

Ashton Keynes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at Bradstone Pavilion on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S Crawford – Chairman; M Carter; N Inzani; T Romback; M Jeffery; C McMurtry; S Harrison.

In attendance: Wiltshire Cllr Berry, Fiona Ryder – Clerk, 5 x Members of Public.

26-27/074 Public Section

One member of public raised ongoing concerns regarding drains and flooding at North End. MOP was asked to email Cllr Berry and he will raise the issue again within Wiltshire Council.

One Member of Public raise concerns regarding speeding at North End following a recent accident. The Parish Council have previously responded via email and given details of the Community Speed Watch group. Works are being planned including village gates being installed, these works are awaiting progression with Wiltshire Council. A recent speed survey carried out by Wiltshire Council stated that there is no justification to reduce the speed limit.

MOP was advised to do what they could to protect their property i.e. reflective strips on wall. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the progress of works already planned.

26-27/075 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Young and Grieves.

2 x MOPs left the meeting.

26-27/076 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

26-27/077 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2026 were approved and signed.

7.50pm Cllr Harrison arrived.

26-27/078 Actions from Previous Meetings

26-27/066 – WiFi has now been installed at Bradstone Pavilion, a policy for users is on displayed on the noticeboard in the pavilion. The Clerk will produce a WiFi policy covering security/best practice for approval at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk

26-27/083 Village Hall Car Park Resurfacing

Due to interest from members of public in attendance, the Chairman moved this item up the agenda.

The car park is owned by the Parish Council and is in need of repair. A request for quotation was sent out and four responses were received. The Parish Council agreed to allocate up to £55,000 for the repair. The CIL working group will be officially approached for support.

Action: Cllr Crawford, Clerk

2 x MOPs left.

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26-27/079 Chairmans Report

The Parish Council currently has two vacancies. Thanks were expressed to Andy Ellis for all that he did during his time with the council, especially works relating to playing fields.

It was noted that the White Hart Inn is available for lease. The landlord is advertising the lease and property as an ongoing opportunity. This will be monitored and if the situation changes, contact will be made with the landlord.

Only one request was made for items available from the Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme. The request was for gel sacs, these will be provided from stock already held in the village.

Action: Cllr Crawford

The village defibrillator coordinator will be standing down from the role, the defibrillator is not currently the responsibility of the Parish Council. Further investigations regarding defibrillators in the village are being carried out and will be discussed at the October meeting.

Contact has been made by both Charlton and Minety Parish Councils regarding the recent traffic survey carried out on the B4040 and B4696. A coordinated response is being prepared by a group of Parish Councils.

Somerford Keynes Parish Council have been in contact regarding a coordinated response to any appeal application for the anaerobic digester. AKPC will be kept informed and any requests will be brought to a meeting for approval.

The tennis works contractors plan has been received and will be reviewed.

Action: Cllr Harrison

26-27/080 Clerks Report

Letters were written to four properties in response to reports of overgrown vegetation on footways. Two responses have been received with one property arranging for works to be carried out and another stating that some of the vegetation is outside their boundary.

Thanks were received from South Cerney Parish Council for the contribution towards legal advice for the anaerobic digester objection.

Contact from Parishioners:

Three separate reports of overgrown footpaths were received. The details have been sent to the Footpaths, Rights of Way and Waterways working group and to Wiltshire Councils Senior Rights of Way Warden for North Wiltshire.

Four Acre Close – issues raised regarding a large tree overhanging property and causing damage to vehicles.

Advised reporting to Wiltshire Council.

B4696 Safety – Email received following an accident on the B4696, suggesting traffic calming measures.

Responded with latest LHFIF Note Tracker showing current schemes and their progression. Chuck was also copied in on the original email and has responded.

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Near miss, High Road – Telephone call received reporting a near miss with a large branch falling from a tree above the metal slide.
Visual inspection of tree arranged; consideration of tree surveys included as an agenda item.

The report was noted.

26-27/081 Financial Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Income since the last meeting:

OneCom £ 72.00

Expenditure since the last report:

Clerks Expenses	£ 127.31
Scribe	£ 84.00
AKVH Outreach Post Office	£1170.00
Payroll Services	£ 26.36
Vodafone	£ 102.30
HJ Carter	£ 652.00
Open Space Maintenance	£1980.00
Lloyds Bank Charges	£ 8.50

Playing Fields

Income since the last meeting

Hire £ 154.00

Expenditure since the last report:

MacVenture	£8983.20
YGP Electricity	£ 207.84
Hills Waste	£ 646.19
Corinium Plumbing & Heating	£ 141.00
Bradstone Cleaning	£ 345.00
Castle Water	£ 14.35

The Council approved the finance report and income and expenditure.

26-27/082 Insurance Renewal

The Parish Council approved up to £2306.18 for the insurance renewal pending review of a competing quote.

Action: Cllr Crawford

26-27/084 Future of Telephone Box

The Parish Council approved a two-year extension for the lease of the telephone box.

Action: Clerk

26-27/085 Planning Applications

PL/2026/04464 – Lake 62, Cotswold Water Park

Outline planning application for the change of use of land for the siting of up to 38 holiday lodges, including creation of new vehicular access off Spine Road West, extension of existing shared footway and cycleway along the B4696 Spine Road East and associated landscape planting and infrastructure with all matters reserved except the means of access to the site.

Comment: Objection.

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PL/2026/05017 – 7 Cove House Gardens

T1 Monterey Cypress – fell to ground level. T2 Goat Willow – Create a new pollard point at 3m and allow to regenerate.

Comment: No objection

PL/2026/04721 – Bridge House, Happy Land

Installation of external air conditioning unit located at the rear of the property.

Comment: No objection

Pre-Planning Application – North End Works – Noted.

26-27/086 Playing Fields Committee Update

Minutes of the recent committee meeting have been published and shared with all Councillors. A quote is being obtained to deal with a dead tree at the entrance to the car park. New play equipment at The Lotts and the High Road is due to be installed next week.

The Playing Fields Vision document was noted.

Oakwood are continuing with a termly rolling hire.

26-27/087 Tree Survey

Historically the Parish Council arranged for a tree survey every five years covering all trees in public spaces in the village. This stopped a few years ago and Wiltshire Councils policy of addressing issues when necessary was adopted. A survey of trees on Parish Council owned land was agreed, this will include Bradstone Sports Field, High Road Playing Field and The Lotts play area. Clerk to obtain quotes.

Action: Clerk

26-27/088 Best Kept Village Presentation

The presentation of a plaque will take place on 20th September at 5.15pm at the Village Hall. Refreshments are required for the visiting dignitaries. A refreshments budget of up to £100 was agreed. The WI have been approached with regard to serving tea and cakes. All Councillors are invited to attend. A poster will be produced and published on Facebook and the noticeboard. Cllr Crawford will formulate a speech on behalf of the Council.

Action: Cllrs Crawford & Romback, Clerk

26-27/089 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

To respond to any questions relating to reports circulated prior to the meeting.

- a) Internal Affairs Committee () – Nothing to report.
- b) Village Hall (MC) – Nothing to report.
- c) Cotswold Lake Trust (MJ) – Nothing to report.
- d) School Governors (SC) – Nothing to report.
- e) Police (SC) – Nothing to report.
- f) Highways (SC/AE) – Nothing to report.
- g) Footpaths, Rights of Way and Waterways () – Nothing to report.
- h) Ashton Keynes Charities (NI) – Nothing to report.
- i) Parochial Church Council (CM) – It was agreed that Cllr McMurtry would be the Parish Council representative.
- j) Millennium Green (NI) – Nothing to report.
- k) B4696 Road Safety (SC/AE) – Nothing to report.
- l) CIL Funds (TR) – Nothing to report.
- m) WC Operational Flood Risk Working Group (MC) – Nothing to report.

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26-27/090 Matters for the next meeting

Councillors were reminded to contact the Clerk with any items to be put forward for the agenda and to submit any reports for the Committees, Working Groups and Representatives section at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting.

Proposals for the Council need to include sufficient information for the Council to be able to make an informed decision.

26-27/091 Date for the next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the revised date of 5th October, 7.30pm at Bradstone Pavilion.

An alternative date for the November meeting was suggested – 12th November. Clerk to check dates and share a poll.

The meeting concluded at 9.21pm.