

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12 October 2016

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove; M Carter; M Cooper; S Crawford; B Ellison; Y Jordan; A Seymour; E Tidmarsh; A Tindall.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wiltshire Cllr C Berry

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

2016/097 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council were received from Cllrs Cooper and M Seymour

2016/098 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2016/099 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 September 2016

The minutes of the Council Meeting 14 September 2016 had been circulated previously and with the spelling correction to Mr Pratten, were agreed and signed as a true record.

2016/100 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Ellison had asked Mr Martin Carter if the hare could be placed on his land by the Thames along the High Road, but as there has not been a response as yet, Cllr Wingrove will follow up the placement of the hare outside the White Hart.
Action: Cllr Wingrove
- 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. There has been a request for a six month trial. The parishioners, through the newsletter, will be invited to contact the bus company, Stagecoach, if they want the service through the village.
Action: The Clerk
- Cllr M Seymour has contacted the owners of Footpath 7 to request the footpath is made passable, but there has been no response and the footpath still requires attention. Cllr A Seymour will continue address the issue.
Action: Cllr A Seymour
- Footpath 13 also requires attention, Cllr Ellison will attend to this matter.
Action: Cllr Ellison

2016/101 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman read out correspondence from Mrs Thomas which thanked the Parish Council its tribute to the late Cllr Thomas in the newsletter.
- The Chairman observed there had been fly tipping at Stone Bridge lay-by, the clerk informed the Parish Council that Wiltshire Council has been notified.
- Hornets have been reported at The Lotts playing field, the Environmental Health will be notified. Cllr Jordan reported that a nest had been identified at the sub-station by Eastfield.
Action: The Clerk
- The clerk has informed Wiltshire Council of the overhanging Willow trees by 6 High Road, as attempts to contact the home owner by visits, telephone and letters have been unsuccessful.

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- The planning application for an amendment to the Section 106 at Wheatley's Farm will be discussed at the next monthly meeting as the application was too late for inclusion on this agenda.
- It was noted that there was a dip in the road by Stone Bridge.

2016/102 Clerk's Report

Since the last meeting the clerk has ascertained the tasks to be undertaken by the re-instated Parish Steward and has forwarded the issues log to Wiltshire Council, items include the repair work and path clearance between the rear of Harris Road and Four Acre Close; repainting the white railings along the High Road; scrub clearance along Kent End; footpath clearance behind Dairy Farm and repair the listing Give Way sign at Cox's Hill. The resident at 6 High Road has been written to regarding the overhanging Willow trees, as there has been no response Wiltshire Council been notified. Tenders are being sought for the next Open Space Maintenance Contract.

2016/103 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:

Interest (Sept)	£2.02
Precept	£16,767.22
Wilts Co top up grant	£57.77

Expenditure:

Clerk's salary (Sept)	£424.40
Room Hire (Sept)	£19.00
OSM Contract (Sept)	£816.00
Clerk's expenses (3 mths)	£98.33
Chairman's expenses	£58.20
Website costs	£56.46
Neighbourhood Planning Data	£125.30

Closing balance: £51,520.38

2016/104 Footpath 20 – by Lake 82

Cllr Jordan has forwarded the 32 returned forms to Wiltshire Officer, Barbara Burke, currently there has been no response. Cllr Jordan will contact Wiltshire Council to find out the next steps for the re-instatement of the footpath to the north of lake 82 that can be taken.

Action: Cllr Jordan

2016/105 Transfer Of Land (footpath from The Mead to the rear of the Lotts)

Cllrs Carter and M Seymour had visited the site and had reported that they had not found any potential problems with the transfer as proposed by Green Square. It was proposed that the Parish Council resolved to progress with the transfer of the land. Proposed Cllr Wingrove, seconded Cllr Tidmarsh, voted in favour unanimously.

Action: The Clerk

2016/106 Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Cllrs Ellison and Crawford will progress with obtaining a bracket for the SID and a suitable pole on which to mount the device. It was noted that the recommended period for the siting of a SID was 2 weeks, however the SID could be rotated so the speeds could be checked from alternate directions. The Parish Council is keen to show its support of the Speed Watch Group by getting the device active in the near future.

Action: Cllrs Crawford and Ellison

2016/107 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning
Gravel extraction, Wheatley's Farm
The application had been forwarded to the Parish Council for comments.
Comments by the Parish Council included: concerns that the workings would be in close proximity to the main village and would impact on the parishioners: problems

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that would occur in the future if drainage issues were not correctly addressed if the inert substances used for infilling following extraction, as the area is a designated flood zone; the prolonged increase in lorry movements along a narrow road; the Thames River runs through the designated area.

Action: Cllrs Tindall and Wingrove

- Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses – it was noted that there has been an increase in Estate Agents utilising public land when advertising properties for sale and sold subject to contract. It was proposed that the Parish Council resolved to inform the Estate Agents that this form of advertising was unacceptable in Ashton Keynes Parish; proposed Cllr Wingrove, seconded Cllr A Seymour, voted in favour unanimously. Cllr A Seymour agreed to carry out an audit of this advertising in the village and to advise the Chairman accordingly.

Action: Cllr A Seymour

It was noted that the hedges along footpath 28A required attention, Cllr Ellison informed the Parish Council that the hedge to the north of the footpath would be attended to in the near future, however the hedge to the south is under different ownership. This owner will be reminded of his responsibilities in maintain accessibility to public footpaths.

Action: Cllr Ellison and the Clerk

- Hatches along the Thames – the meeting between Councillors and the Environment Agency will take place at a later date. It was noted that the hatches had been removed by Groom's Cottage to allow the reeds to be removed, however this had resulted in the loss of river water and the river has dried out in places. A board will be replaced to ensure correct water flow.

Action: Cllr Ellison

- Village Hall – the Village Hall had requested some assistance in the maintenance of the paving slabs outside the hall. It was proposed the Parish Council subsidised the work to up to 50% of the quote for phase one of the repair work. Proposed Cllr Tindall, seconded Cllr Tidmarsh, voted in favour unanimously. It was noted that while the Parish Council was happy to support the Village Hall in every way it can, prior notice of potential applications for future grants should be given before any contract agreed and Parish Council procurement procedures should be followed, i.e. three tenders sourced.

Action: The Clerk

- Playing Fields Committee – there are fund raising events being held at the Bradstone Pavilion, the next will be a quiz night, tree works are due by the footbridge entrance from Rixon Gate and the refurbishment of the pavilion continues. It is intended that improved facilities could result in more corporate events being held and increase income to the Playing Fields. Money raised from the Ron Thomas memorial donations will go towards facilities agreed by the Thomas family.
- Minerals Liaison – no report
- Cotswold Water Park – Cllr Jordan had attended the meeting of the Cotswold Water Park (CWP) and local parishes. Topics discussed included holiday homes being upgraded to permanent residences, which is outside the scope of the CWP; the application for a travellers' site in Marston Meysey has gone to appeal; CWP regretted they had been unable to purchase Manor Brook Farm as it is adjacent to Cleveland Lakes which CWP plan to create additional water leisure facilities. Keynes Country Park is out to tender for a new operator, Watermark will move out in December; concerns had been raised by the new fencing by the river at Neigh Bridge, it was confirmed this had been put in place to prevent further soil erosion. The Clayhills Picnic Area is to be a Pay and Display car park, following the charges at Neigh Bridge and Waterhay, the purpose is to raise funds for CWP as funding from the local authority has been lost. It was noted that this had resulted in cars parking along verges.
- School Governors – no report

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- Police – PC Marie Poole had requested the clerk to notify the Village Halls of “undesirables” booking village halls for parties, with the main aim to be the selling of drugs. The village halls have been informed. PSCO Dee Curran has retired from Wiltshire Police, PC Poole will inform the clerk when a replacement is in post.
- Ashton Keynes Charity Parish Council Representative – Adjourned to the next meeting.

2016/108 Neighbourhood Planning update

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan is currently on the Consultation Portal on the Wiltshire Council website, Regulation 16 of the procedure. Councillors were encouraged to visit the website and make comments, all of which will be public and be forwarded to the inspector. Once the inspector has ratified the plan, it will go to a referendum. The flyers which had been included in the last newsletter will be replicated in the next edition as there will still be two further weeks of the opportunity to make comments. Cllr Carter was thanked for his continued work on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Cllr Carter

2016/109 Review next Section 106 project

Cllr Carter had re-issued the projects identified in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and the priorities discussed, however as there are no Section 106 funds available at the moment, the Parish Council agreed to keep the draft Neighbourhood Plan options as a template and re-visit the priorities when funds became available. The clerk had received a letter from two 11 year olds living in The Mead for a Skate Park by the new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The clerk replied to the request stating the Parish Council would be notified of the request, however the land by the MUGA was not all owned by the Parish Council.

2016/110 Annual Dinner

Cllr Cooper had offered to organise the event and had requested the Parish Council to confirm a preferred date. The Parish Council agreed that a Friday in February would be the most appropriate time.

2016/111 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to inform the Clerk by 2 November should any additional items be required.

2016/112 Date for next meeting 9 November 2016.

The meeting was concluded at 10:06 pm