

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11 March 2015

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

In attendance: The Clerk; A Tindall (parishioner); PC S Harvey; DCSO D Curran

Prior to the meeting, there was a minute's silence as a mark of respect following the recent death of John Marsh who had been Clerk to the Parish Council for many years until August 2013.

Mr Tindall spoke to the Council to put himself forward for one of the vacancies. Having lived in the village for 19 years, Mr Tindall would like to offer his services to give something back to the parish. Mr Tindall was invited to stay through the meeting to see if he would be able to commit to the work of the Parish Council.

PC Harvey gave a brief report on recent activity and to introduce the newly appointed DCSO Dee Curran, who has been active in the area over the last couple of months. After a quiet two months, there had been a burglary in Gosditch at the end of February which did not follow the format of the previous spate of burglaries during 2014. Continued vigilance was advised and in particular, cold callers, those who offer cheap household goods from a holdall. All door to door salespeople must hold a valid licence to carry out their trade and any such people in the area should be reported by calling 101 in order for the police to eliminate the genuine from the bogus. He also asked all villagers keep a watch on vulnerable neighbours. PC Harvey is to research the validity and effectiveness of the "No cold calling" signs. It was hoped that with the withdrawal of the Speed Indicator Devices by Wiltshire Council, that parishes would be able to part fund the devices as they have proved effective. Sgt Donna West is now in post at Malmesbury, which will enable PC Harvey to be more active in the area.

PC Harvey and DCSO Dee Curran left the meeting

2015/030 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs M Seymour; C Berry

2015/031 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs A Seymour and E Tidmarsh declared an interest in item 2015/038 regarding the application for section 106 funding for the Millennium Green Trust.

2015/032 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 February 2015

The minutes for the meeting held on 11 February 2015 were confirmed and signed.

2015/033 Co-option of new Councillor

An expression of interest had been received from Mr Tindall, who had agreed to attend the meeting to see if he would be able to commit to joining the Council. All Councillors were asked to continue to source potential candidates.

Action: All Councillors

2015/034 Matters to Report

- The WILD co-ordinator had met with Councillors to "walk the course" on 14 February and will be forwarding a report.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

- The request for further development on the potential Outreach Post Office Service had received a holding response. The lines of communication remain open and there will be a continued effort for more information in the future.
- Cllr Wingrove had invited Mrs Stefanovic to continue as the representative to liaise with the Cotswold Water Park Group and the Access Group. Mrs Stefanovic had accepted.
- Cllr Wingrove thanked Cllr Thomas for the organisation of the meal for the Parish Councillors

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2015/035 Chairman's Report

- Authorisation to make a donation to the Intensive Care Unit at the Great Western Hospital, in memory of John Marsh as requested by his family, is to be ratified with WALC.

Action: The clerk

- The application for a new workshop at Manor Farm has been checked by the Wiltshire Highways department and deemed appropriate, but clarity is to be sought as to which application this referred, as the original objection by Highways indicated that there would be too much traffic to use the current access along the B4696 and the applicant had to put forward a revised access point which utilised Cox's Hill. The Parish Council had objected to the revised application and had requested it be called in should Wiltshire Planning Officers consider approval. The recent statement from Wiltshire Highways would appear to contradict the original objection and Cllr Wingrove will confirm with Wiltshire Council the exact position.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

- It was noted that Thames Water had notified residents in Gosditch that work on building up the wall at the pumping station would commence the shortly.

2015/036 Clerk's Report

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

Points to note included:

Costs had been sourced for the potential use of the School Hall, should the Woman's Institute not be able to swop halls on Tuesday 8 April. It was confirmed that the Woman's Institute were able to allow the Parish Council use of the Main Hall on the evening thereby allowing the Annual Parish Meeting to be held at the Village Hall.

Costs had been sourced for the production of a Village Directory. The Parish Council resolved not to continue with this type of publication.

The request for improved signage at the junction at the White Hart has been forwarded to Wiltshire Council as a Community Issue and notification has been received that the issue has been discussed by the Area Board and referred to the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) together with the Community Issue which requested improved signage for the Thames Path where it crosses the B4696. Councillors have been invited to attend the next CATG should they so wish.

Cllr Cooper agreed to fill the vacancy on the Planning Committee, the meeting dates of the Committee are to be reviewed.

Royal Mail will be contacted with regard to the relocation of the post box.

Action: The clerk

2015/037 Financial Report

The financial report had been circulated previously, with the additional information of the cash status of the Council.

Expenditure of note included:

- Clerk's Salary (net) £316.80

Clarity regarding the investment made by the Parish Council in the Community Shop is to be sought. The funds issued to the shop have accrued interest of 1% per annum; the interest for 2014 is outstanding. The Community Shop Committee are to be asked how it would like to proceed regarding the investment.

Action: Cllr Winstone

2015/038 Section 106 – update

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Cllr Winstone thanked Cllrs Seymour, Tidmarsh, Ellison and Mr Jefferson on completion of the repair to the Millennium Plinth, Cllr Wingrove thanked Cllr Winstone for his involvement in the repair work.

Pre-planning application had been sought from Wiltshire Council for the Multi Use Games Area; the Planning Officer had been very helpful with guidance through the project and had found an application for a similar project that had been approved in 1999, which could ease the progress with this application. The options had been circulated previously, three like for like tenders for both the smaller and the larger options. The proposal to select the 23m x 12m option from Safe and Sound play equipment by Cllr Winstone, seconded by Cllr Carter was voted in favour unanimously.

Action: Cllr Winstone

The Millennium Green Trust had put forward a "wish list" for improvements to the facility. The Parish Council reviewed the list and selected need for planting native species as the most appropriate at this time. Proposed by Cllr Seymour, seconded Cllr Cooper to allocate £200 for the planting, voted in favour unanimously.

Action: Cllr Tidmarsh

Cllr Wingrove thanked Cllr Winstone for the work achieved to date on the project.

2015/039 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- Planning – minutes from the previous meetings had been forwarded.
- Emergency Planning – a draft report from the recent meeting will be forwarded to all Councillors
- Footpaths – no report
- Communications – no report
- Hedges and Ditches – as reported in matters arising on the WILD project
- Village Hall – the AGM to be held later in the month; it was noted that there are two vacancies on the management committee
- Playing Fields Committee – AGM to be held in April, the management committee is back to full strength
- Open Space Maintenance – the tenders for the Open Space Maintenance had been considered and the working group recommended that Mr Martin Young be given the work. The working group will continue to monitor the situation to ensure satisfactory work. Proposed Cllr Seymour, seconded Cllr Thomas, voted in favour unanimously.
- Best Kept Village – guidelines and entry form had been received from the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE). Cllr Wingrove has volunteers to aid in the cleaning various 'hot spots' but has asked all Councillors to check their own areas.
- Minerals Liaison – Cullimore Mix Ltd had notified the Council it would be will be submitting a planning application for a new concrete plant at Dairy Farm. The new plant will be smaller, quieter and create less local impact. The current plant will be retained whilst the new plant is built so that there will be no closure in production. The phased closure of the Aggregates Industry's site at Cleveland Farm is progressing as planned. The site at North End will continue to operate.
- Cotswold Water Park – Mrs Stefanovic will send a report following the next meeting.
- School Governors – no report
- Annual meeting – to commence at 6:30p.m. Invitations to be issued to village organisations to give brief reports to parishioners.

Action: The clerk

2015/040 Neighbourhood Planning – update

It was noted that the statistics from the housing site public consultations, held in January, have been collated and the consultants at Planning Aid and URS are assisting in analysing the results. Policies are being drafted by the various focus groups, URS and Planning Aid will assist in finalising the policies.

2015/041 Cotswold Community update

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The developers had met with several Councillors to update the Parish Council on progress and have requested a response from the Parish Council to indicate opinions of the ideas put forward. The Parish Council agreed that there was a need to explain to the developers that the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan was pivotal as the Council needed to maximise the opportunities created under the Community Infrastructure Levy(CIL), soon to replace Section 106 funds, for the benefit of the whole parish.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

2015/042 The Mead update

As announced in the Parish Newsletter, work commenced early in March. Cllr Wingrove, as agreed previously, is to contact GreenSquare regarding the availability of Playing Fields Car Parks to construction workers

Action: Cllr Wingrove

2015/043 Matters for the next meeting

An item for the next agenda put forward by Cllr Seymour, parking along the High Road Councillors were reminded to forward any items for inclusion on the next agenda to the Clerk by Monday 30 March 2015

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 8 April 2015 at 7:15pm. This will be preceded by the Annual Parish Council meeting which will be held at 6:30pm 8 April 2015 at the Village Hall prior to the monthly meeting.

The meeting was concluded at 09:59pm

Signed:

Date:

Dave Wingrove, Chairman