

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14 March 2018

Present: Cllrs M Carter; M Cooper; S Crawford; B Ellison; E Tidmarsh; A Tindall; D Wingrove.

In attendance: The Clerk

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

2018/025 Apologies for absence accepted by the Council

Apologies for absence accepted by the Parish Council were received from Cllrs Levens; Smith; Wheatley and Berry.

2018/026 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2018/027 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 February 2018

The minutes of the Council Meeting 14 February 2018 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

2018/028 Parish Council Vacancy

There have been no applications received for the vacancy, however due to pressures of work, Cllr Wheatley will be leaving at the end of April. When Cllrs Tidmarsh and Wheatley leave the Parish Council, Wiltshire Council will be informed and a Notice of Vacancies for the Office of Councillor will be issued, giving the parishioners the opportunity to request an election. If there is no request, then the Parish Council will be given the permission to co-opt.

2018/029 Matters to Report not included on the agenda

- Cllr Ellison has commenced with the refurbishment of the telephone box. A second coat to the exterior and an internal clean-up is required before the defibrillator can be moved from the side of the village.
Action: Cllr Ellison
- Peter Tucker has indicated that there are no plans to utilise the space by the war memorial in the churchyard and the vicar is in favour, in principle, in planting a tree in remembrance of the fallen from WW1 in this place. However, the vicar requires a site visit before this can be confirmed .
Action: Cllr Wingrove
- Cllr Berry had written to Wiltshire Council to query the delay in the decision over footpath 20. The response was that "the council's case officer is presently in the process of drafting a decision report for approval by Senior Officers. This will include a detailed investigation of the witness evidence submitted in support of the application, evidence submitted by the landowner, who is objecting to the application and historical evidence. The legislation allows an authority 12 months to determine applications to modify the definitive map and statement of public rights of way and I accept that this particular application has now exceeded that deadline as the application was made on 30 September 2016. Whilst we do aim to prioritise applications based on user evidence, these cases must be processed alongside other work demands and requirements. This is also a complex application and the footpath network in the area has been subject to a number of legal orders to divert and extinguish public rights of way as a

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result of the mineral extraction works carried out at the site, requiring detailed investigation. Where the authority fails to determine an application within 12 months, the applicant may apply to the Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for the authority to be given a deadline for determination of the application. However, as we are now progressing the application it is likely that we will determine whether or not there is sufficient evidence to make the order applied for, before the expiry of any deadline that might be set by the Secretary of State.

2018/030 Chairman's Report

- It was noted that the Area Board meeting in Malmesbury co-incident with the Parish Council monthly meeting and, whilst there was no representative from the Parish Council, the village was represented through the Ashton Keynes Youth Café.
- Mrs Corry, the co-ordinator for the defibrillator, had sent in a request to the Chairman for the Parish Council to fund a course for the use of the machine by the distributors, Heartbeat Trust. The Parish Council considered that the more people who were confident in using the machine, the better it would be for the village. The Parish Council would like as many people from the various organisations in the village to be invited to send at least one delegate and agreed to fund the course to a cost of £175.
- The Chairman had been advised that residents at The Derry had been informed of a potential planning application for a change of use on a paddock on The Derry to enable dog owners to hire the 2-acre field for their sole private use, safe in the knowledge that their dogs are contained within a secure boundary. The Parish Council noted that there are a couple of other such sites, both of which are well utilised. Once the planning application had been received, then the application would be discussed in the usual manner.
- A member of the Youth Football Club had written to ask why the Parish Council had asked for the temporary floodlights to be removed from the High Road Playing Field. Cllr Wingrove has agreed to meet up with representatives of the Youth Football Club to explain the rationale behind the decision.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

2018/031 Clerk's Report –

The report had been circulated previously, the clerk has continued to liaise with the Parish Steward who has confirmed that Wiltshire Council has looked at the ditch by the footbridge along the path between Four Acre Close and Ashfield with a view to adding the clearance to its list of activities. The clearance of the ditch is outside the scope of the Parish Steward as it requires a team. The fenced off areas along Kent End, backing to Ashfield, is because Wiltshire Council is attempting to follow the line of the ditch, this has not been helped by residents dumping garden waste into the ditch, nor by the hedge planted over the exit point. The grips at North End crossroads have been cleared. However, the recent weather conditions have caused more potholes on the roads and the Parish Stewards have been instructed to patrol looking for these defects and have been directed to carry out find and fix pothole repairs. All other Parish Steward activities have been suspended for the time being and should the parish have any particular highway issues that need addressing, these can be reported using the My Wiltshire app. During April, road closures have been put in place along the B4040, the diversions may impact the village, especially as the Leigh crossroads appears to be where much of the roadwork will be taking place. The Parish Council approved the appointment of the internal auditor, Joyce Turner, clerk to Burbage Parish Council and a fully qualified accountant. It should be noted that there is no reciprocal arrangement as this is contra to the code of ethics.

The Parish Council noted the report

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2018/032 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:

Expenditure:

Clerk's salary	£440.80
OSM Contract	£900.00
Room hire (Feb)	£19.00
Footpath signage	£193.63
Ashton Keynes Playing Fields	
Grant	£1,586.99

Closing balance: £42,823.55

The Parish Council noted the financial report

2018/033 Pump noise, Lake 200, Rixon Gate

Cllr Ellison had contacted the lake manager and had received the response that "a pump company is experimenting with new pump technology. They are now turning it off more regularly following initial complaint and have installed some dampening around it and the noise levels have reduced. Importantly a different pump will be used when we actually pump that lake out to do ground works it will be a silent runner or as near as possible. The pump that's there is a short-term experiment for a pump company they just needed somewhere to test it".

2018/034 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- **Planning** - the minutes from the recent meeting had been circulated. It was noted that the planning application for the proposed Coach Park at Three Bridges would go the Wiltshire Council Planning Committee on 21 March 2018. Cllr Wingrove will attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

a) **Application:** 18/01152/WCM

Proposal: Section 73 application: Variation of conditions 7 and 15 of planning permission 15/09006/WCM for Importation of inert material for the creation of two islands and two fish holding ponds together with two boardwalk bridges, parking and an amenity building ancillary to the use of the lake as a 'pay and fish' fishery (Vary condition 7 to extend the period of time to complete the development and amend condition 15 to state that upon completion the site will be landscaped in accordance with the scheme previously approved).

Address: Rixon Gate.

Decision: No comment

- **Open Space to include footpaths, hedges and water courses** – it was noted that the alterations to the fencing along the northern section of footpath 24 had not been progressed. Cllr Ellison will obtain an update.

Action: Cllr Ellison

There has been no further update on the water courses as Cllr Levens has not been able to continue the survey over the winter.

- **Village Hall** – the AGM will be held on 21 March
- **Playing Field Committee** – the AGM will be held on 25 April
- **Minerals Liaison** – no further report
- **Cotswold Water Park** – it was noted that the application for a change of use at Cleveland Lake to non-motorised water sports had been approved and that Natural England has been looking to extend the sites of specific and scientific interest within the water park, however there has not any indication that the Parish Council would be included in the consultation process. There has not been any further progress regarding the footpath at Keynes Park, initiated by Somerford Keynes. There has been no indication

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from CWP that it will be holding another meeting for the parishes in the near future.

- **School Governors** – no report had been received, nor has there been any progress on the initiative for funding a new classroom, to replace the elderly portacabins.
- **Police** - no further report
- **Historic Conservation Group** – no further report
- **Environment Group** – no further report
- **Date for the Annual Parish Meeting- dates available 25 Apr; 15 May; 16 May** – the Parish Council opted for 25 April at 7 pm

2018/035 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to inform the clerk by 4 April should any additional items be required.

2018/036 Date for next meeting 11 April 2018.

The meeting was concluded at 08:29pm