castle Water Refund £ 17.45

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Admin to Council £ 518.33
School Hall Hire £ 24.00
Website Support £ 273.70
Playing Fields Costs £ 1507.48
OSM Contract £ 1800.00

Closing balance: £ 38,540.41

The council approved the finance report and income and expenditure.

22-23/124 Telephone Gallery Expenses

Expenses totalling £5.28 for the Telephone Gallery, supported by receipts were approved for payment.

The Parish Council was asked for approval of a knitted nativity being displayed in the gallery in December, there were no objections.

Action: Clerk

22-23/125 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- a) Planning Committee (MS) – Minutes and Agenda circulated.

Cllr Crawford chaired the meeting for the following item.

Application: PL/2022/09599

Proposal: Rear extension and removal of existing swimming pool.

Address: 8 Four Acre Close

Comments: No objection

Application: PL/2023/00032

Proposal: Front and rear extensions, together with additional dormer windows a replacement garage and changes to external finishes.

Address: Dairy Farm Bungalow, Gosditch

Comments: No objection

Application: PL/2023/00134

Proposal: Hazel – reduce crown by 30% and shape.

Address: 27 Fore Street

Comments: No objection

- b) Flood Risk Working Group (MC) – An email with attachments including ground water level data for Ashton Keynes and minutes of the Flood Resilience meeting held in Cirencester in October were circulated prior to the meeting. There is no similar group set up covering North Wiltshire. Wiltshire Council have an Operational Flood Working Group, however, this is not currently attended by representatives from Thames Water or the Environment Agency. Cllr Berry advised contacting Renate Malton – Wiltshire Council Flood Resilience Officer and including the minutes of the Cirencester meeting.

Action: Cllr Carter

- c) Internal Affairs Committee (CS) – nothing to report.
d) Village Hall (PM) – nothing to report.
e) Playing Fields Committee (SC/PM) – Report circulated prior to the meeting. All weekly checks of play equipment have been completed. Another large electricity bill has been received, this time for Bradstone, we are awaiting the installation of a Smart Meter. The next meeting is due to take place on 2nd February in the White Hart Annexe.
f) Cotswold Lake Trust (BL) – An email from the Trust had been circulated. The timber bridges on the permissive footpath along the southern edge of Lake 68ab are

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starting to show signs of age, should the structures need to be replaced there is a possibility that a temporary closure or diversion of the path will be put in place.

- g) School Governors (SC) – nothing to report.
- h) Police (DW) – nothing to report.
- i) Highways (SC) – nothing to report.
- j) Footpaths and Cycle Routes (BL) – nothing to report.
- k) Ashton Keynes Charities (NI) – A letter had been received from the Charity asking for confirmation of the Parish Councils approval for Cllr Inzani to remain as a nominated Parish Council representative. Cllr Inzani was happy to remain in the role, the Parish Council agreed to confirm the continuation of the appointment.

Action: Clerk

- l) Parochial Church Council (BL) – nothing to report.
- m) Speed Mitigation (RB) – nothing to report.
- n) Millennium Green (NI) – nothing to report.
- o) B4696 Road Safety – nothing to report.

22-23/126 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 10 days in advance of the next meeting.

22-23/127 Date for the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 15th February 2023 in the main hall of the Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.02pm.