

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14 October 2015

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

In attendance: The Clerk; Wiltshire Cllr C Berry; O Phipps, Wiltshire Council Community Engagement Officer

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Prior to the meeting, Wiltshire Officer Ollie Phipps introduced himself as the recently appointed Community Engagement Officer and apologised that his replacement as Community Youth Officer, Xina Hart, had been unable to attend. It was explained that the work strands from the recently retired Miranda Gilmour had been reassigned to various different posts within Wiltshire Council. The new role of Community Engagement Officer is intended to work through Parish and Town Councils to identify the vulnerable, resolve community issues and enhance transport links. It is hoped that schemes such as "knowing your neighbour" can be revitalised with activities and events encouraging "community get togethers" and "skill share clubs" to be initiated. It was hoped that the officers could attend local events in a morning or evening to encourage suggestions from within the community.

2015/118 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Seymour and K Winstone.

2015/119 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2015/120 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 September 2015

The minutes of the Council Meeting 9 September 2015 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

2015/121 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- It was noted that the Section 106 funds from the development at The Mead and the total amount available stands at £37,610.01
- The footpaths around the Cullimore land have been tidied up
- GreenSquare had been approached with regard to tidying the tree in Kent End, however, the company informed the Parish Council that they were not responsible for that piece of land. The area is covered by the Wiltshire Council grass cutting contract and Wiltshire Council will be contacted to obtain a definitive map of Wiltshire Council owned land in the parish.

Action: the Clerk, Cllr Berry

2015/122 Chairman's Report

- Cllr Wingrove, and several other Councillors, had recently met with a parishioner to discuss the possible development of some of the land owned by his family. Although the land has not been allocated for housing in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, the parishioner was seeking to enquire whether the land could be considered for future development. Cllr Wingrove said that he explained the procedures and criteria that had been used in the allocation of housing land in the Neighbourhood Planning process and how the Draft Neighbourhood Plan expresses the village's aspirations for the future. A number of Councillors also noted that several public footpaths crossed the land in question.
- The report from the CPRE for the Best Kept Village has not been received as yet.
- The Friends of Ashton Keynes School are holding a Fireworks Night at the Bradstone Playing Fields on Saturday 7 November, There will not be a bonfire this year.
- Ashton Keynes School has sent an open invitation to the Parish Council to attend the official opening of an outdoor schoolroom, by James Gray MP, on Friday 16 October at 2:45pm.

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- Cllr Wingrove outlined the progress being made towards the possibility of Outreach Post Office services in the village. The item will be discussed at the November meeting to ascertain how the Parish Council can further support the scheme.

2015/123 Clerk's Report –

Wiltshire Council are holding open sessions to discuss the challenges ahead, residents are invited to attend the informative and interactive sessions. The financial challenges are weighed against the council's own priorities and the meetings will be an opportunity to discuss the challenges the council faces and hear the views of local people. The meeting for this area is on 22 October 2015 Chippenham Town Hall 5.30pm.

A potential developer has been informed of the Parish Council's views to the proposed new fishery at Three Bridges.

Requests to Wiltshire Council regarding the fly tipping at the top of Cox's Hill have received a negative response. Wiltshire Council's view is that since the rubbish is now on private land, its removal has become the responsibility of the land owner. The Parish Council is considering assisting the landowner with the situation.

Action: Cllr A Seymour

Wiltshire Council has been informed of the access by motorised vehicles by way of the footpaths. Unfortunately, the department for footpaths has no funds available and is attempting to source alternative methods to provide an alternative access at the Rixon Gate access point for the Thames Path. The access over the footbridge is the responsibility of the Parish Council as it was the Parish Council's initiative. Prices for kissing gates with pushchair access have been sourced and the Parish Council will review the situation after the Fireworks event in November and consultation with the Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee.

Action: Cllr A Seymour

Wiltshire Council has informed Parish and Town Councils of the Grass Cutting Arrangements 2016:

Through the winter there will be a review of the grass cutting arrangements for the 2016 season and Wiltshire Council are interested to hear from any parish or town council that has a view on the provision in their area and have requested comments on whether there are any areas of Wiltshire land that they would be interested in transferring to their responsibility. This could be achieved through asset transfers and service delegation. Alternatively parish or town councils may wish to enhance the provision of service from Wiltshire Council through the use of voluntary groups or making payments direct to Wiltshire Council's contractor for enhanced levels of service.

The Parish Council required confirmation of the tranches of land that could be reviewed before considering any transfer of responsibility

Action: the Clerk

2015/124 Financial Report –

Expenditure for September was noted

Clerk's salary: £410.40 (gross), room hire; £69.00 which included two Neighbourhood Planning Consultation days, open space maintenance £816.00: Neighbourhood Planning costs in total £1056.26. The Parish Council confirmed the tree surgery in Four Acre Close be completed by Thames Tree Surgeons. The Parish Council resolved to take up the three year option on the insurance from Aon.

2015/125 Land at Kent End Quarry

Mr Cullimore had convened a meeting with the minerals liaison working group to discuss his proposed plans for the site. These proposals included commissioning a new hydrological survey of the whole site; a cable ski facility at lake 200; keep Lake 76 in situ; a new entrance to be established further north on Friday's Ham Lane for public use; all existing

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public footpaths and bridleways to be retained; the existing entrance to be retained as a service entrance; car parking for the public near the new entrance; next to the car park, amenities block, housing changing facilities, showers, toilets, a shop and catering facilities; no other buildings and no overnight accommodation. It is hoped to accommodate 3000 visitors a year and the site will only be used for cable skiing, the only boats will be for safety purposes. The Parish Council expressed a concern that no sustainable transport facilities had been provided and that the development out to include a cycle path linking the village with Friday's Ham Lane. It was agreed that Cllr Wingrove should convey this to Mr Cullimore.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

2015/125 Eagle Line School bus – pick up point

In order to address the congestion by the Village Shop at school times, the Parish Council had discussed various options, with the Eagle Line bus company being requested to use the bus stop at the High Road Playing Fields for the school pick up. A parishioner had complained that the users of the service had to walk along the road to reach the bus stop. The Parish Council had monitored the school pick up and it would appear that the situation has been resolved. The parishioner is to be informed.

Action: the clerk

2015/126 Land at Lake 82

At the recent Neighbourhood Planning consultation event, the recent purchaser of Lake 82, behind Rixon Farm and between Waterhay and the Thames Path, had approached a councillor to state his intention of developing the site by building 25 holiday homes and hoped that the Parish Council would support the proposal. It was also noted that the developer intended to withdraw the use of the permissive path from the Thames Path to Friday's Ham Lane behind the Millennium Green. The Parish Council considered the proposal and resolved to hold a Public meeting to ascertain the views of the whole parish. The meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 November, 7:30 at the Village Hall. Notification of the meeting will be put in the newsletter and flyers will be delivered to residents. Cllr Jordan agreed to Chair the meeting. Wiltshire Council will be contacted to obtain the position of the Unitary body on the question of holiday homes within the county.

Action: Cllr Jordan, Cllr Wingrove, the Clerk

2015/127 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning
Application: 15/09228/WCM
Proposal: Section 73 Application - Extraction of sand and gravel as extension to Cleveland Farm Quarry by phased removal of plant and buildings including infilling with inert waste for restoration purposes without compliance with Condition 12 of Planning Permission ref: N/07/07012 (to revise the approved restoration landform for the site).
Site Address: Cleveland Farm Quarry
Decision: The Parish Council OBJECTED to the application as the proposed restoration landfill has no benefit in terms of screening, furthermore, the development will cause a disturbance to the environmental equilibrium.
- Footpaths, hedges and water courses – the fly-tipping to the south of the village has been reported to Wiltshire Council and it has been noted that Wiltshire Council has informed its contractor.
- Communications – no report
- Village Hall – no report
- Playing Fields Committee – no report, however it was noted that the dog fouling on the playing fields had increased and the item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Minerals Liaison – no report
- Cotswold Water Park – there is to be a meeting next week
- School Governors – no report

2015/128 Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Plan consultation days had taken place, the first event had 63 attendees and the second event 76 attendees, approximately 12.5% of the electorate. David Moss, a member

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of the Steering Group committee, has commenced with the collation of the surveys taken at these events and once all the surveys have been returned, the analysis can be completed. Consultants are lined up to complete the consultation report and the end of the consultation period. The pre-submission stage will be completed by 7 November 2015.

Action: Cllr Carter

2015/129 Cotswold Community update

Cllr Wingrove had not received any further correspondence following the agreement forwarded to the developers.

2015/130 Multi Use Games Area

Cllr Winstone has forwarded confirmation that the planning application has been approved with conditions. Notifications have been forwarded to various teams within Wiltshire for the required consultation with a time frame for response of 2 November. So far there has only been one response which is from Cllr Berry supporting the proposal.

The next stage will be to advertise the application in the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald, for public response. Cllr Berry had been asked if he could "speed-up" the process in any way and reduce the application fee. It was noted that the fees at Wiltshire were statutory.

Action: Cllr Berry

As part of the conditions attached to the application approval, assurance was required that the efforts to re-instate the Barbary Moth in the Millennium Green would be protected. The Millennium Green Trust are to produce a paper to include actions taken to protect the species, however, it was noted that, to date, the re-introduction attempts had not been successful.

2015/131 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to forward items for the October agenda to the Clerk by 3 November 2015.

2015/132 Date for next meeting 11 November 2015.

The meeting was concluded at 10:03pm