

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th January 2020

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

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

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

The Chairman welcomed the member of public and invited them to speak. The member of public had attended the meeting as they were interested in becoming a councillor and wanted to observe a meeting. The Chairman thanked the member of the public for their interest.

19-20/099 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Cooper & Ellison.

19-20/100 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Crawford & Smith declared an interest in agenda item 110a – Planning Application 19/11511/FUL, declarations were recorded in the book.

19-20/101 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th December 2019

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

19-20/102 Parish Council Vacancy

An interested member of the public was in attendance to observe the meeting. Two other members of the public have expressed interest but could not attend this meeting. The Chairman wanted to express his thanks to the outgoing councillor who was a very valuable member of the team and had put in a lot of work over the years especially with the Neighbourhood plan steering group.

19-20/103 Actions from Previous Meeting

- 19-20/090 Clerk has arranged to meet with the Parish Steward later this month.
- 19-20/096b The notes of a recent meeting with the Environment Agency were circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman requested that the Parish Council were copied in on the letters sent to riparian owners. Clerk is to seek advice regarding GDPR. The Watercourse Committee will ask for further information once the letters have been received. **Action: Clerk**
- 19-20/096j Cllr Crawford will prepare a short synopsis of the SID data for the February newsletter entry and forward to the Clerk before 16th January.

19-20/104 Chairman's Report

The Chairman asked if anyone was having issues with their AKPC email address as there are a couple of councillors who are still not using them. All emails relating to council business need to be sent to AKPC email addresses.

Dave Sheppard has been approached about the possibility of installing a post box outside the shop, this would be an ideal place for a post box as it is central. The Parish Council have previously requested the relocation of the post box from North End. The Parish Council were happy for Dave Sheppard to contact the post office.

Last month the question was raised as to whether councillors could vote by proxy, this is not allowed, Councillors must be in attendance at a meeting to be able to vote.

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The Best Kept Village report highlighted an unkept area of the village around the bus stop. Cllr Smith has produced a document including photos which was shared with all. The area is very busy with school children in the morning and there is no shelter. It was proposed that a shelter and wooden framed notice board be installed in the area, it is a prominent part of the village. The escape route out of the village hall should not have crates etc stacked up and this should be looked into as part of tidying up the area. A plan of the proposal should be drawn up and discussions with both the shop and Ellisons need to take place.

Action: Cllr Smith

There has been a recurrence of problems on the bank near Mill House, the owner has contacted Wiltshire Council directly and will keep the Parish Council informed. Where sink holes have appeared in the past there is now water running down the path. It was asked if there had been any changes to the Mill Race? Chairman informed that this was taken down over 100 years ago.

There has been little movement regarding the Cotswold Community development, outline permission was granted, Vacant Building credit is still to be agreed on the level and mix of affordable housing.

We will not receive any CIL money from Wheatleys Farm development due to existing buildings having been on the site, although these were farm buildings and not residential.

An update on the Phone Box was distributed prior to the meeting, the Parish Council have been listed as a partner and will need to check the accounts should the application be successful.

19-20/105 Clerks Report

Wiltshire Council have responded to comments regarding the replacement of the wall in The Leaze with a metal railing, Clerk to contact those in The Leaze who brought the matter to our attention.

Action: Clerk

19-20/106 Financial Report

Income since the last meeting:
Lloyds Bank Compensation £ 125.00

Expenditure since the last meeting:
Admin to Council £ 414.80
Village Hall Room Hire November £ 19.00
Clerks Expenses £ 53.65

Closing balance: £17,729.60

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

19-20/107 Local Electricity Bill

Information regarding the Local Electricity Bill was circulated prior to the meeting. The Parish Council agreed to support the Bill. Clerk to write informing of the councils resolution and to include information on how individuals can support the campaign in the next edition of the newsletter.

Action: Clerk

19-20/108 Participation in Auto Speed Camera Trial

The Area Board are purchasing 2 Auto Speed Cameras and we need to decide if we want to participate in the trial. The Parish Council agreed to show an interest in the trial and to involve the Community Speed Watch Team. The Area Board meeting is to be held on 28th

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January, a Councillor will be in attendance and will invite a member of the Community Speed Watch Team to attend.

Action: Cllr Crawford

19-20/109 Future Meeting Dates

Meetings of the Parish Council will continue to be held on the second Wednesday of the month except August where there is no meeting.

19-20/110 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Report

- a) **Planning** – The Planning Committee need to elect a Chairman at the next Planning Meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Low & Ellison will join the Planning Committee. Clerk to arrange the next meeting when needed and inform the Committee.
19/11511/FUL: 2 Councillors who had declared an interest in this item were allowed to stay in the room but could not contribute to discussions. The application is for a significant extension of a 2 bed bungalow to a four bed house. Planning Officers will take into account the Neighbourhood Plan which states in section 3.7.1.1 'The stock of smaller houses has been much reduced over the years as many have been extended. There is a need for two-bedroom, mainly single storey homes'. The private lane access is very narrow, fire brigade attendance would need to be considered as the property would become 2 storey. The Parish Council agreed to comment on the application in a similar way to another recent application for the alteration of a 2 bed bungalow to show consistency.
- Action: Cllr Wingrove**
- b) **Environment Committee** – A visit by Waterpark Rangers to give quotes for works to be done downstream is being organised.
- c) **Internal Affairs** – No report.
- d) **Minerals Liaison** – No report.
- e) **Village Hall** – No report.
- f) **Playing Fields Committee** – No report.
- g) **Cotswold Water Park** – Natural England are holding a drop in session regarding SSSI sites in the Waterpark. There are currently 10 SSSI sites in the waterpark and the idea is to make the whole of the Waterpark SSSI, this would have an impact on development/gravel extraction etc. A number of councillors will attend the meeting tomorrow.
- h) **School Governors** – No report.
- i) **Police** – No report.
- j) **Highways** – The SID battery died on 21st December, whilst the battery was running low the device had been going off at night and not coming back on until around 9.30am. The batteries have now been fully charged. The data cannot be used for comparison due to the battery issues and the fact that it was an abnormal time (Christmas), however, we are still showing a reduction in speeds.

19-20/111 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to contact the clerk prior to the next meeting with any items for consideration for the next agenda.

19-20/112 Date for the next meeting

The date for the next Parish Council meeting will be 12th February 2020

The meeting concluded at 8.43pm