

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14 February 2018

Present: Cllrs M Carter; S Crawford; A Levens; M Smith; E Tidmarsh; A Tindall; D Wingrove.

In attendance: The Clerk; Mr G Clarke (member of the public)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

2018/012 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council were received from Cllrs Cooper; Ellison; Wheatley and Berry.

2018/013 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2018/014 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 January 2018

The minutes of the Council Meeting 10 January 2018 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

2018/015 Parish Council Vacancy

There have been no applications received for the vacancy. Cllr Tidmarsh forwarded notification of his intended retirement from the Parish Council from the end of April. Cllr Wingrove thanked Cllr Tidmarsh for all his work over his years of service to the community.

2018/016 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Ellison has commenced with the refurbishment of the telephone box. A second coat to the exterior and an internal clean-up is required before the defibrillator can be moved from the side of the village.
Action: Cllr Ellison
- There has been no further progress regarding the planting of the tree by the war memorial in the Churchyard, as this needs to be authorised by the Church, owners of the property.
Action: Cllr Wingrove
- Cllr Tidmarsh has contacted Wiltshire Council regarding the situation of footpath 20. Wiltshire Council Officer, Janice Green, confirmed the application continues to be reviewed and that a report is in the process of being compiled. The Parish Council agreed to ask Cllr Berry to follow up as the nine-month turn around indicated early in 2017 has elapsed.
Action: Cllr Berry; The Clerk
- The National Trails organisation has been informed of Parish Council's decision for there to be no alteration to the stile at the end of Church Walk.

2018/017 Chairman's Report

- The Chairman had nothing to report

2018/018 Clerk's Report –

The report had been circulated previously and it was noted that since the last meeting, the application for the tree work along footpath 18 has received approval from Wiltshire Council. Gloucestershire Highways have agreed to review the signage at the end of Friday's Ham Lane.

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The Draft agenda for the Town and Parish Council Highway Evening meeting 8 May 2018 at Monkton Park from 19:00 to 21:00 has been circulated, Councillors were invited to attend.

Wiltshire pledges further investment in key services, infrastructure and economy Budget proposals for 2018/19 detailing how Wiltshire will continue to deliver vital frontline services and invest in key areas have been published. Currently Wiltshire spends almost £1 billion each year on more than 350 services. Spending plan proposals are aligned to key priorities; to protect those who are most vulnerable, grow the local economy and strong communities. The proposals reflect the challenges of delivering services against a backdrop of continued reduction in Government funding, a sustained increase in demand for some services; particularly adult social care and children's safeguarding, and the increase in the national wage and inflation costs.

The Parish Council noted the report

2018/019 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:	Expenditure:	
	Clerk's salary	£440.80
	OSM Contract	£900.00
	Room hire (Dec)	£19.00
	Website costs (Dec)	£43.63

Closing balance: £45,963.97

The Parish Council noted the financial report

2018/020 Neighbourhood Planning Project review

Cllr Wingrove had circulated a paper with the review undertaken for identifying further projects from the Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted that further work was required in identifying project opportunities with which to progress. An update on this progress will be taken forward to the May meeting.

Action: Cllrs Carter; Tindall; Wingrove

2018/021 Proposal for Annual Review of Ashton Keynes Roads

Cllr Tindall had circulated a paper to suggest an annual review of the state of the roads in the village, together with the Wiltshire Council manual which has been written with clarity in identifying the severity of highway issues. The purpose for the project is to gather information on the state of the roads, over a period of time, to understand if concerns raised are valid. The Parish Council noted the merits of such an exercise, various methods for storing the data was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Smith would source an app which would enable mapping and photo storage of highway problems. Two methods for collating the information will be trailed in May to ascertain time commitment and ease of use of both methods.

Action: Cllrs Crawford; Smith; Tindall; Wingrove

2018/022 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- **Planning** - the minutes from the recent meeting had been circulated.

a) **Application:** 17/12064/WCM

Proposal: Sand and gravel extraction followed by selective infill with inert materials with restoration to ecological, fishing and public amenity lakes, and agriculture

Address: Wheatleys Farm, High Road

Decision: Ashton Keynes Parish Council resolved to OBJECT to the application, primarily on ecological reasons and the effects such workings would have on the village. The full report can be found on the Wiltshire Council

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website. Proposed Cllr Carter, seconded Cllr Tidmarsh, voted in favour, unanimously.

b) **Application:** 17/12550/FUL

Proposal: Re-positioning of vehicle access

Address: Land at Manor Farm, North End

Decision: Ashton Keynes Parish Council reviewed this application at its meeting and resolved to OBJECT to the relocation of the site entrance close to the settlement boundary. The reason for the objection is that the proposed application substantially reduces the green space separating the industrial estate from the village settlement boundary and thereby goes against Core policies 50 and 54 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy as this adversely impacts on the landscape character of the Parish, the village and degrades the tranquillity of the setting of the village. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Tindall voting in favour; unanimously.

- **Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses** – further work needs to be done on mapping the watercourses through the village. It was noted the Wiltshire Council Rights of Way warden has agreed to sort the downed trees along footpath 7. Footpath 24, from Clayhills Picnic Area, which is in the process of being fenced off, has not been worked upon recently and will continue to be monitored. Cllr Tidmarsh was asked to provide a continuation plan as recent members of the group have left the Parish Council and the experience and expertise has been lost.
- **Village Hall** – no report
- **Playing Field Committee** - the AGM will be held at the Bradstone on 25 April 2018. It was noted that the committee is in the process of improving its booking systems.
- **Minerals Liaison** – the minutes from meeting with Aggregates Industries had been circulated previously and noted.
- **Cotswold Water Park** – no report
- **School Governors** – no report
- **Police** – PCSO Bordiss continues to visit the village on a regular basis and is available on Tuesday mornings at the village hall, every five weeks. It was noted that there has been a spate of vandalism recently, with air guns and catapults.
- **Historic Conservation Group** – there is one live objective, which is to get the Historic Policy accepted by Wiltshire Council.
- **Environment Group** – there have been many expressions of interest for the various different aspects with the Environment Group. The litter pickers have been active over the recent months, others are wishing to be involved with the state of the river and the quality of the water, currently, Cllr Levens is co-ordinating the various groups.
- **Date for the Annual Parish Meeting** – the Parish Council agreed that providing the village hall is available, the meeting would be on Monday 23 April 2018 at 7pm.

2018/010 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to inform the clerk by 6 March should any additional items be required. Cllr Smith will invite a Speed Indicator Device supplier to give a presentation before the next meeting. Speed indicator Devices will be on the next agenda.

2018/011 Date for next meeting 14 March 2018.

The meeting was concluded at 09:16pm