

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th October 2019

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove; A Tindall; S Crawford; M Carter; M Cooper; A Levens; M Smith.

In attendance: The Clerk; 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 wanted to bring to the attention of the Parish Council, the section of overgrown river from Flood Hatch Copse to the back of Mill House. There are currently 2 sleepers in the river that divert water flow, there used to be more sleepers under the bridge but the wood has rotted over the years. More sleepers would cause more water to come through the village which would help clear the silt and stop so much water going round the back of the village. If there was less silt in the river and more gravel the weeds would not be able to grow as abundantly as they are now. The Environment Agency are responsible for the river and would need to be contacted. Member of the public will contact the Environment Agency and report back to the Clerk.

A car has been in a ditch on the B4696 at the end of The Derry for a number of months now, the ditch flows into the Thames. The car has police tape on it. Cllr Crawford will report using My Wilts.

Action: Cllr Crawford

Member of public thanked the Parish Council for the article in the local newsletter regarding overhanging hedges, shrubs and trees.

Chairman thanked the member of the public for attending the meeting and bringing the above matters to the attention of the Parish Council.

19-20/062 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs B Ellison; N Inzani; B Low and Wilts Cllr C Berry.

19-20/063 Declarations of Interest

There were no declaration of interest.

19-20/064 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th September 2019

The minutes of the Council Meeting 11th September 2019 had been circulated previously and were agreed and signed as a true record.

19-20/065 Parish Council Vacancy

There has been no further interest shown in the vacancy on the Parish Council, it was agreed to keep as an agenda item.

19-20/066 Actions from Previous Meeting

- 19-20/054 Dairy Farm Quarry objections have been sent.
- 19-20/056 Standing Orders ongoing.
- 2019/006 Internal Affairs Committee to arrange Clerks appraisal and updated contract, draft procedures have been provided by the Chairman of the council.
- 19-20/052 Clerk has contacted Millennium Green regarding the Tree Charter. It had been suggested to plant replacement trees where building work is being carried out, it would be sensible to wait until building works have finished.
- 19-20/052d Clerk & Cllr to find new location for dog bin.

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19-20/067 Chairman's Report

The transfer of ownership of the path at the back of The Mead is ongoing, the transfer has been chased up with a councillor contacting GreenSquare and their solicitor.

Action: Cllr Carter

The NAG A417/419 noise action group have been in touch again, the noise issue of the road was due to be dealt with at the same time as the 'Missing Link' campaign but this is no longer the case. NAG have once again asked for our support, Chairman will contact the group to say that 'Ashton Keynes Parish Council reiterates its continued support for your campaign'.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

Chairman attended the most recent Malmesbury Area Board meeting where he found out about 'Auto Speed Watch', a camera that automatically identifies vehicles, records information and sends it on. The cost of the camera is £295 plus £85 per year and eliminates the need for a hand held speed gun. Malmesbury Area Board are purchasing 2 cameras to trial and are going to talk with the police regarding how the information produced by the camera can be used. Chairman will contact MAB regarding their conversation with the police and will keep the Parish Council informed.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

We are being sent 2 framed certificates won in the Best Kept Village competition this year.

The Telephone Box project is moving forward and is now at the stage of putting together an application to the Arts Council for funding, it has been suggested that the Parish Council support the project with a donation between £250 - £500 to help secure the funding. The Best Kept Village report did note the state of the area around the phone box. The Parish Council agreed in principle to make a contribution to support the project, however, before an amount can be agreed the Parish Council would like more information regarding the project and how the money will be spent.

Action: Cllr Wingrove

19-20/068 Clerks Report

The Clerk had provided costs for a replacement notice board, the Parish Council agreed with the purchase of a complete new notice board from Display Wizard.

Action: Clerk

It was agreed to continue to arrange a Tree Survey in the parish every 5 years. Clerk to send a copy of the monthly Parish Stewards Priority Sheet to the Chairman so that he can check the work requested is being carried out.

Action: Clerk

It was requested that the Clerk continue to repeat the advert in the local newsletter regarding using 'My Wiltshire' app on a regular basis.

19-20/069 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:

Wiltshire Council Precept £16,825.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:

Admin to Council	£ 426.20
Open Space Maintenance (August)	£ 900.00
Community Heartbeat Trust	£ 100.00
ElanCity UK (SID)	£ 2340.02
Bhib Insurance	£ 936.64
Mobile Phone Contract (August)	£ 20.64
Village Hall Room Hire September	£ 38.00
Clerks Expenses	£ 77.90

Closing balance: £22,623.35

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

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19-20/070 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- a) **Planning** – nothing to report.
- b) **Environment Committee** – Around a dozen volunteers have come forward regarding the river clearance, it is looking like this will take place during the last week in October. Cllr Levens will chase up volunteers.
Action: Cllr Levens
- There are a couple of girls taking part in Duke of Edinburgh award who are carrying out regular litter picks, Cllr Levens would like to ask people to point out problem areas that could be litter picked – item to be included in newsletter.
- c) **Internal Affairs** – A budget meeting needs to be arranged, Clerk to write to village organisations regarding grants.
Action: Clerk
- d) **Minerals Liaison** – No report.
- e) **Village Hall** – The last fundraising event for the floor was held last weekend, as the floor is all paid for the money will go towards new chairs.
- f) **Playing Fields Committee** – Committee meeting taking place tomorrow, more people are needed to help support the playing field committee. Any group using the fields should ideally have a representative on the committee. It was suggested that we raise awareness of the need for more members on the committee of both the Playing Fields and Village Hall in the newsletter.
Action: Clerk
- g) **Cotswold Water Park** – The Gateway Centre is being sold as a going concern, it is not owned by the CWP, Cllr Carter will find out more information and report back to the Parish Council.
Action: Cllr Carter
- h) **School Governors** – The building contract has been signed and is due to start in October half term. The school were given money to build 3 more classrooms and need additional money for the planned atrium linking the classrooms. A fundraising committee in place to raise the extra money. Phase 2 is on hold until the funds have been raised. The building project is due for completion by Summer 2020.
- i) **Police** – PCSO continues to visit the village hall every 5 weeks..
- j) **Highways** – The SID has gone up on the pole, as discussed it will be operating in spy mode until the end of half term (Sunday 3rd November). The speed is being recorded but not displayed to drivers. Data has been downloaded for the last 2 days and so far 52% of vehicles are travelling within the 40mph speed limit, 35% at 41-45mph and 15% at higher than 50mph. When the device display is turned on we will be able to compare the data to understand the effect the SID has on speed of travel on the B4696. Minety parish share the monthly data of the SID and it is proposed we adopt the same technique.

19-20/071 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to contact the Clerk at least 10 days prior to the next meeting with any items to be considered for the agenda. CWP are keen to make a presentation regarding Cleveland Lakes at a future Parish Council meeting.

19-20/072 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be 13th November 2019

The meeting concluded at 8.36pm