

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9 September 2015

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

In attendance: The Clerk;

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

2015/104 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies were received from Cllr A Tindall; B Ellison and Y Jordan; Wilts Cllr C Berry and Wiltshire Officers O Phipps and X Hart who had to attend the Area Board meeting.

2015/105 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

2015/106 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 July 2015

The minutes of the Council Meeting 8 July 2015 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

2015/107 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- The collection-time plate on the new letter box in Kent End, has been installed
- There have been no offers of organising a Village Festival for 2016 as noted in the Clerk's report
- There has been no uptake from other local Parish Councils to investigate the potential of the automatic number recognition camera, as noted in the Clerk's report
- The Wiltshire Spatial Planning request has been completed and forwarded to Wiltshire Council

2015/108 Chairman's Report

- Cllr Wingrove had met with a consultant engaged by the Cotswold Water Park Trust, who is looking at the future of the Cotswold Water Park, there had not been any definitive outcomes, only a general discussion.
- The Mead developers have declined the use of The Bradstone Car Park on health and safety grounds. However project managers had made private arrangements with residents in the vicinity and the parking of contractors' vehicles will be dealt with internally, when the time comes. Drainage works in the area are now completed. GreenSquare have acknowledged that they need to dredge the ditch at the end of The Mead, where a considerable amount of silt has been deposited.

2015/109 Clerk's Report –

In order to proceed with the budget making decisions, local organisations have been contacted for applications for grants in 2016-17. These applications will be considered by the Grants and Finance Committee when it meets later in the year.

There have been no offers for organising a Village Festival in 2016 following a further request for volunteers publicised in the newsletter.

The local parish councils invited to investigate the automatic number plate recognition camera purposes, have not responded.

It was noted that the Wiltshire Council contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places for provision of local services for grounds, street clearing and minor maintenance for the council, has been terminated two years early. The services will now be provided by the Total Landscape Group (TLG) directly under the management of Wiltshire Council. For parish council and residents' issues, this will be achieved by issues being reported on the

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My Wiltshire App. The local co-ordinator will prioritise the work on information given; more information will enable a quicker assessment and prioritise the work accordingly.

Fly tipping at the top of Cox's Hill, has been reported to Wiltshire Council repeatedly, as it contains asbestos. The Parish Council requested that Cllr Berry follow up the lack of response.

Action: Cllr Berry; the Clerk

Financial Report –

Expenditure for July and August was noted

Clerk's salary: 2 months @£396.00 (gross), the remaining expenditure concerned room hire; £19.00, open space maintenance 2 months @ £816.00; Royal British Legion Wreath donation £17.00; Neighbourhood Planning costs in total £1481.27. It was noted that in accordance with the grant received from Groundwork for the Neighbour Plan, no expenditure would relate to capitalised items.

2015/110 Section 106 update

Cllr Winstone reported the financial situation to date. The Section 106 money currently available, £30,566.25, is to be used by February 2018. There is also a potential sum of £7,000 from the development at The Mead. The funds required for the completion of the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) are as follows: Contractor £44,492; Footpath fees £1,850; Ecology fees c£1,000, which gives a current shortfall of £16,676 which would reduce to £9,676 once the funds from The Mead have been confirmed. Should the "spoil" be removed locally at no cost, there would be a saving of £3,000. Previously, the Parish Council had resolved to underwrite any shortfall by up to £10,000. Martin Young, Ashton Keynes Playing Fields Chairman, is working on grants so that the Parish Council will not have to meet the full £10,000.

Further investigation had shown that the proposed land swap with the Millennium Green Trust (MGT) would not be practical as the MUGA would not fit. Applications had been forwarded to Wiltshire Council to alter the route of the public footpath to accommodate the MUGA. However Wiltshire Council have been extremely slow in any responses and the cost to the Parish Council to make an application would be in the region of £1,850. The Parish Council will request Cllr Berry's assistance in speeding up the process to get authorisation of the footpath diversion, and also to negotiate a fairer fee.

Action: Cllr Berry

The Wiltshire Council Ecology department has raised concerns that the presence of the Barbary moth, which the MGT have been attempting to re-introduce to the area, could be compromised. The ecologists do not deem the moths at risk, however the larva and pupae could be affected. The solution that they have suggested would add considerably to the cost of the MUGA project, which the Parish Council believes is unnecessary. This is because attempts to re-introduce the species have been unsuccessful. The MGT will support the Parish Council on this issue.

2015/111 Parking along the High Road

At the June 15 meeting, the Parish Council agreed to review the situation of parking along the High Road. The Parish Council agreed that the situation had improved and would monitor the situation should things regress.

015/112 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning
 - **Application:** 15/07213/FUL
 - Proposal:** Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings & Yard to Use for the Storage of Caravans, Motorhomes & Boats
 - Site address:** Wheatley's Farm, High Road

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Decision: The Parish Council noted that it had requested certain conditions to application 15/04965/VAR, has been withdrawn. The Parish Council requires similar conditions applied to this application, prior to the granting of approval; a temporary permission of three years under the revised change of use of the buildings to see if this was proven to be acceptable; a stipulation that the total number of Caravans, Motorhomes & Boats be limited to 140 (as per application 15/04965/VAR); the situation be monitored Wiltshire Council to ensure that these conditions are maintained. The Parish Council would want re-assurance that full highways and fire risk assessments have been undertaken, especially since the application granted three years ago had noted that highways considered 70 vehicles suffice for the location.

- Footpaths, hedges and water courses – it was noted that motor bikes (scramblers) had been ridden over the footbridge to the Bradstone across the playing fields and along the Thames Path. The Police have been informed. Various options were considered. working with the Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee, the Clerk will consult Wiltshire Council as to the most appropriate method of keeping the footpaths, and accesses to Bradstone, free of motorised vehicles.

Action: the clerk

It was noted that the new owners of the lake to the rear of Rixon Farm will remove the permissive path to the north of the lake and re-instate Footpath 20 to the south of the lake. The owners are to meet with Wiltshire Council and it is hoped a member of the Parish Council will be included in the discussions.

Action: Cllr M Seymour

It was noted that the footpaths around Cullimore's required attention.

Action Cllr Ellison

- Communications – no report
- Village Hall – the meeting with the Chairman and Treasurer of the Village Hall and the Clerk had taken place and it was considered that the Village Hall Committee had a clearer picture as to how to proceed and are now in a position of making a five year plan so that the Parish Council will know future requirements.
- Playing Fields Committee – no report
- Minerals Liaison – the estate manager of Cullimore's is to be contacted for an update on the phasing of the landscaping at Kent End, as this had been a condition of the approval of the planning application.

Action: the Clerk

It was noted that the phased withdrawal of Aggregates Industries (AI) from the Friday's Ham Lane site was proceeding as planned. Project managers have changed, however the Parish Council still has lines of communications with the company. The footpath on the site will be re-established once the withdrawal has been completed.

- Cotswold Water Park – no report
- School Governors – no report

015/113 Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Plan is moving on the "regulation 14" consultation stage. The initial draft plan should be completed by Monday 14 September, with the six week process commencing on 26 September, the date of the first of two public consultation dates, the second date being 6 Oct. This is the final opportunity for members of the parish to comment on the plan before it is forwarded to Wiltshire Council. Councillors were requested to make themselves available for at least one of the consultation days. The pre-submission stage will be completed by 7 November 2015.

Action: Cllr Carter

Cllr Carter was thanked for his ongoing efforts with the Neighbourhood Plan

2015/114 Proposed fishery at Three Bridges

Cllr Wingrove had requested the item be placed on the agenda as the potential applicant had requested feedback from the Parish Council. During the discussion, the Parish Council

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made the following observations: In the emerging Neighbourhood Plan the site had been identified as part of the "Flood Store Zone". The Plan advocates that development on sites within or adjacent to the identified Flood Store Zones for small scale leisure or wildlife orientated design will be not allowed unless they demonstrate no significant loss of flood store area; there would be issues of access by vehicles using the site, notably during gravel extraction periods; there had been no identification of ancillary buildings, or other facilities, in the plans submitted; there has been no identification of the number of people or vehicles that would be using the site after it has become a fishery. The area has many lakes with some already operating as fishing lakes, so the amenity of another fishing lake was not deemed necessary in the locality. The Meeting concluded that, if a planning application of this nature were to be put forward, the Parish Council would object to it.

Action: the clerk

2015/115 Cotswold Community update

Cllr Wingrove has arranged meeting with Amita, the owners of the Cotswold Community site has been arranged for 16 September to finalise the revised outline plan that has been developed in accordance with the resolution of the Parish Council in May 2015.

It was proposed that the following confirmation be resolved by the Parish Council:

"Ashton Keynes Parish Council confirms that all its requirements have now been met by Amita in its document: 'Unilateral Planning Obligation – Cotswold Community V10 – Sept 2015' and that Amita now can sign this document and set up the required Escrow account with immediate effect."

Proposed: Cllr Wingrove; Seconder; Cllr Tidmarsh – vote in favour, unanimous.

2015/116 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to forward items for the October agenda to the Clerk by 5 October 2015.

2015/117 Date for next meeting 14 October 2015.

The meeting was concluded at 09:22pm