

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman); M Carter; M Cooper; B Ellison; S Jefferson; A Seymour; M Seymour; A Stefanovic; R Thomas; K Winstone.

In attendance: The Clerk

Prior to the meeting, a presentation was given by Biagio Vitale regarding a proposed planning application for new dwellings behind the Old Brickyard along Cox's Hill.

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13 November 2013

2013/127 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Cllr E Tidmarsh, Co Cllr C Berry

2013/128 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest

2013/129 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 October 2013

The minutes to the meeting held on 9 October 2013 were confirmed with the amendment to the typing error on item 2013/123 from "sort" to "sought".

2013/130 Matters to Report

- The potholes around the village had been deemed as "of insufficient depth" to warrant Wiltshire Council attention. The state of the roads will continue to be assessed.
- Cllr Berry had set in motion the "trigger point" regarding the call in of the planning at the Water Ski Club. The date for the planning to go forward to Wiltshire Council is to be confirmed.
Action: The Clerk
- The damage to the base of the Cross by the White Hart has been repaired.
- The planned repaired to the Cross by Church Walk cannot go ahead until the Spring when temperatures improved.
- The ownership of the verge along the High Road by 6a Park Place has to be confirmed.
Action: Cllr S Jefferson, The Clerk

2013/131 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on activities undertaken since the last meeting.

- Church Notice Board: it had been confirmed that Church Notice Board would be best suited to being positioned along the footpath to the Church by the Max Johnson gate. The parishioner concerned will approach the land owner for ascertain permission and co-ordinate planning applications.
- Concerns had been raised by parishioners regarding noise levels from the aggregates site along the B4696. These noise levels were inconsistent and the Council agreed the best course would be to arrange a site visit and an approach will be made to the owners.
- The Councillors were reminded that the Planning Committee meeting on Monday 18 November 2013 at the Annexe of the White Hart would be open to all Councillors to attend for discussions surrounding the various presentations made by Amita regarding proposed planning at the Cotswold Community and by Mr Vitale for proposals at Cox's Hill. The meeting will commence at 7:30. Those unable to attend were invited to send comments for inclusion.

2013/132 Clerk's Report

The paper containing the clerk's report had been circulated previously. Points to note included:

Erosion along the river bank at the junction of Church Walk and the High Road could not be repaired as the water levels were too great, temporary measures are to be put in place until it is an opportune time for a full repair to the stretch can be made as the footpath is becoming endangered by the erosion.

Meeting with the Highways Officer from Wiltshire Council confirmed that the dog waste bin in the Bradstone Playing Field could be included with the normal waste collection of public bins, but a small charge would be incurred. The Council confirmed the bin was well utilised and the collection charge would be met.

The tree survey had been completed and tenders are to be sought for the actions that the survey results have recommended.

Action: The Clerk

The "decluttering" of road signs request from Wiltshire Council needed to be resolved by December 2013, all Councillors were asked to note any unnecessary road signage and forward their findings to the Clerk before the next Council meeting.

2013/133 Financial Report

The financial report had been circulated previously, this was in the form of income received and expenditure on a month by month calculation, which was compared with the budget set for the year.

Expenditure in October that exceeded £500 were:

➤ Clerk's employment costs (gross)	£607.43
➤ Open Space Maintenance for September	£1,400.00
Income received	
➤ Ashton Keynes Playing Fields	£1,005.10

The Grants and Finance Working Group had discussed the setting of the budget for 2014-15 and the Council were presented with a draft budget for discussion under the report for the Grants and Finance Working Group.

2013/134 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning Committee, the minutes had been circulated.
 - Footpaths, the working group's findings and action points had been circulated. A letter had been sent to B Burke requesting electronic copy of the footpaths of Ashton Keynes to be accessible on the website, to date there had been no response.
 - Grant and Finance working group's minutes had been circulated. The Council resolved to confirm the Grants for 2013/14. The Council resolved to confirm the same grants to the Village Facilities for 2014/15 as all the facilities were of importance to the village as a whole. The Council resolved to adopt the draft budget as circulated previously.
 - Village Halls – no report
 - Memorials – no further report
 - Aggregates – to confirm an arrangement of a visit to the site on the B4696
- Action: The Chairman, Cllr E Tidmarsh, Cllr M Seymour**
- Playing Fields – no further report
 - Emergency Planning – an emergency planning template to be forwarded to Cllr A Seymour in order that progression can be made
 - Police – no report
 - School – a report had been sent to all Councillors. Concern was raised regarding the drop off and pick up at school peak periods. Whilst poor parking had been highlighted at a previous meeting, further concerns had been raised by the use of the field gate which enabled children to exit, at speed, on to the public highway.

2013/135 Village Website

An update was given on the village website, confirming the levels of access, from the casual browser through to member areas that require login user name and password to ensure security of the site and ownership of the content.

The contract for the management of the website had been drawn up and, as agreed at the previous meeting, will be signed by the Chairman. The contract will run annually from January through to December.

Action: The Chairman, Cllr M Carter

2013/136 Issues Log

The Issues Log has been regularly updated. There was a request for a re-issue of the access link. An outstanding item on the Log concerns the maintenance of the roads by gritting and salting during bad weather. A plan of action is to be produced for the next meeting. The council recommended that a further two tons of salt be purchased and stored at a convenient site as the provisions made by Wiltshire Council were deemed insufficient.

Action: Cllr S Jefferson, Cllr B Ellison

2013/137 Areas of Distribution update and setting up of Village Hall Rota for 2014

The most recent distribution list is to be forwarded to the Clerk.

The Clerk is to compile the Village Hall Roster for 2014. Any Councillor unable to make their allocated date will arrange for another Councillor to step in and inform the Clerk of the change.

Action: Cllr M Carter, The Clerk

2013/138 Neighbourhood Planning

A general update of the Neighbourhood Planning was reported, however, due to the extent of involvement, meetings and the associated costs had exceeded previous expectations and with the delay from Wiltshire Council in approving its core strategy, resulting in the delay of approving Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan and grant, the Council agreed that a further £350 could be set aside for the completion of the application programme.

Action: Cllr M Carter

2013/139 Cotswold District Council Local Plan re: Cotswold Water Park

Cllr A Stefanovic is to attend the meeting on 12 December 2013 and will report to the Council in January 2014.

2013/140 The Mead update

- **Application 13/05613/FUL**
Proposal: Demolish existing building and erection of two dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity
Site Address: 8 The Mead
- **Application 13/05614/FUL**
Proposal: Demolition of 3 Existing Dwellings & Erect 9 Affordable Dwellings with Access, Parking & Amenity Spaces
Site Address: Land at the Mead Ashton Keynes Wiltshire SN6 6PL

It was noted that the Council had already held extensive discussions with GreenSquare, prior to the submission of these plans, and that GreenSquare had incorporated most of the changes recommended by the Council. These plans have now been submitted to Wiltshire Council. It was therefore agreed that the Council would submit an observation of 'No Objection' to these plans.

Action: The Clerk

The Council noted that whilst there would be disruption during the work undertaken, the developers had taken heed of concerns previously raised
The meeting was concluded at 9.45pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11 December 2013 at 7:15pm

Signed:

Date:

Dave Wingrove Chairman