

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th February 2020

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove; S Crawford; M Carter; M Cooper; M Smith; N Inzani; B Low; R Blackaller .

In attendance: Wilts Cllr Berry; The Clerk; 10 members of public (names recorded).

The meeting commenced at 7:18pm

The Chairman welcomed the members of public and invited them to speak. Members of public were in attendance to observe the meeting. The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their interest.

19-20/113 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Levens & Ellison.

19-20/114 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19-20/115 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th January 2020

The minutes of the Council Meeting 8th January 2020 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

19-20/116 Parish Council Vacancy

There are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council, 2 of the members of public in attendance had expressed an interest in joining the council. Cllr Smith proposed the council co-opt Russell Blackaller this was seconded by Cllr Cooper the council voted unanimously in favour of Russell Blackaller being co-opted. The Chairman welcomed Mr Blackaller onto the Parish Council. A Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Mr Blackaller took a seat with the other councillors.

19-20/117 Actions from Previous Meeting

- 19-20/096b The Clerk has sought GDPR advice regarding the Environment Agency, this is covered in Clerk Report.
- 19-20/104 Cllr Smith has continued to investigate the untidy area around the shop and has found that it belongs to Ellison's Garage, no further plan will be drawn up for suggested improvements.
- 19-20/107 Local Electricity Bill support letter was sent and information included in the newsletter.
- 19-20/108 The Area Board meeting was attended by a councillor who reported that the Deputy PCC informed the meeting that Wiltshire Police do not support Auto Speed watch due to policy and practical reasons. Policy being Wiltshire have no fixed speed cameras and practical being that the calibration document is not home office approved. Cabinet members agreed to continue with further trial locations. Applications have been asked from local parishes by the end of February. Cllr Crawford will coordinate with CSW to decide on making an application. The camera would need to be pole mounted. Parish Council agreed to progress with application.

Action: Cllr Crawford

19-20/118 Earthline Application 17/12064/WCM

Responses have now been received from the applicants agents in response to issues raised. Mr Low had agreed to go through the response documents and report back to

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

the Parish Council. Mr Low gave his report and informed the council that the response date for comments has been extended to 9th march due to technical issues with Wiltshire Councils website. The report covered Hydrology, Noise, Dust, Transport and Ecology.

The Parish Council have originally objected to the application and would want to continue with the objection. It was proposed that the Parish Council use the evidence provided in Mr Lows report as a basis for a further objection to this phase of the application. The Parish Council voted in favour of the proposal. A Cllr is to meet with Mr Low to prepare response.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

Clerk was asked to provide hydrology map and data from the recent Area Board minutes.

Action: Clerk

19-20/119 Chairman's Report

The owner of Mill House is in contact with Wiltshire Council regarding the sink holes on the footpath. The footpath department have agreed to discuss the matter with Thames Path and the Environment Agency. Wiltshire Council are reluctant to take any action as it is not their land.

Residents in The Derry are concerned about flooding and there is also concern regarding flooding around lake 82/83.

A course has been identified for the Clerk, the course is free to attend but travel expenses would be paid. Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to attend the course.

Notification of the temporary closure of the High Road has been included in the newsletter, Parish Council website and also on social media to warn residents. A Cllr has contacted Highways to raise concern that Gosditch is not a suitable diversion route.

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board is to be held in Ashton Keynes Village Hall on 3rd March at 7pm, notice to be included in the newsletter.

19-20/120 Clerks Report

The Clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting. The Parish Council agreed with the renewal of membership to SLCC. Following the Clerks appraisal 'The Clerks Manual' was ordered at a cost of £52.30 the Parish Council approved the purchase. The faded road signs at North End and Fridays Ham lane that were reported to Wiltshire Council in September are still to be replaced, Clerk received an update to say that the signs were 'being made'. Cllr Berry to investigate.

Action: Cllr Berry

19-20/121 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:

Lloyds Bank Compensation £ 55.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Admin to Council	£ 414.80
Village Hall Room Hire Jan	£ 19.00
O2 Mobile Phone Contract (Dec & Jan)	£ 40.08
Open Space Maintenance December	£ 900.00
Wiltshire Council (SID Pole contribution)	£ 172.11
SLCC The Clerks Manual	£ 52.30
Payroll Costs (Dec & Jan)	£ 22.80

Closing balance: £16,174.19

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

The Parish Council noted the financial report and approved the income and expenditure to date.

19-20/122 Parish Projects

Thames Path crossing of B4696

A petition has been started by a parishioner regarding the safety of the above crossing. A Cllr has proactively contacted Highways as there are no signs on the B4696 to warn of a pedestrian crossing. Highways can put signs up and paint 'SLOW' on the road, this would cost around £1000 and the Parish Council could apply to CatG for funding for 70% of the costs. Thames Path have also been contacted they can get signs on the path to warn of the road and were happy to match fund, they would also be happy with a mirror being installed.

Parish Council agreed to contact Highways to see what action can be taken as soon as possible and look into possible future improvements. Application to CatG to be put together for standard signage.

Action: Cllr Crawford.

19-20/123 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- a) **Planning** – The Planning Committee elected 2 more members at its last meeting and also elected Cllr Smith as Chairman of the committee.
- b) **Environment Committee** – Cotswold Waterpark Trust Rangers have visited to give advice and quotes for works to be carried out to the river. Riparian owners need reminding of their responsibilities. The biggest problem is from The Derry to Waterhay which is agricultural land. The Environment Agency do not advise removing silt at this time, vegetation needs removing to improve the flow and the silt will clear. End of August/early September is the correct time to be taking action. Cllr Low to produce a report on costs etc once information is received from the Cotswold Waterpark. There is a group of volunteers in the village who are prepared to help with river works.

Action: Cllr Low

It was also noted that from the White Hart to Waterhay 2 arches have been closed off in the river stopping around 50% of the flow.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

- c) **Internal Affairs** – Clerks Appraisal and Internal Controls Checks have been carried out.
- d) **Minerals Liaison** – No report.
- e) **Village Hall** – Currently in the process of putting in a bid to the Area Board for external lighting.
- f) **Playing Fields Committee** – Looking into replacing the boiler and putting in a disabled WC in original boiler location potentially looking to apply for a grant from the Malmesbury Area Board. Options to improve the Bradstone have been discussed including replacing the bar with a reception area. ECB have some support for new defibrillators this will be kept as an item to review. There may be potential to move around defibrillators in the village. 10 new trees are to be planted across both fields to replace those removed following the tree survey. Plan for how to sponsor a tree to be placed on playing field notice boards. AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th April at Bradstone. Cllr Crawford will be looking into new play equipment.
- g) **Cotswold Water Park** – The Natural England drop in session regarding SSSI sites in the Waterpark was attended by a Councillor. All lakes are to be made SSSI.
- h) **School Governors** – Ashton Keynes Primary School are regional winners in National Maths Challenge 2020. A 3 day annual Challenge Partner review took place in the first week of February this is the fourth review and for the last 2 years have been classed as Outstanding. The school is now a 'Leading' school in every area. The School has also been accredited a second National area of Excellence for 'Culture of Challenge' which will encourage other leaders from national schools to come and see

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

what the school do. The school has received a letter from the Department of Education for the third year running this time for being in the top 1% of schools nationally for reading in KS2. Recruiting for a new Deputy Head has received lots of applications.

i) **Police** – No report.

j) **Highways** – The SID data shows that over 96% of motorists are now travelling under 45mph. The battery issues have been resolved and there were no 'off' periods during January.

19-20/124 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to contact the clerk prior to the next meeting with any items for consideration for the next agenda.

19-20/125 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be 11th March 2020

The meeting concluded at 9.25pm