

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Present: Cllrs I Woods (Chairman), M Carter, J Hughes, S Jefferson, M Seymour, A Stefanovic, R Thomas, E Tidmarsh and D Wingrove
County Cllr C Berry
16 Members of the public

The Chairman welcomed and introduced County Cllr Chuck Berry to the meeting, who gave County Cllr Carole Soden's apologies and said he was representing her on this occasion.

Public Representations:

The Chairman welcomed Kelly Thomas and the other representative from GreenSquare, as well as the members of the public who had attended to hear the presentation from Kelly on the housing situation at the end of The Mead. Following the presentation, there was a general discussion. The Chairman thanked Kelly and the other GreenSquare representative for attending and they left the room along with 10 other members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed the four remaining members of the public who said they were attending the meeting to voice their concerns at the High Road Footway project. The Chairman gave a summary background to the project, explaining that it was trying to meet the School Travel Plan and overcome the apprehension at the speed of traffic on the High Road. There was general unease at the positioning of the footway on east side of the road and they thought it would be better positioned on the west side of the road. The rest of their concerns about the project stemmed from the position of the footway. The Chairman said that Martin Rose from Wiltshire Highways has agreed to listen to the comments from the public and try to meet their suggestions. He said an open meeting would be arranged when Martin can attend in the next few weeks; plenty of notice will be given of the date, time and venue of the meeting. The Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending and three of them left the room.

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th February 2013

2013 / 14 To accept apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr C Soden and Cllr M Jackson

2013 / 15 Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

2013 / 16 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th January 2013

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2013 / 17 Matters arising from the Minutes

The following Matters Arising were raised:

- Martin Rose has sent two copies of the Engineering drawing of the proposed methodology for installing a footway in the High Road. An A4 version of which has been issued to all the members. A number of High Road residents have disagreed with what Wiltshire Highways are proposing and they were going to attend this evening. However, the Chairman has promised an Open Meeting with the Parishioners at which Martin Rose has agreed to attend.

- He has populated an Issues Log, as required by the Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting, and he has given all the members a copy. There is more refinement to be done to the log and he is willing to listen to the members' suggestions.
- He said that he has invited the Chief Executive of WRHA, Gill Shell, to attend the March Parish Council meeting, as requested.
- The Bollard outside the Church has still not appeared. Not only has a letter been sent to Matt Perrott of Wiltshire Highways, but he has been somewhat irascible with him as well. Mr Perrott has promised, yet again, to have the replacement bollard in place very shortly.

2013 / 18 Casual Vacancy

The Chairman said that although the Village cannot elect a replacement Councillor, the Parish Council can co-opt a replacement if it so wishes. The Clerk said the notices to co-opt a replacement Councillor have been posted on notice boards around the Village.

2013 / 19 Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave the following report:

- He said he had discovered that the law had changed slightly on obtaining a replacement Councillor for Jacqui. If we are within 6 months of an Election, the Parish cannot elect another Councillor by the 10 person 'election' process, but they can now co-opt another Councillor if they so wish. – he said he had a copy of the Notice he had put up. Although one lady in the village had shown an interest in being co-opted, she had not yet submitted an application for the post. If any member knows of a prospective candidate for the co-option process, please ask them to send their letter of application to me, which should articulate why they would like to be a Councillor.
- On the subject of the Council Elections, they will take place on Thursday 2nd May 2013. It will involve the County Council as well as Town and Parish Councils. The last date to be added to the register to vote is Wednesday 17th April, which is also the last date to apply for a postal vote.
- The election of the 11 Cllrs in Ashton Keynes Parish Council will depend on whether there are 11 candidates. If there are 11 or less candidates, then they are all elected automatically. If there are more than 11 candidates, then an election has to take place on 2nd May 2013. One other piece of advice is that all candidates need two sponsors to appear on their nomination form.
- Most of the items that might have appeared on the Clerk's Report are now on the Issues Log.

2013 / 20 Financial Transactions

Payments Received

The Council noted that the following payments had been received:

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| ▪ AK Playing Fields Committee (Payment for Log) | £ 145.00 |
| ▪ AK Playing Fields Committee (Bradstone Pavilion Door) | £ 639.90 |

Payments Made

The Council noted that the following payments had been made:

▪ AK Village Hall (Jan Room Rental)	£	17.00
▪ Clerk's Salary (Jan)	£	722.95
▪ Clerk's Expenses (Jan)	£	287.99
▪ HMRC (Tax and NI)	£	260.14

2013 / 21 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

The Chairman invited members to give their reports:

Playing Fields Committee

The Chairman said that £7.400 of Section 106 money had been identified by Wiltshire Council for Allocating to an Open Space project which he thought should be used towards the replacement equipment in The Lotts play area. He said the door had been replaced in the Bradstone Pavilion.

2013 / 22 Repair of Roads

The Chairman said it had been reported that Lorries delivering inert material to Lake 61 were reversing and causing a lot of noise. When the Lorries are leaving the Lake area they are not using the wheel wash facility and, consequently, leaving too much mud on the road.

2013 / 23 Bus Shelter

Cllr S Jefferson said that the concrete base for the bus shelter had been installed at the High Road/Happy Land crossroads. The bus shelter will be placed on the base when the equipment to move the bus shelter has been arranged to undertake the work.

2013 / 24 Cycle Routes Out of Village

The Clerk said that he had discussed the use of Section 106 money for providing the cycle route out of the Village with Colin Kennerson. Mr Kennerson said he would discuss the matter with his superior and report back to the Clerk when he had obtained the answer.

2013 / 25 Flood Risk

The Chairman asked Cllr M Carter to provide every member with a copy of the Village map showing the culverts and ditches and requested the members mark their copy of the map with the ditches in their area. Cllr S Jefferson suggested that known places where recent flooding has taken place should be marked on the maps.

2013 / 26 Gritting / Salting Process

The Chairman thanked Cllr S Jefferson and his four volunteers for all their efforts in spreading salt at known dangerous points during the recent cold snap. He went on to say that he had a meeting with Simon Reed and discussed what equipment we have and what we need. Simon said we would be better off having a Tailgate Spreader which can be hitched up to a variety of vehicles and will grit or salt three and a half kilometers of road. The Chairman said the next delivery of salt would be in September/October, by which time we shall need to provide a dry storage facility. The Chairman concluded by saying that a cascade system of communicating icy conditions needs to be set up before next winter.

2013 / 27 Village Shop Update

Cllr J Hughes reported that the small problem of the stock variance, reported last month, had been investigated and written off. He said the shop continues to flourish.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 9.50pm.