

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Ashton Keynes Primary School on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 8pm

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

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

24-25/168 Public Section

Two members of public had an interest in Planning Application PL/2025/04776. One member of public was representing the CWPT in support of Planning Application PL/2025/00460. Two members of public had an interest in agenda item 176.

24-25/169 Apologies for absence

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

24-25/170 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

24-25/171 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 15th January 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2025 were approved and signed.

24-25/178 Planning Applications

Application: PL/2025/00460

Proposal: Construction of a single self-build residential dwelling, detached garage, store and pool building with associated landscaping and biodiversity improvements following demolition and removal of all existing buildings and structures on site.

Address: Land at Cleveland Lakes Rangers Compound, Cleveland Lakes

Comments: No objection

Application: PL/2022/04776

Proposal: Outline planning application for change of use of land to form nature park including the erection of up to 70 holiday lodges (Use Class C1) and associated amenity building with associated parking, drainage, landscaping and internal access routes (All matters reserved except for access).

Address: Land South of Spine Road East

Comments: Objection

24-25/179 Grant Funding Request Application

The Parish Council considered a request for grant funding from Ashton Keynes Festival 2025. The Parish Council resolved to grant £10,000 in the order of at least £8000 being returned, which would then be ringfenced future events.

24-25/172 Actions from Previous Meeting

24-25/062 – The consultant used by Oaksey Parish Council has advised putting the review of the Neighbourhood Plan on hold whilst we await updated housing numbers from Wiltshire Council and advice on Clattinger Farm. Trigger points that would allow the NHP review to progress are to be identified.

Action: Cllr Crawford. Cllr Berry.

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

Action: Cllr Crawford

24-25/145 – Leak on footpath at Church Walk, Cllr Berry will chase an update.

Action: Cllr Berry

24-25/152n – Flood Protection Initiatives river walks have taken place, a full report will be provided for the next meeting.

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Action: Cllr Low

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

24-25/163 – Highway improvement request relating to a kerb in Gosditch was rejected by LHFIFG.

24-25/173 Chairmans Report

The Chairman had previously contacted Thames Water with questions relating to works at Cox's Hill, an update has been promised by 14th March.

24-25/174 Clerks Report

The Parish Steward has filled Potholes on Fridays Ham Lane, Gumstool Bridge, Fore Street, Spine Road and Oaksey Road. Cleared drains in Church Walk. Cut back hedges on entry to Cox's Hill.

Wiltshire Council have confirmed that the White Hart Inn has been relisted as an Asset of Community Value until 10th January 2030.

Following a complaint, an enforcement case was opened regarding the erection of a low stone wall in Church Walk. Wiltshire Council have investigated and have stated that there has been no breach of planning control, however, as the wall juts out into the public right of way, the Rights of Way team have been notified. The Planning enforcement case has now been closed.

FP18 – Email received reporting tree roots uplifting public pathway, parishioner had reported to Wiltshire Council who told them to contact the Parish Council.

The duty to maintain the public rights of way network is shared between Wiltshire Council as the highway authority, and the landowners/occupiers of the land over which the path exists. AKPC are not the landowner. Wiltshire Council Countryside Access Officer will visit.

Parked Car partially blocking footpath at Church Walk – Request for Parish Council to write to the owner of a car that has repeatedly, partially blocked the footpath in Church Walk.

B4696 Road Closure – Further email received asking for the Parish Council to take action regarding the traffic issues caused by the recent closure.

Replied giving an update and advising that the Parish Council are limited as it is not the Highways Authority. The closure has now come to an end.

20 MPH Speed Limit – Email received suggesting a 20mph speed limit in the village. Responded inviting parishioner to attend Parish Council meeting to raise issue. Also advised that this topic has been raised previously with no recent update. Wiltshire Council have recently rejected an extension of the 30mph speed limit to incorporate the Wheatley's Farm Development.

Request for a proper footpath between Church Walk and Gosditch – Email received asking Parish Council to consider a footpath.

Wiltshire Council Highways have been contacted for advice.

High Road Verges – Email received regarding the state of the verges on the High Road following the closure of the B4696.

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I have already planned to meet with the Parish Steward to safely take photos of damaged verges around the village, not just the High Road, and to submit them to Highways.

Flooding due to recent storms – responses to newsletter request for information on flooding issues due to recent storms have been received and sent to Cllr Low.

The Parish Council resolved to write a letter re parking in Church Walk, to not take part in the great British spring clean but to organise a litter pick later in the year. Requirements for entering the Best Kept Village Laurence Kitching award will be considered.

Action: Clerk

24-25/175 Financial Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Scribe	£ 42.00
WI Bulb Donation	£ 50.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 77.99
HMRC PAYE	£ 73.19
OSM December	£ 990.00
Payroll	£ 10.90
O2 Mobile Phone	£ 14.35

Playing Fields

Income since the last meeting:

Playing Fields Hire £ 400.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Bradstone Cleaning	£ 150.00
YGP Electricity	£ 105.79
Swindon Fire Protection	£ 74.49
Castle Water	£ 23.59

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

24-25/176 Elections May 2025

The Chairman announced that he would be standing down at the upcoming elections but would give full support to his successor. Three Councillors confirmed that they would be standing as candidates. The Parish Council will need more candidates to come forward.

24-25/177 Planning Appeal APP/Y3940/W/25/3359792

The Parish Council previously objected to the planning application as did Wiltshire Council, this has now gone to appeal. A statement from the landowner was read out by a Councillor. It was proposed that the Parish Council continue to object, the Parish Council voted in favour of Objection.

Action: Clerk

24-25/180 Playing Fields Committee

A meeting has not yet been arranged.

24-25/181 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.
- School Governors (SC) – Nothing to report.
- Police (DW) – Nothing to report.

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- 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.
- n) Flood Protection Initiatives (ML) – Nothing to report.

24-25/182 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.

24-25/183 Date for the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 19th March 2025 at 7:15 p.m. at Ashton Keynes Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.55pm.