

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman); B Ellison; A Seymour; M Seymour; A Stefanovic; E Tidmarsh; R. Thomas; K Winstone

In attendance: The Clerk, Unitary Cllr C Berry

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9 April 2014

2014/037 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Cllrs M Carter, M Cooper, M Seymour

2014/038 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest

2014/039 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12 March 2014

The minutes were amended to show to the lead on the action from 2014/029 on the feasibility of use of Section 106 funds on lighting along the footpath to the Church be amended to Cllr M Seymour. The minutes for the meeting held on 12 February 2014 were confirmed and signed.

2014/040 Co-option of new Councillor

The council had advertised through the parish magazine, no applications had been received. All Councillors were encouraged to invite potential candidates to attend a meeting to see if they felt they could contribute to the Parish.

2014/041 Matters to Report

- Cllr A Seymour updated the Council on the Emergency and Flood Planning and confirmed the article placed in the Parish Magazine had resulted in a volunteer applying to assist.

Action: Cllr A Seymour

- Cllr D Wingrove asked Cllr B Ellison to proceed in arranging the meeting between themselves and Mr M Cullimore after the Easter break.

Action: Cllr B Ellison

- A volunteer from the 'dog-walking community' has offered her services to empty the waste bin by the Cuckoo Pen in the Bradstone and leave the bagged up waste at the collection point by the roadside. To assist in clearing the bin, a key is to be sourced and the situation is to be monitored.

Action: Cllr B Ellison

- Neighbourhood Watch – the resident taking the lead on the project has been thanked by the Council for his continuing good work.

- The state of the roads around 'muck-spreading' and harvesting periods will continue to be monitored and actioned accordingly.

- The request by the Ashton Keynes Cricket Club for permission to place advertising hoarding in the Bradstone will not be pursued for the coming season.

- Best Kept Village – following the decision at the previous meeting not to enter this year, Cllr D Wingrove is to take a lead on progress for the potential to enter the competition in 2015.

Action: Cllr D Wingrove

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2014/042 Chairman's Report

The Community Area Transport Group (CATG) had forwarded an invitation for Parish Councils to nominate a representative to attend the meetings. There were no nominations put forward and the CATG are to be informed of this decision.

Action: The Clerk

Helen Richards from Gloucestershire Rural Community Council had requested to make a presentation to the Parish Council to show the work surrounding the WILD Project which involves the Swillbrook area. The Council agreed to invite Helen Richards to the June meeting.

Action: The Clerk

Information had been received regarding Community Assets, as the subject involves the amenities focus group of the Neighbourhood Plan, it was agreed that working group with Cllr D Wingrove should follow up on a course of action.

2014/043 Clerk's Report

The paper containing the clerk's report had been circulated previously.

Points to note included:

Requests from parishioners regarding the clearance of ditches around the Playing Fields at the High Road and the Bradstone, resulted in the Council confirming that tenders to be sought for the ditch clearance.

Action: The Clerk

The purchase of sandbags to be put on hold whilst storage options are sourced and the emergency plan formulated or should the need arise before that point.

Action: The Clerk

The tree surgery recommended by the survey in the winter to be undertaken once all the tenders had been received, two are still outstanding after three weeks. When the tenders have all been received, the clerk will contact the Councillors for their decision.

Action: The Clerk

2014/044 Financial Report

The financial report had been circulated previously. This was in the form of draft income and expenditure in preparation for the internal audit.

Payments in March of significant amounts were:

➤ Clerk's employment costs (gross)	£607.43
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Receipts:

➤ Interest	£3.66
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Councillors were reminded that the accounts needed to be agreed at the next meeting.

2014/045 Cotswold Water Park

Cllr A Stefanovic had attended a meeting of the Cotswold Water Park (CWP) and the notes from that meeting had been circulated. Any further suggestions for accessing and improving the CWP, to be forwarded to Cllr A Stefanovic before the next CWP meeting in May.

2014/046 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

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- Planning Committee – the minutes from the meeting held on 25 March had been circulated and at the meeting on 7 April no objections had been raised.
- Footpaths – a meeting has been arranged for 24 April. Wiltshire Council had not been forthcoming in assisting in identifying ownership of land by public rights of way.

Action: Cllr C Berry

- Village Halls – no report
- Memorials – no report
- Aggregates – a meeting of the working group to be arranged when there is a topic for discussion. It was noted there had been a change of personnel at Aggregates Industries Ltd, overseeing the phased withdrawal at Cleveland Farm. The new estate manager would be willing to meet up with the Parish Council at a convenient opportunity.
- Playing Fields – an application for obtaining Section 106 monies had been received for enhancement to the equipment at The Lotts Playground. The Council agreed to postpone the decision to support the application until a procedure for the utilisation of the Section 106 and CIL funds had been put in place.

It was proposed that:

- i. Cllrs E Tidmarsh and K Winstone to liaise with the Ashton Keynes Playing Fields Committee to ensure necessary work could be sourced in the High Road Playing Field in time to access the fund due to expire in June.

Action: Cllrs E Tidmarsh, K Winstone

- ii. Miranda Gilmour is to be contacted to be invited to address the Parish Council and discuss the nuances of the Section 106 and CIL funds. Once a suitable date has been confirmed, the other Parishes in the Minety Ward to be invited to attend.

Action: The Clerk

- iii. Project management of Section 106 and CIL funds to be formulated.

The Council unanimously accepted the proposal.

- Emergency Planning – as reported earlier in the meeting.
- School – no report
- Police – no report

2014/047 Neighbourhood Plan – update

Work was progressing in preparation for the exhibitions to be held in the Village Hall on 12 April and 16 April. All Councillors were requested to support the exhibitions by attending and assisting with reception. It was noted that the Cotswold Community Development Team would be holding their exhibition in the Main Hall, 12 April and it was agreed that the two complimented each other. The Council thanked Cllr M Carter for his unstinting efforts with the Neighbourhood Plan

2014/048 Matters for the next meeting

- o No items were brought forward for the next meeting. However the Chairman requested that if any Councillor wishing to raise any matter for the next meeting, to please contact the Clerk or the Chairman by Wednesday 7 May.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 14 May 2014 at 7:15pm and will be preceded by the Annual Meeting for election of officers to the Council.

The meeting was concluded at 9:05.pm

Signed:

Date:

Dave Wingrove Chairman