

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Ashton Keynes Primary School on Thursday 9th October 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S Crawford – Chairman; N Inzani; T Romback; M Jeffery; C McMurtry; M Young; A Tindall; K Wilson.

In attendance: Fiona Ryder – Clerk

25-26/062 Public Section

There were no members of public in attendance.

25-26/063 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Carter, Ellis and Mason.

25-26/064 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

25-26/065 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th September 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2025 were approved and signed.

25-26/066 Actions from Previous Meetings

25-26/034a – The Vactor has visited the area around North End/Spine Road Crossroads.

25-26/035 – Wiltshire Prepared have been contacted, names and telephone numbers for Village Hall keyholders have been given.

25-26/052 – Insurance documents have been reviewed and renewed.

25-26/053 – The Domain name registration has been changed and is now in the name of the Parish Council. Registration with the ICO has been completed.

25-26/056 – Availability of Gel Sacs to be publicised in the next issue of the newsletter.

25-26/067 Chairmans Report

The Chairman had met with Community Speed Watch regarding their request at the last meeting. It was found that the existing Speed Indicator Device can provide data to be shared with the Police. CSW will now transfer the data from the device to the Police. CSW would like an additional SID and more volunteers.

25-26/068 Clerks Report

A request had been received for the Parish Council to write to the owner of a tree that is overhanging the pavement. The Parish Council agreed to send a standard letter.

Action: Clerk

An email had been received regarding the Wheatley's Farm gravel extraction appeal, complaining of a lack of communication from the Parish Council. Response sent.

25-26/069 Financial Report

The Finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Wiltshire Council CIL	£19,736.57
Scribe Refund	£ 42.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Scribe	£ 42.00
O2 Mobile Phone	£ 15.42
Open Space Maintenance	£ 990.00
Augustus Payroll	£ 11.98
Lloyds Bank Charges	£ 4.25
Unity Bank Charges	£ 6.00

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Playing Fields

Income since the last meeting:

Hire £ 855.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Kinch Fuels	£ 591.71
H Carter	£1020.00
YGP Electricity	£ 76.52
Bradstone Cleaning	£ 120.00
Playsafety Ltd	£ 331.20

It was noted that the finance report was showing an error of £40.00, this is due to the payment of a Playing Fields Hire invoice which had not been shared with the Clerk.

The Council approved the finance report and income and expenditure.

25-26/070 Planning Appeal PL/2022/04776 – Land South of Spine Road East.

The Parish Council resolved to resubmit its original objection. Contact will be made regarding the application being Called In and Rule 6.

Action: Cllrs Crawford & Inzani

25-26/071 Wheatleys Farm Gravel Extraction

The appeal has been allowed and planning permission granted, subject to conditions. One of the conditions is for the formation of a 'Site Liaison Committee' comprising representatives of the Quarry Operator, Minerals Planning Authority and Ashton Keynes Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllrs Crawford and McMurtry would be the initial representatives for the Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed the following steps:

To set up an information evening.

Summarise the conditions for the newsletter.

Develop a survey to find out which conditions are most important to the residents of the village.

Publish conditions on the Parish Council website and inform via the newsletter.

Members of public will be advised to contact Wiltshire Council or the Developer directly with any complaints regarding activity on site.

Action: Cllrs Crawford & McMurtry

25-26/072 Meeting with Developers Policy

The Parish Council approved the policy circulated prior to the meeting as a temporary policy. The pre-application section to be deleted. The policy will be updated at a future meeting.

Action: Cllr Tindall

25-26/073 Playing Fields Committee

Tile guards have not yet been ordered.

Business waste collections have been arranged for both Bradstone and High Road. The first collection is due on Friday 10th October.

Awaiting a response from Cllr Berry regarding the skate ramp.

25-26/074 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

To respond to any questions relating to reports circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) Planning Committee (AT) – Minutes and Agendas circulated. Cllrs Rombach and Young joined the committee. It was agreed to change the start time of planning meetings to 8pm.

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- b) Internal Affairs Committee () – Nothing to report.
- c) Village Hall (MY) – Nothing to report.
- d) Cotswold Lake Trust (MJ) – Nothing to report.
- e) School Governors (SC) – Nothing to report.
- f) Police (SC) – Nothing to report.
- g) Highways (SC/AE) – Nothing to report.
- h) Footpaths, Rights of Way and Waterways (LM) – Minutes circulated.
- i) Ashton Keynes Charities (NI) – Nothing to report.
- j) Parochial Church Council (LM) – Nothing to report.
- k) Millennium Green (NI) – Nothing to report.
- l) B4696 Road Safety (SC/AE) – Nothing to report.
- m) CIL Funds (TR) – Nothing to report.
- n) WC Operational Flood Risk Working Group (MC) – Nothing to report.

25-26/075 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.

Proposals for the Council need to include sufficient information for the Council to be able to make an informed decision.

25-26/076 Date for the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 20th November at 7.30pm, in Ashton Keynes Primary School Hall. It was noted that the December meeting would be held on 11th December.

The meeting concluded at 9.18pm.