

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th September 2019

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove; A Tindall; M Carter; A Levens; N Inzani; M Smith; B Ellison; S Crawford; B Low.

In attendance: The Clerk; Wilts Cllr Berry; 1 member of the public (name recorded)

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

Chairman welcomed the member of the public and invited them to address the council.

Member of the public expressed an interest in the Dairy Farm Applications and stated that they were in attendance as an interested observer.

19-20/046 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M Cooper.

19-20/047 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Low declared that she is a member of the management committee of the village shop, the declaration was recorded in the book.

19-20/048 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th July 2019

The minutes of the Council Meeting 10th July 2019 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

19-20/049 Parish Council Vacancy

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council, the Chair and one other Councillor are aware of possible interested parties and will liaise with them and report back.

19-20/050 Actions from Previous Meeting

- 19-20/036 The sink hole in Church Walk has been filled. There is no definitive statement to support ownership from Wiltshire Council.
- 19-20/041 Trees at Four Acres Close is an agenda item.
- 19-20/037a The Fingerpost at the junction of High Road and The Derry has been repaired.
- 19-20/037b The lady dealing with the conversion of the phone box into an Art installation is now ready to submit a funding application for 3 years.
- 19-20/040 James Gray has been contacted regarding the Wheatleys Farm Planning Objection, he has spoken to the Secretary of State who says that the matter is a local one at this point.
- 19-20/042 The School planning application has been approved.

19-20/051 Chairman's Report

Prior to the meeting, the Chair sent out an email regarding the village shop. The Parish Council had previously issued a loan of £6000 to the shop, this is now down to £5301 due to the purchase of capital equipment. The Parish Council had previously agreed to reduce the loan on a case by case basis for capital purchases. The shop recently needed a new freezer and asked if the Parish Council would reduce the loan by the amount of the freezer. The Parish Council agreed to reduce the loan by the value of the freezer and to continue with the procedure of reviewing any further reduction on a case by case basis.

19-20/052 Clerks Report

The Insurance is due for renewal, the Parish Council resolved to accept the renewal.

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Tree Charter was discussed, the Clerk is to ask if the free trees are limited to public land and also ask the Millennium Green if they would be interested.

Action Clerk

The Parish Council notice board has been damaged due to water from the gutter above. We recently won £60 from CPRE, it was suggested to use this money towards the replacement of the back board. Clerk to provide cost for new back board.

Action: Clerk

The Community Heartbeat trust donation is due for this year, the Parish Council resolved to pay.

St Johns Ambulance have written asking for a donation, the Parish Council felt that although a good cause, it is not right to donate to charities as we would not be able to give to one without giving to all that sent in a request. Clerk to write to St Johns Ambulance.

Action: Clerk

The 'No Dogs allowed' sign at the children's play area in The Lotts has become unreadable, the cost for a new sign is £15.24. The Parish Council resolved to purchase a new sign.

Action: Clerk

Wiltshire Council would like us to provide details and photos of where to relocate the dog waste bin in Back Street. Clerk to contact parishioner who originally requested a bin for suggestions. Clerk & Cllr to walk round and find a new location.

Action: Clerk & Cllr Low

19-20/053 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:
CPRE Wiltshire BKVC £60.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Admin to Council	£ 944.70
Village Hall Room Hire July	£ 19.00
Mobile Phone Contract	£ 39.36
Open Space Maintenance (July)	£ 900.00
External Audit	£ 240.00
Annual Subscription Office 365	£ 49.99
Ben Perks (Fingerpost repair)	£ 50.00

Closing balance: £10,637.75

The Parish Council noted the financial report and approved the income and expenditure to date.

19-20/054 Dairy Farm Quarry Planning Applications

Application 19/06811/WCM

Following a discussion regarding the extension for the restoration period, the Parish Council voted in favour of 'No Objection'.

Application 19/06818/WCM

Following a lengthy discussion the Parish Council voted to 'Object' to the above application with the following comment:

Ashton Keynes Parish Council has enjoyed a good working relationship with Cullimores over many years. We fully understand that the business has employed local people and has supported the community consistently for which the village is very grateful. The planning permissions for the Dairy Farm quarry in the past have pragmatically been granted with time constraints by Wiltshire Council, the most recent allowing operations until 31st October 2019. This approach seems to be reasonable and is consistent with the time-limited nature of a quarrying operation. However, Ashton Keynes Parish Council objects to the permanent retention of the recycling facility on the grounds that a permanent business of this type so close to the village would affect the village badly in terms of traffic, noise and dust. We would not object to permission for the recycling business being extended to 31st October 2025, i.e. in line with the deadline requested in Ref 19/06811/WCM for the restoration of the site.

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Application **19/07127/WCM**

Following a discussion the Parish Council voted to 'Object' to the application with the same comment as 19/06818/WCM replacing 'recycling facility' with 'Concrete batching plant'.

Action Clerk

19-20/055 Trees at Four Acre Close

Clerk has met on site with a Wiltshire Council Tree Officer who confirmed that the trees in Four Acre Close were the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. Tree Officer will liaise directly with residents.

19-20/056 Standing Orders

Chairman does not like the structure of the document and proposes that it is restructured and brought back to the December meeting of the council.

Action Cllr Wingrove

19-20/057 Financial Regulations

Chairman would like to go through the document and bring back to the December meeting of the council.

Action Cllr Wingrove & Clerk

19-20/058 Solar Panels on Village Hall Roof

Solar panels cannot be installed on the village hall roof at this time for technical reasons. The installation of solar panels should be integrated with any future works to the roof, any grants should be applied for at the time.

19-20/029 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- a) **Planning** – minutes continue to be circulated to all councillors.
- b) **Environment Committee** – A couple more volunteers are required for the weed removal in the river by Garden House. Weeds removed from the river will be composted by a resident. Looking at end September/October.

Action Cllr Levens

The volunteer litter picking team have found cannisters and balloons in High Road playing field, the local Community Police Officer has been informed.

- c) **Internal Affairs** – Clerks contract to be updated and appraisal to be arranged.

Action Cllr Wingrove

- d) **Minerals Liaison** – No report.

- e) **Village Hall** – No report.

- f) **Playing Fields Committee** – No report.

- g) **Cotswold Water Park** – A Temporary Closure of the permissive footpath on Cleveland Lake is in place due to filming. The permissive path on the southern edge will be closed until the end of October.

- h) **School Governors** – No report.

- i) **Police** – Chairman has spoken with the PCSO, all is quiet at the moment.

- j) **Highways** – SID and pole have arrived an approved contractor will install pole this weekend. SID will be installed on the Spine Road for 2 weeks.

19-20/060 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to contact the Clerk before 1st October with any items to be considered for the next agenda.

19-20/061 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be 9th October 2019

The meeting concluded at 9.34pm