

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8 April 2015

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman) M Carter; M Cooper; B Ellison; A Seymour;
E Tidmarsh; R Thomas; K Winstone

In attendance: The Clerk; Unitary Cllr C Berry; A Tindall; Y Jordan; G Clarke (parishioners)

The meeting commenced at 7:40pm

Prior to the meeting, Graham Clarke addressed the Parish Council with concerns regarding the new 40mph signage between Happy Land and Waterhay. He felt that there had not appeared to be any form of consultation and that repair to the roads would have been a better use of funds by Wiltshire Council. It was confirmed that this had been an initiative from the Wiltshire Council Highways Department. Consultation with the Parish Council had been sought and there had been an opportunity to consult directly through the Wiltshire Council website. The Parish Council had not considered that speeding along that stretch of the road had been an issue, but could find no valid reason to object to the proposal. The Parish Council did agree that speeding along that stretch of road would be difficult to monitor. Cllr Berry informed the Parish Council that the repairs budget and the signage budgets were separate entities and that they would not impact each other. It was noted that the signage would not incur cost to the Parish Council as the speed restriction had not been requested by the Parish.

2015/044 Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council

Apologies were received from Cllr M Seymour; PC S Harvey

2015/045 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest

2015/046 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 March 2015

The minutes of the Council Meeting 11 March 2015 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

2015/047 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Wingrove had received notification that the application for change of access at the Manor Farm workshop would go to the full committee on 13 May 2015 and will attend on behalf of the Parish Council. Other Councillors were invited to attend in support to the change of access to Cox's Hill. The contradiction in the reports by Wiltshire Highways appeared to indicate that the objections forwarded by the Parish Council had been overlooked.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

- Work at the Mead has commenced, Cllr Wingrove to confirm with Greensquare the parking arrangements for the contractors' vehicles

Action Cllr Wingrove

2015/048 Council vacancies

M Alex Tindall and Mrs Yvonne Jordan had volunteered to join the Parish Council and bring the Council up to full strength. Mr Tindall was proposed by Cllr Carter, seconded Cllr Ellison, Mrs Jordan was proposed by Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Winstone. Voted in favour. Cllrs Tindall and Jordan signed their acceptance of office declarations. Cllr Wingrove welcomed them to the Parish Council.

2015/049 Chairman's Report

- There was no Chairman's report

2015/050 Clerk's Report – the report had been circulated previously and it was noted that the Open Space Maintenance has been finalised and all applicants advised of the result. Royal Mail had responded to the request for an update, to say that Thames Water have been delaying the progress of the project, however a GV box has been sourced which would be more appropriate to

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the style of the village. There had been a review of the drainage at North End, to date the report has not been circulated. Fly tipping has been reported to Wiltshire Council, the response being that the clearance has been scheduled. WALC confirmed that a donation to an organisation outside the parish was not appropriate use of public funds. It was noted that the AKPC had received notification that the pension auto-enrolment date would be January 2017 and that the nominated contact, the responsible financial officer, would need to be registered by 30 April 2015. The Parish Council resolved to support the survey of wetland breeding birds in the Cotswold Water Park to be undertaken by Natural England.

- **Financial Report** – the draft accounts for 2014-15 had been circulated previously, since that date, the bank statement had been received and interest of £4.09 and the receipt of the final £700 of the grant from Locality had to be included.
- Notable expenditure in March 2015:
Clerk's salary: £316.80, the remaining expenditure concerned room hire; £19.00 and materials for the repair work to the Millennium Plinth, £41.66. The annual accounts are to be internally audited prior to the next meeting when the Parish Council will be asked to accept the final accounts, after which point they can go to the external auditors by the allocated date of 25 May 2015.

2015/051 Section 106 update

Cllr Wingrove had circulated the recent update, which confirmed that Wiltshire Council would release Section 106 funds by the end of April, providing invoices had been received. The FA would not assist in a pitch less than 60metres. There had been issues utilising the ground next to the Bradstone pavilion regarding native fauna, the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) would have to be brought forward and that would encroach on the Cricket pitch. The Council resolved to position the MUGA of a 38 x 19 metre dimension on the Cuckoo Pen, Parish Council owned land. The Parish Council resolved to support the initiative financially, should other funding not be sourced, up to £10,000.

2015/052 Parking along the High Road

Cllr A Seymour had raised concerns over the parking along the High Road and requested Councillors to look for ways to improve the situation. Notification of the problem to be highlighted in the Parish newsletter and contact to be made to the football teams to ensure that cars use the parking areas generously offered by Mr B Carter.

Action: Cllr Ellison; the Clerk

2015/053 Request for clothing bank Village Hall Car Park

The Ashton Keynes Village Hall Management Committee had received a request to site "Clothing Bank" in the Village Hall Car Park. The Committee had referred the request to the Parish Council as the owners of the land. The Parish Council resolved to refuse the request as the car park is usually full to capacity.

Mr Clarke left the meeting

2015/054 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning – minutes had been circulated previously, the next meeting is scheduled for 13 April. It was noted that the application for 22 dwellings at Wheatley's Farm, High Road, had been refused by Wiltshire Council.
- Emergency Planning – the report is in draft and there is a meeting due to ratify the report which will then be circulated to the Parish Council. It was noted that the Emergency Flood equipment had been received from Wiltshire Council

Action: Cllr A Seymour

- Footpaths – no report
- Communications – no report
- Hedges and Ditches – no report
- Village Hall – the AGM had been held at the end of March. 3 new members had been found for the Committee, the officers are to be confirmed at the next meeting

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- Playing Fields Committee – the AGM will be held at the Bradstone Pavilion on 29 April 2015. It was noted that saplings for the recently planted beech hedge had been vandalised. Every 4th or 5th plant had been removed.
- Open Space Maintenance – the contract for the next two years has been finalised and all those who put in a tender had been informed.
- Best Kept Village – the entry for this will be made by the end of the month. The volunteers will clear the “hotspots” e.g. the bridge which connects Ashfield with Four Acre Close, Councillors have been encouraged to check their own areas. Cllr Tidmarsh agreed to check the notice board at the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park as this had proved difficult to utilise.
- Minerals Liaison – no report
- Cotswold Water Park – no report
- School Governors – no further report

2015/055 Neighbourhood Planning update

The Neighbourhood Plan work schedule, devised at the commencement of the project, is continuing to be worked through with an expected completion by October 2015. The draft Scoping Report is nearing completion with the next stages, the Sustainability/SEA appraisal and creation of a Draft Plan as a working framework. There was a request for additional volunteers to be sourced to help with the finalising of the project. Cllr Wingrove thanked Cllr Carter for his continued co-ordination of the project.

2015/056 Cotswold Community update

Since the last meeting, there has been no further approach from the developers of the Cotswold Community site to the Parish Council. The Parish Council will wait on a progress report from the developers before taking any further action.

2015/057 Matters for the next meeting

There were no items put forward for the next agenda. Councillors were reminded to inform the Clerk by 6 May should any additional items be required.

2015/058 Date for next meeting 13 May 2015. This will be the annual meeting and the first under the new administration.

The meeting was concluded at 09:30pm

Signed:
Dave Wingrove, Chairman

Date: