

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman) M Carter; M Cooper; B Ellison; Y Jordan; A Seymour;
M Seymour; A Tindall; R Thomas; K Winstone.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wiltshire Cllr C Berry; G Todd; Mrs R Buckle; Mrs E Rivers (parishioners)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Prior to the meeting,

Mr Todd, Chair of the Ashton Keynes Tennis Club (AKTC), Mrs Buckle and Mrs Rivers, AKTC officers, addressed the Parish Council with the proposal of replacement sheds on the High Road Playing Field and the flood lighting for the courts. It is the intention of the Tennis Club to improve facilities at the site with a view to increase membership and extend use of the courts. The committee of the Tennis Club intends to consult with neighbours in the vicinity, especially those directly adjacent to the courts, and, in keeping with the conservation area, have sourced lighting more sympathetic to meet those needs. Purton Tennis Club was an example cited of the type of lighting to be used. Advice has been given by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) on how to proceed and the committee will be applying for grants from Sport England and the LTA as there are insufficient funds to meet all the forecast needs over the next few years. The representatives from the Tennis Club were recommended to get pre-application advice and a Wiltshire Officer will advise on the viability of such an application, which the committee hope to submit in the summer. The representatives of the AKTC asked for details of the arrangement between the Club and the Parish Council regarding the kick wall which had been removed to make way for the courts as they have not been able to find any discussion or agreement in the minutes of the Club. The Parish Council agreed to get back to the AKTC regarding the agreement set up at the time and thanked the AKPC officers for their presentation.

Mr Todd, Mrs Buckle and Mrs Rivers left the meeting

2015/148 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies were received from Cllr E Tidmarsh.

2015/149 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2015/150 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 November 2015

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

2015/151 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- The public meeting regarding the future use of Lake 82 had taken place on 17 November 2015 with a representative turnout of members of the public. The 80 questionnaires returned indicated that the majority of those attending the meeting had not been in favour of holiday homes at the site. Cllr Jordan agreed to co-ordinate an independent working group from those who had experience and expressed a willingness to be proactive in guiding the future of Lake 82. It was noted that declarations of interest were only applicable to items whereby a Councillor had a pecuniary interest in an agenda item. Should an application be forwarded to the Parish Council for observation, Councillors would not be precluded from voting should they be a member of the working group.

Action: Cllr Jordan

- Cllr Wingrove has contacted Wiltshire Spatial Officer, Mrs Clampitt-Dix to discuss options for Lake 82 and to arrange a site meeting, but has not had a response to his meeting request. Cllr Wingrove to follow up with another invitation.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

- Mr Ollie Phipps, the Community Engagement Officer of Wiltshire Council, has confirmed that he will continue to negotiate with the bus company regarding the inclusion of Ashton Keynes on route 51.

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- Following the Parish Council's decision to object to planning application, 15/10351/WCM, correspondence had been received from the land owner expressing his disappointment at the Parish Council's decision. The Parish Council confirmed its decision and have requested Cllr Berry to call in the application for the Cable Ski facility should the case officer be in favour of the application.

Action: Cllr Berry

2015/152 Chairman's Report

- Cllr Wingrove reported that the Village Hall committee were disappointed that, due to problems with British Telecom, the opening of the Outreach Post Office in the Hall had been delayed.
- Charlton Parish Council had offered to co-ordinate the purchase and maintenance of the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS). Charlton PC to be asked for potential costs to other Parish Councils that may like to collaborate with the installation of SIDS.

Action: The Clerk

- The Area Board meeting in January has a Parish Council focus and all Parish Councils have been invited to attend the event. Cllrs Wingrove, Jordan, A Seymour and M Seymour will attend, however the meeting co-incides with the January Parish Council monthly meeting. The decision was taken to cancel the January meeting.

Action: The Clerk

2015/153 Clerk's Report –

Wiltshire Council is continuing to investigate the kissing gates at Little Kent End and the gates across other footpaths have been notified, those behind the Horse and Jockey and at The Derry.

The Parish Council accepted the quotes for additional tree work in the High Road Playing Field and the tree by the bus stop at Kent End.

It was noted that the Community Issue 4351, parking along Rixon Gate will be raised at the next Community Area Transport Group meeting in February.

2015/154 Financial Report –

Expenditure for October was noted:

Clerk's salary: £410.40 (gross), room hire; £44.00 which included the Public meeting, open space maintenance £816.00, website costs £222.54; Neighbourhood Plan costs £743.80, Wiltshire Council, Parish Contribution to the Roundels and signage along B4696 £500.00.

It was requested that the next meeting indicated a forecast outturn to the year end.

Action: The Clerk

2015/155 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- Planning

Application: 15/09862/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land to provide a camping and caravanning site, landscaping and associated facilities

Site address: Land South of B4696 Spine Road East and North of Ashton Keynes

It was noted that there had been several objections forwarded to the Parish Council from parishioners regarding the application, citing the unsuitability of the location, access point along the Spine Road and the impact of further flood risk to vulnerable properties downstream of the site. The Parish Council expressed disappointment that the applicants had sought pre-application advice but had not contacted the Parish Council to inform Councillors of their intentions.

Decision: Object, proposed Cllr Tindall, seconded Cllr Cooper – majority vote in favour. The grounds for the objection to be the size and scale of the application, the lack of evidence of a need for such a facility, the permanent status of the development and the isolation of the location which is outside the settlement boundary of the village. Also, the lack evidence of a risk management strategy concerning flooding further along the water courses and road safety along the Spine Road.

- Footpaths, hedges and water courses – it was noted that hedges, previously identified as in need of attention, had been trimmed back. Wiltshire Officer, Barbara Burke had assured Cllr Seymour she would forward the relevant forms to enable the

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permissive path north of Lake 82 to be transferred to a Public Right of Way. Photographic evidence had been forwarded to Wiltshire indicating Wiltshire Council signage stating the path was a Public Footpath. Mrs Burke to be contacted again, regarding the footpaths at Lake 82.

Action: Cllr M Seymour, the Clerk

Wiltshire Officer, Stephen Leonard, will be contacted again regarding the gates across footpaths 16 and 17. Footpath 7, by Cirencester Ski Club to the southern end, is in need of repair. The land owner is to be identified in order to request the repair.

Action: Cllr M Seymour, the Clerk

- Communications – no report
- Village Hall – no report from the committee. It was noted that the entrance to the Car Park was in need of repair as a large pothole has appeared. Cllr Cooper will inform the Village Hall Management Committee.

Action: Cllr Cooper

- Playing Fields Committee – it was noted that GreenSquare had made good the car park at the High Road Playing Field and there contractors were using the facility to alleviate the parking issues at The Mead while the construction work is being undertaken.
- Minerals Liaison – no report
- Cotswold Water Park – the next meeting is due on 14 December
- School Governors – a report was received from School Governor Jon Hughes: There had been a number of staff changes from the start of term and some others during the term, resulting in an extremely effective team in place now. Head teacher Sam Saville is now in her second year at the school and has made a very positive impact with pupil results on a clear upward trend, a motivated senior leadership team and new systems in place for tracking pupil achievement, attainment and any learning needs. The governors approved an increased spend on staffing early in the school year to allow a number of specific interventions and additional help for pupils to ensure they achieve the best possible outcome from their time in the school. "Shine bright. Reach for the stars" summarises the school culture and this can be seen and heard throughout the school every day.

2015/156 Neighbourhood Planning Update

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are still collating the responses and the analysis will be summarised. Generally, the Draft Plan appears to have been received favourably. Once the analysis has been concluded, consultants will be producing the consultation document. There will be another Steering Group meeting later in the month.

Action: AKNP Steering Group

2015/157 Cotswold Community update

Cllr Wingrove had not received any further correspondence from the developers.

2015/158 Multi Use Games Area

The advertising of the proposed alteration to footpath 21 should commence 24 December and throughout January. Once that has been completed and the ecologist submits the report regarding the Barbary Moth, it is hoped that work can commence in the Spring.

Cllr Wingrove thanked both Cllr Carter and Cllr Wingrove for their efforts on the Neighbourhood Plan and the Multi Use Games Area respectively.

2015/159 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to forward items for the February agenda to the Clerk by 3 February 2016.

2015/160 Date for next meeting 10 February 2016.

The meeting was concluded at 09:09pm