

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13 December 2017

Present: Cllrs M Carter; M Cooper; E Tidmarsh; A Tindall; D Wingrove.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wilts Cllr Berry; Mr D Sheppard (member of the public)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Prior to the meeting, Mr Sheppard presented the Parish Council with plans to improve the trail signage in the village. Mr Sheppard has been in consultation with the National Trails organisation and there has been an agreement to improve the signage on the public rights of way, notably along the Thames Path, to include village facilities. National Trails are willing to complete the work, however costs for materials need to be met and would look to a donation being made by the village. The Shop, White Hart Public House and Village Hall have committed to the scheme and Mr Sheppard requested that the Parish Council contribute £200 towards the donation. Mr Sheppard was informed that the subject was an item on the agenda and would be discussed at the appropriate time. Mr Sheppard was thanked for his presentation and Mr Sheppard left the meeting.

2017/131 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council were received from Cllrs Crawford, Ellison, Levens, Smith and Wheatley.

2017/132 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2017/133 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 November 2017

The minutes of the Council Meeting 8 November 2017 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

2017/134 Parish Council Vacancy

There have been no applications received for the vacancy

2017/134 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Wingrove had met with the Chairs of the Parish Councils from the Minety Ward to discuss the potential for a Community Bus Service. The Chairs considered the possibilities, however it would be a very complex and potentially expensive venture and the Chairs agreed that it would not be viable for the area. One of the points brought up in the discussion was the lack of bus services available to parishioners to enable anyone to get to either Cirencester or Swindon for work opportunities. Cllr Wingrove has contacted the bus operator that serves Crudwell and Oaksey to see if Ashton Keynes can be incorporated in its route. The bus company has responded that it will review its schedule in the spring.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

- Cllr Ellison has commenced with the refurbishment of the telephone box. Once completed, the defibrillator can be moved from the side of the village hall to the more prominent position of the phone box. The defibrillator signage has been purchased and is with Cllr Ellison and will be fitted once the transfer of the defibrillator has been completed.

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Action: Cllr Ellison

- Cllrs Carter and Wingrove had attended the briefing session on Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy Review, now renamed the Wiltshire Local Plan. The purpose of the review is that the current strategy is up to 2026 so there is a need to plan for future homes, jobs and the infrastructure to support them. There is no need to revise adopted Neighbourhood Plans until they become out of date, and revisions to the Wiltshire Local plan will not be adopted until 2021 at the earliest. The review on housing will need to be taken in conjunction with Swindon Borough Council, the area will include over to Crudwell in the North, down through Cricklade, Royal Wootton Bassett along to Pewsey, however, at this point, the review is looking at urban extensions to existing market towns. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.
- The accounts from 2013-14, requested from a gentleman outside the parish, have been forwarded.
- The Wiltshire Officer for the application for the 27 dwellings on the land by Dairy Farm to be advised by Cllr Berry that, should the officer be considering approval of the application, then it would be called in to go to committee. Proposed: Cllr Wingrove; seconded: Cllr Tindall; voting in favour: unanimously

Action: Wilts Cllr Berry

2017/135 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman reported that, following the offer by Wiltshire Council and the Forestry Commission to give trees to mark the 100 year anniversary of the cessation of World War I, there had been a reluctance for the 21 trees to be installed at the Millennium Green, due to lack of space; the avenue along Church Walk could not accommodate so many trees either; a site has been located within the Churchyard by the War Memorial for one tree and Cllr Wingrove is in contact with members of the Parochial Church Council to see if this would be suitable.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

2017/136 Clerk's Report –

The report had been circulated previously and it was noted that since the last meeting, the clerk emailed the clerk to South Cerney Parish Council regarding planning approval for the signage for Jennie's Kitchen at the junction of Friday's Ham Lane and the Spine, to date the clerk has not acknowledged the request. As the South Cerney Clerk has failed to respond, Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire Highways have been asked to comment, the response to date appears to be "we don't believe this to be our responsibility". The clerk is liaising with Aggregates Industries to re-arrange the Minerals Liaison Group's meeting, which had to be postponed due to illness, this will probably take place later in January. The drainage engineer has been contacted regarding ditch between Ashfield and Harris Road, the issue has also been reported on the Parish Steward lists, however, this is outside the remit of the Parish Steward as a lone worker is not allowed to work on this type of issue. It would appear that the drain under the footbridge has become silted and will need clearing, similar to the gully under the High Road, by Church Walk.

The Parish Council noted the report

2017/137 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:

Expenditure:

Clerk's salary

£440.80

Clerk's expenses (4mths)

£86.38

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X2 connect 9signs0	£82.08
OSM Contract	£900.00
Room hire (Nov)	£19.00
Website costs (Oct)	£123.63
Litter pickers & equip	£43.94
Website costs (Nov)	£190.62

Closing balance: £49,034.76
The Parish Council noted the financial report

The draft budget had been presented to the Parish Council at the previous meeting and there had been no further comments made. The budget for £33,650 was proposed by Cllr Cooper; seconded by Cllr Carter; voted in favour; unanimously.

2017/138 Neighbourhood Planning Project review

Cllr Levens was unable to attend to give a further update. It was noted that other projects should be brought forward for consideration, not just the two identified previously. Cllrs Carter, Tindall and Wingrove agreed to form a sub-group to re-visit the projects within the plan with a view to identifying further potential projects.

Action: Cllrs Carter, Tindall, Wingrove

2017/139 Fingerposts in Ashton Keynes

Mr D Sheppard had advised the Parish Council earlier in the meeting of the project and it was proposed that the Parish Council supported the project and would contribute £200. Proposed Cllr Wingrove; seconded; Cllr Cooper; voting in favour; unanimously. Thanks were extended to Mr Sheppard for all his work on the project.

2017/140 Aggregates extraction Wheatley's Farm

The developer had sent the Parish Council the details of the application, which has been sent to Wiltshire Council, however has yet to be registered. To date, only Cllr Tindall has had the opportunity to review the application in its entirety and there were some technical issues identified, however, others would need to review the plans in full. Councillors will continue to review the plans in order to make observations, which would include concerns raised by parishioners at the recent public meeting.

Action: All Councillors

2017/141 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- **Planning** - the minutes from the recent meeting had been circulated. The Parish Council proposed to re-affirm its decision, made in October, to ask its Wiltshire Councillor to call-in the planning application for a Coach Park at the Three Bridges Quarry, should the Wiltshire Officer consider refusing the application. Proposed; Cllr Tindall; seconded; Cllr Cooper, voted in favour, unanimously.

Action: Wilts Cllr Berry

- **Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses** – the water course mapping is continuing, and the group have reached the Bradstone Playing Fields, Cllr Levens is updating the maps accordingly. A resident had complained about a pothole opposite Fore Street along Kent End. The clerk agreed to check the site and report to Wiltshire Council if appropriate, it may be that the pothole is on land within Green Square's remit. There has been no recent information regarding the diversion of footpath 20 and Cllr Tidmarsh

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will re-contact Wilts Council for an update. It was noted that footpath 24, from the Clayhills Picnic site southbound to the village was being delineated, possibly due to the approval of the Cable Ski site to the east of the footpath.

Action: Cllr Tidmarsh, the clerk

- **Review of tree work – footpath 18 (The Lotts to Park Place)** – Cllr Wingrove had contacted the residents in Park Place by the entrance to footpath 18 with regard to the felling of the two conifers by the gate and the 50% reduction to the conifers along the footpath. The residents have said that they are happy with proposal. The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the tree work.

Action: the clerk

- **Village Hall** – no report
- **Playing Field Committee** - no report
- **Minerals Liaison** – the next meeting with Aggregates Industries has been arranged for 12 January 2018
- **Cotswold Water Park** – Somerford Keynes Parish Council (SKPC) had contacted the Parish Council for support in making the footpath by lake 32, south of the Country Park, a recognised public right of way. Cotswold Water Park Trust (CWP) is reluctant for this to occur, as it would make monitoring public numbers difficult within the Country Park. The SKPC are to be advised that AKPC have included the footpath as an aspiration within the Neighbourhood Plan, however, it is unclear as to whether Gloucestershire County Council will be liaising with Wiltshire Council regarding the stretch within AKPC's boundaries. The next meeting with the parishes, to be convened by CWP, will be held in the new year; the application at Cleveland Lake is outstanding and it was noted that Natural England are becoming involved with the lakes within the water park.
- **School Governors** – the school is now in the top 10% nationally, based on the last set of results across the school and it has been awarded the Church Schools Partnership by the diocese.
- **Police** – PCSO Bordiss continues to attend the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings, every five weeks or so.

2017/142 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to inform the clerk by 31 December should any additional items be required.

2017/143 Date for next meeting 10 January 2018.

The meeting was concluded at 09:26pm