

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14 September 2016

Present: Cllrs M Carter; M Cooper; S Crawford; B Ellison; Y Jordan; A Seymour; M Seymour.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wiltshire Cllr C Berry; 15 parishioners.

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Prior to the meeting there was a one minute's silence in remembrance of the long standing Councillor, Mr Ron Thomas who passed away 10 September 2016.

Members of the public addressed the Parish Council regarding planning application 16/07440/FUL, an agenda item to be discussed by the Parish Council during the meeting. Mr M Smith, who has led a residents' action group objecting to the application, informed the Parish Council of the results of the meeting they had organised the previous week. It was noted that the needs for social housing, as identified in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan, had been met; the school car park; as proposed, was considered as dangerous and that it was apparent that residents from all over the village has embraced the Neighbourhood Plan and the environmental aspects. By 6pm, there had been 247 objections posted on the website, one from an 11 year old, which was read out to the meeting. Mr A Wheatley advised the meeting that, as someone who worked with developers, he was aware that developers looked to objections to see which matters to address, therefore objections needed to be for reasons that could not be addressed. Examples were access and loss of Greenfield land. Also documents should be checked to see if any important declarations or studies were missing.

Mr Smith left the meeting

Mr R Bratton addressed the Parish Council raising concerns regarding the proposed second entrance to the school as security of the pupils would be compromised. The footpath which leads across the Mill Field to the rear of the school does not access the school for the reason of child protection.

Mr B Kimberley asked the Parish Council if anyone had seen any of the feedback forms from the developer led meeting held last November as the concerns raised on the forms appear to have been ignored. Mr Kimberley also asked what effect would the Neighbourhood Plan have on the application. Cllr Carter gave a brief update regarding the Neighbourhood Plan, which would be discussed later in the meeting.

Cllr C Berry gave an update on the planning application processes, highlighting routes of refused applications and methods of appeal. It was noted that the developers were timing applications due to the vulnerability of Wiltshire Council caused by the slight shortfall of housing site allocation in the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Cllr Berry took several questions from the public, most of which concerned timing issues, what more could be done and could they attend any appeal or potential judicial review. Cllr Berry confirmed that all these meetings were open to the public and public opinion can be effective at these stages.

This concluded the public session and the meeting commenced at 7:55

2016/085 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council were received from Cllrs Tidmarsh, Tindall and Wingrove

2016/086 Appointment of Chairman for the meeting

Cllr Carter, proposed by Cllr M Seymour, Seconded by Cllr M Cooper – Voted in favour unanimously

2016/086 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

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2016/087 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 July 2016

The minutes of the Council Meeting 13 July 2016 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

2016/087 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Wingrove had approached the residents opposite the High Road Playing Field regarding the placement of the March Hare, however the residents had not been very keen, so the managers of the White Hart had been approached and they were receptive to the idea. However, there are problems as the organisers of the Hare Project want to play everything by the book, and if a hare is not sited on private land, then they want to get planning permission. The lessees of the pub have confirmed that the pub does not own the paved land outside the pub, so it must be the responsibility of Wiltshire Highways. This could cause difficulties, Cllr Wingrove in discussions with Kathryn Gray and The White Hart as to arrange in getting the hare sited outside the pub, or seek an alternative location. Councillors made alternative suggestions as the pavement by the White Hart was not thought to be appropriate. Cllr Ellison will ask Mr Martin Carter if the hare could be placed on his land by the Thames along the High Road.

Action: Cllr Ellison

- Mr Ollie Phipps, the Community Engagement Officer of Wiltshire Council, is continuing to negotiate with the bus company regarding the inclusion of Ashton Keynes on route 51. This will continue to be monitored.

Action: The Clerk

- Cllr A Seymour checked Footpath 7 which still requires attention. Cllr A Seymour will continue address the issue.

Action: Cllr A Seymour

- Cllrs Tindall and Wingrove had informed the Standard of the Parish Council's concerns regarding the excavations at Lake 82, this had resulted in a photo shoot and an article in the paper.
- Cllr Wingrove had contacted Wiltshire Council following a request from the School Governors regarding the capacity of the school and the impact from recent planning application consents, Wiltshire Council responded with "I am pleased to confirm Wiltshire Council continues to keep school numbers and projections under review and considers the impact of any proposed housing on school places. In light of the relatively small number of additional places required at Ashton Keynes Primary, and a small drop in the local birth rate, it is felt that the additional demand from the development referred to should be able to be accommodated. However the school will then be at maximum capacity and admissions will be kept under review annually." The response has been forwarded to the School Governors.
- As Chairman, Cllr Wingrove had responded to the Somerford Keynes Parish Council on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan "Under the Regulation 14 consultation process, I wish to record that Ashton Keynes Parish Council is supportive of the Somerford Keynes Draft Neighbourhood Plan. We would like to wish you every success in getting the Plan adopted."
- The clerk had received a request on Monday for observations regarding gravel extraction at Wheatley's Farm from Wiltshire Officer Jason Day. Mr Day had been requested to grant an extension to allow the Parish Council to follow correct procedures. Mr Day has not responded to that request, however if no extension is granted, the Parish Council will arrange a public meeting to review the application.

2016/088 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman had not forwarded a report.

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2016/089 Clerk's Report

Since the last meeting, as requested by the Parish Council, the clerk contacted Aggregates Industries regarding the signage at the junction of Fridays Ham Lane and the Spine Road. This was the response: "The Parish Council's request is noted however whilst sand and gravel extraction operations have recently ceased the quarry still requires restoration. Such operations include for the importation of suitable inert materials to form the restoration profile/lake margins, in accordance with the approved restoration scheme. On this basis it would be prudent for the quarry sign to remain in place whilst restoration operations are taking place over the next 12/24 months."

Together with Cllr Tidmarsh, the trees at Kent End and Ashfield were reviewed and there is additional work required, quotes have been obtained however, Persimmon Homes have agreed to deal with the trees on their land by Ashfield, whilst Wiltshire Streetscene have confirmed that the shrub area and the trees by footpath 26 between Ashfield and Harris Road are their responsibility and have confirmed the shrubs are to be cut back in October/November. However, the trees have been forwarded to the Tree Officer, Jim Mullholland, for him to confirm they are happy to inspect and make safe if required.

The clerk has obtained a Speed Indicator Device (SID) from Wiltshire Council, Cllr Crawford has offered to house the device. Following a site risk assessment, the volunteer, Peter Rawsthorne from Latton, has confirmed that a pole needs to be erected which is two metres in height and 4.5" in width. The best site located was by the Cullimore Dairy Farm entrance as this catches both north and southbound traffic. The new Speed Watch Co-ordinator, Sarah Shepherd, has been keen to get the SID up and running and would like the group to take ownership of the device. The SID will be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Ellison and Cllr Crawford will liaise regarding the siting of a suitable pole and sorting a bracket for the device.

Action: Cllrs Crawford and Ellison

2016/090 Financial Report

The accounts for 2015-16 have been returned by the external auditors, Grant Thornton.

Income since the last meeting:

Interest	(July)	£2.26
Interest	(Aug)	£2.08

Expenditure

Clerk's salary (July & Aug)	£827.20
Room Hire (July)	£19.00
OSM Contract (July & Aug)	£1,632.00
Grant Thornton (auditors)	£360.00
Grants to village organisations	£1,750.00
Donations	£17.00
Neighbourhood Planning Data	£35.00
Aon Insurance	£857.86
(Year 2 of a 3 year agreement)	

Closing balance: £36,291.06

2016/091 Footpath 20 – by Lake 82

Cllr Jordan had received 31 completed forms for the reinstatement of footpath 20 to the north of Lake 82. These will be collated and forwarded to the Wiltshire Officer Barbara Burke, the Definitive Map and Highway Records Team Leader.

2016/092 Transfer Of Land (footpath from The Mead to the rear of the Lotts)

The clerk had circulated the Transfer information forwarded by the Solicitors representing Westlea Housing Association and the detail of property boundary. Concerns were raised by the proposed extent of transfer as this appeared greater than originally intended. Cllrs Carter and M Seymour will conduct a site visit to verify any potential problems. Cllr Wingrove had proposed that a smaller section of the footpath be requested, however not all Councillors had seen the amendment.

Action: Cllrs Carter & M Seymour

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2016/093 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning – it was noted that the recent planning committee meeting minutes had been circulated previously.

Application: 16/07440/FUL

Site: Land at Dairy Farm Bungalow and Dairy Fields Ashton Keynes

Proposal: Erection of 39 dwellings, provision of staff car parking and drop off area for Ashton Keynes School, provision of open space, new access and associated works including retention of footpath routes through site.

Decision: To OBJECT – 6 in favour 1 abstention. The grounds for objection were: a complete variance to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan; the site is outside the settlement boundary; the housing is not required in Ashton Keynes; the additional housing will not be sustainable with the current infrastructure, environmental concerns including the use of a greenfield site; inappropriate access point from the B4696; Public Rights of Way traversing the site and the security of the school and its pupils.

Application: 15/12547/WCM

Proposal: Construction of a fishing lake

Site: Three Bridges, Ashton Keynes

Decision: To maintain the previous decision "At its meeting Ashton Keynes Parish Council discussed the above application at Three Bridges and the decision was to OBJECT on the grounds that the area is a designated flood store zone; the traffic movement is in the vicinity of a dangerous bend and another fishing lake in the area is neither necessary nor of benefit to the area. Ashton Keynes Parish Council would endorse the views expressed by the Environment Agency on the application".

It was noted that the Planning Committee was a member short. Nominated for the vacancy on the Committee Cllr Crawford, proposed Cllr Cooper, Seconded Cllr A Seymour. Voted in favour unanimously

- Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses – Footpath 13 requires attention, Cllr Ellison will arrange or the work to be completed.

Action: Cllr Ellison

- Village Hall – the management committee had requested that the Parish Council take on the cost to the Village Emergency Telephone Service (VETS) of approximately £100 per year, as it was deemed an inappropriate use of the Village Hall funds. Cllr Cooper proposed, Cllr A Seymour seconded, Voted in favour unanimously.
- Playing Fields Committee – it was noted that fence between the Bradstone Playing Field and the Millennium Green had been repaired and that the internal decoration of the pavilion was nearing completion. The shed had been broken into and some items taken, but there is new security measures in place.
- Minerals Liaison – there was no report
- Cotswold Water Park – the next meeting is due on 27 September
- School Governors – there was no report
- Police – no report had been received, however it was noted there had been a daytime break in at a property behind the old Horse and Jockey. Cllr Berry informed the Parish Council of the new Community Policing plan, which will be a 24/7 service with four teams of a sergeant, four constables and one PCSO. These will be based at Royal Wootton Bassett and Chippenham to cover the northern area. The intention is to combine with Social Services and similar organisations. Additional forces can be called out from neighbouring divisions should the need arise.

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2016/093 Neighbourhood Planning update

The Neighbourhood Steering Group had met last week to finalise the Plan in preparation prior to the submission to Wiltshire Council last Friday, confirmation of the submission has been received. The next stage will be publication on the consultation site for Wiltshire Council, the Plan will be available for consultation for six weeks. The next stage will be for the Plan to be sent to an Independent Examiner, Wiltshire Council will consider any comments made by the Independent Examiner. Once this stage has been completed, the Plan goes to a Parish referendum and if there is a majority vote in favour, the Plan will be endorsed.

2016/094 Review next Section 106 project

Several Councillors had not received the section from the Neighbourhood Plan, circulated by Cllr Carter, which identified project for village improvement which could have the potential of being funded by Section 106 or the Community Infrastructure Levy. Cllr Carter will re-issue the document to enable Councillors the opportunity to discuss this further.

Action: Cllr Carter

2016/095 Matters for the next meeting

Items for the next meeting were requested by Cllr Crawford for the Speed Indicator Device; by Cllr Cooper, the Annual Dinner; by the clerk a nomination for the Parish Council representation for the Ashton Keynes Charity. Councillors were reminded to inform the Clerk by 5 October should any additional items be required.

2016/096 Date for next meeting 12 October 2016.

The meeting was concluded at 09:29pm