

# *Ashton Keynes Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the meeting held at Ashton Keynes Village Hall on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.15pm**

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman); M Carter; G Carter; T Romback; N Inzani; D Ventham.

In attendance: Wilts Cllr Berry; Fiona Ryder – Clerk.

### **24-25/073 Public Section**

There were six members of public in attendance. Three members of public addressed the Council regarding the Wheatley's Farm gravel extraction appeal and asked questions about the appeal process. Wiltshire Council will defend their decision to refuse the application, and the Parish Council will make a representation as per its previous objections.

Three members of public addressed the Council to inform that they had revived the B4696 working group.

### **24-25/074 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Crawford, Hill, B Low and M Low.

### **24-25/075 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **24-25/076 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were approved and signed.

### **24-25/077 Actions from Previous Meeting**

**24-25/001** – Additional signage to reduce the number of vehicles ignoring the official diversion when the A419 is closed has been ordered.

**24-25/062** – Oaksey Parish Council has been contacted regarding the Neighbourhood Plan Review, they recommended a company that they had used. A grant application has been started, an update will be provided in October.

**Action: Cllr Crawford**

**24-25/063** – The Council's response to the gravel extraction appeal has been submitted.

**24-25/064** – Surveys of the three buildings owned by the Council have been carried out and valuations provided.

**24-25/065** – Awaiting contact from the WI to be able to pay the agreed grant.

**24-25/066** – A complaint regarding Wiltshire Councils handling of a recent pavement licence application has been sent and a reply received.

**24-25/070n** – Wiltshire Council has been contacted regarding blocked culverts and overgrown ditches; this will be discussed at the next OFWG meeting which is being held next week.

### **24-25/078 Chairmans Report**

The Best Kept Village Standard and Plaque has been installed ahead of the official unveiling being held on Sunday at 1pm. There will be a number of awards being received by various parishioners including a Year 5 from the village school, David Tarr and Cllr Ventham. All parishioners are welcome to attend the unveiling.

Councillors and parishioners are encouraged to attend the next Area Board Meeting being held in Ashton Keynes Village Hall next Tuesday.

### **24-25/079 Clerks Report**

The Clerks report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

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A new three-year electricity contract has been entered into which should save the Council around £1100 per year.

Email received asking for confirmation that a doorstep call from someone claiming to be from Thames Water was genuine.

*Unable to confirm, advice from Age UK on potential doorstep scams provided.*

Email received asking Parish Council to confirm if dogs being off lead was illegal.

*Information from Wiltshire Council provided and email passed to local PCSO.*

Further email received regarding ownership details of a tree in a hedge line of a property.

*Re-iterated that the PC do not have the information and advised to contact Thames Path.*

An email has been received raising concerns of pulling out of the Church car park and requesting a mirror be installed.

*I have forwarded a Highway Improvement Request.*

Email received reporting rotten wood on cargo net by tennis court.

*Passed on to the Playing Fields Committee who are aware and are monitoring.*

The Council noted the Clerks Report.

## 24-25/080 Financial Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

### Income since the last meeting:

### Payments for Approval

*Elan City	£ 234.94
Elan City	£ 263.81
Signs Now UK	£ 301.52

### Playing Fields

#### Income since the last meeting:

Playing Fields Hire	£ 827.50
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### Expenditure since the last meeting:

O2 Mobile Phone	£ 43.05
OSM Contract June, July, Aug	£ 2970.00
Village Hall Hire	£ 90.00
Website Support	£ 139.89
BF Printing	£ 55.80
Clerks Expenses	£ 78.16
Payroll Services	£ 32.70
Chairs Expenses	£ 67.50
Phone Box Expenses	£ 31.19
Scribe	£ 400.80
HMRC	£ 10.40
James Slater & Co	£ 2400.00
*Elan City	£ 234.94

#### Expenditure since the last meeting:

Bradstone Cleaning	£ 270.00
Castle Water	£ 69.04
SSE Bradstone	£ 436.88

The Council approved the finance report and income and expenditure.

## 24-25/081 CIL Funds

A progress report had been circulated prior to the meeting, the Chair read the report for the benefit of members of public in attendance.

Following consultation with the parish, the three buildings owned by the Council were recognised as a priority for improvement. Prior to allocating any monies it was agreed that survey reports needed to be carried out on the three buildings. The surveys have now been carried out and discussions will be had with the relevant committees.

Parishioners can join the CIL Funds working group should they wish to be involved.

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## **24-25/082 Asset of Community Value**

The renewal of the listing of The White Hart Inn as an Asset of Community Value was approved.

**Action: Cllr Wingrove**

## **24-25/083 Planning Applications**

- Application: PL/2024/08219  
Proposal: Holly Tree – reduce crown by 1m, prune into shape and crown raise over path by 1m.  
Address: 11 Park Place  
Comments: No objection
- Application: PL/2024/08215  
Proposal: Fir Tree - fell  
Address: 2 The Mead  
Comments: No objection
- Application: PL/2024/08139  
Proposal: Permission in principle for the construction of 2no. dwellings.  
Address: Land adjacent Windrush, High Road  
Comments: 1. Should permission in principle be granted this should only be for the land registered and outlined in red on the Location Plan and not the land boundary outlined on the Indicative Block Plan.  
2. Should permission in principle be granted, the landowner as a riparian owner with responsibility for flood risk mitigation, should undertake clearance of vegetation, debris and silt, in that section of the river Thames adjacent to the land outlined in the Location Plan.
- Application: PL/2024/07955  
Proposal: Ash (T1 and T2) 30% crown reduction.  
Address: 1 Harris Road  
Comments: No objection

## **24-25/084 Insurance Renewal**

The insurance premium has risen by 101% in the past two years, this was queried and is due to the claim at Bradstone and the Bradstone Pavilion now being classed as in a high flood risk area by the insurance company. A comparison quote was provided which was 50% higher than the existing renewal.

The renewal of the insurance was approved.

**Action: Clerk**

## **24-25/085 PEAs Requirements**

A salt bin survey is required.

**Action: Cllr Crawford**

It was agreed not to request any further supplies this year, should anyone require any gel sacs they can contact the Clerk prior to the start of winter.

## **24-25/086 Playing Fields Committee**

The next committee meeting is being held on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Stage two of the new equipment project will be discussed (fitness equipment).

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## **24-25/087 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports**

- a) Planning Committee (SH) – Minutes and Agenda circulated.
- b) Internal Affairs Committee (SC) – Nothing to report.
- c) Village Hall (BL) – Nothing to report.
- d) Cotswold Lake Trust (ML) – Nothing to report.
- e) School Governors (SC) – Nothing to report.
- f) Police (DW) – Nothing to report.
- g) Highways (SC) – Nothing to report.
- h) Footpaths, Cycle Routes and Waterways (BL) – Nothing to report.
- i) Ashton Keynes Charities (NI) – Nothing to report.
- j) Parochial Church Council (BL) – Nothing to report.
- k) Millennium Green (NI) – Nothing to report.
- l) B4696 Road Safety (SC) – The SID was found to be defective, it has been returned to the manufacturer for repair and is back in place recording data. The screen will be off for one month to capture data and then turned back on to monitor the effectiveness of the device.
- m) CIL Funds (TR) – Agenda Item.
- n) Flood Protection Initiatives (ML) – Nothing to report.

## **24-25/088 Matters for the next meeting**

Councillors were reminded to contact the Clerk with any items to be put forward for the agenda and to submit any reports for the Committees, Working Groups and Representatives section at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting.

## **24-25/089 Date for the next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7:15 p.m. at Ashton Keynes Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.