

# *Ashton Keynes Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the meeting held at Ashton Keynes Primary School on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.15pm**

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman); M Carter; S Crawford; N Inzani; M Low; T Romback; D Ventham.

In attendance: Fiona Ryder – Clerk, 5 members of public.

### **24-25/155 Public Section**

Two members of public raised concerns about the impact on the village caused by the current Thames Water works on the B4696. The diversion signage initially installed was incorrect, the Parish Council have no powers regarding Highways but have been working hard to get improved signage. The diversion signage has improved, however, there is a need for advanced warning signage from all approaches.

**Action: Clerk**

### **24-25/156 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hill and G Carter.

### **24-25/157 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **24-25/158 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were approved and signed.

### **24-25/159 Actions from Previous Meeting**

**24-25/062** – A formal update on the Neighbourhood Plan will be provided for the February meeting.

**Action: Cllr Crawford**

**24-25/124** – Progression on Parish Council Storage to be discussed.

**Action: Cllr Crawford & Cllr Wingrove**

**24-25/145** – Leak on footpath at Church Walk, no response from email to Cllr Berry.

**Action: Clerk**

**24-25/152n** – Flood Protection Initiatives, permission has been given by some landowners for members of the Footpaths, Cycle Routes and Waterways group to walk the rivers on private land in the village. Once the walks have taken place a plan of potential flooding issues will be drawn up. The Environment Agency will be contacted to request a visit regarding river levels.

**Action: Cllr Low**

**24-25/144** – Further objection to planning application PL/2023/03359 for an anaerobic digestion facility has been submitted.

**24-25/147** – Financial Regulations have been modified and adopted.

**24-25/150** – Emergency contact hub – ongoing.

### **24-25/160 Chairmans Report**

A complaint was lodged regarding the Planning Inspectorate's response to a 'recusal request', with plans to follow up with further observations. An individual is pursuing a separate complaint to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Planning Inspectorate responded to a request for an in-person meeting, stating that the request and additional information will be considered when the full response is issued.

The Highways Authority have expressed concerns that moving the 7.5t limitation sign could cause confusion to heavy goods vehicles attempting to turn into High Road from the B4696. The Parish Council expressed its support for the revised weight restriction and suggested adding signage indicating a weight limit 500 yards ahead, which is common in the UK.

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A copy of the revised planning conditions has been requested, a response has not yet been received. Roz Savage's office are also yet to respond.

On 17<sup>th</sup> December the Environment Agency published an update to the National Assessment of Flood Risk, revealing a 43% increase in homes and businesses at risk of flooding due to better data and climate projections. It has been requested that this information be brought to the attention of the Inspector.

The Parish Council has continued to engage with the Planning Inspectorate and to involve our MP, decisions are still pending.

Elections will take place in May 2025, all Councillors will stand down and will need to reapply if wishing to stand again. Elections will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

The Village Hall's next project is a toilet refurb, they have lots of fundraising going on and will be asking the Parish Council for financial support. They have been asked to provide a formal request for next month's meeting.

## 24-25/161 Financial Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

### Income since the last meeting:

### Expenditure since the last meeting:

Scribe	£ 42.00
39 Essex Chambers	£ 2400.00
HMRC PAYE	£ 73.23
Payroll	£ 10.90
Ashton Keynes Primary School	£ 16.00
OSM Contract	£ 990.00
O2 Mobile Phone	£ 14.35

## Playing Fields

### Income since the last meeting:

Playing Fields Hire £ 238.00

### Expenditure since the last meeting:

Bradstone Cleaning	£ 120.00
YGP Electricity	£ 106.88
Castle Water	£ 21.41

The Council approved the finance report, income and expenditure and payments.

## 24-25/162 Traffic Regulation Order Spine Road West

There was no objection to the consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order for a 50mph speed limit on a section of Spine Road West.

## 24-25/163 Highway Improvement Request

The Parish Council agreed to submit the Highway Improvement Request regarding a kerb in Gosditch.

**Action: Clerk**

## 24-25/164 Playing Fields Committee

A meeting will be arranged for January/February.

## 24-25/165 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning Committee (SH) – Minutes and Agenda circulated. No comment will be submitted on four outstanding tree applications.
- Internal Affairs Committee (SC) – Nothing to report.
- Village Hall ( ) – Nothing to report.
- Cotswold Lake Trust (ML) – Nothing to report.

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- e) School Governors (SC) – Nothing to report.
- f) Police (DW) – Nothing to report.
- g) Highways (SC) – Nothing to report.
- h) Footpaths, Cycle Routes and Waterways (BL) – Nothing to report.
- i) Ashton Keynes Charities (NI) – Nothing to report.
- j) Parochial Church Council ( ) – Nothing to report.
- k) Millennium Green (NI) – Nothing to report.
- l) B4696 Road Safety (SC) – Nothing to report.
- m) CIL Funds (TR) – Nothing to report. An update will be provided for the next meeting.
- n) Flood Protection Initiatives (ML) – Report circulated and discussed.

## **24-25/166 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.

## **24-25/167 Date for the next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7:15 p.m. at Ashton Keynes Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.56pm.