

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 3 March 2008

Councillors: Steve Treadwell (Chairman), Marion Turner (Vice Chairman), Andy England, Peggy Leon, Bill Spence. Yvonne Constance (District Councillor)

Apologies Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor), Christopher Prentice

Clerk James Greenham

Circulation: As above plus minute book and village website

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 7 January 2008 were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

Ashbury website

The website is now up and running.

The clerk will forward to Steve Treadwell electronic copies of minutes from 2006 for uploading to the site.

JRG

The clerk will also investigate the costs to include a promotional sign (www.ashbury.co.uk) to be placed underneath each of the village entry signs.

JRG

Steve Treadwell will ensure that the number of 'hits' to the site is also shown on the website itself.

ST

Churchyard grass cutting specification

Andy England confirmed the specification for the grass cutting in the old churchyard was also adopted by the parochial church council.

The specification will be put out to tender to interested suppliers during the week commencing 3 March, for consideration and implementation before the 2008 cutting season.

AE

War memorial

The clerk will seek further quotations for the renovation of the war memorial and the current contractor has failed to provide a quote, in spite of several reminders. Further progress will be reported at the next meeting.

JRG

Repainting village seats

Steve Treadwell will contact Mr Bob Tilling for a quote for the repair (and possible renovation, including sandblasting) of the five benches in the village.

ST

Highways matters:

The clerk will contact Oxfordshire Highways concerning the potholes at Idstone Corner and also the damaged manhole cover at the bottom of Drews Hill.

JRG

Yvonne Constance will contact Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor concerning the on-going campaign for the provision of a 30mph speed limit through Idstone.

YC

It was agreed by the parish council not to proceed with a member of the public's recent request to move the 30mph speed limit sign on Drews Hill, as this would effectively extend the curtilage of the village, which would not be acceptable.

Planning issues

allowed

No applications were approved during the period

Refused:

No applications were refused during the period

Outstanding:

Mr & Mrs Prentice Ashbury Manor, Ashbury *Change of use and works for caretaker's accomm*

It was agreed to hold a public meeting to discuss the new application for a new dwelling in Berrycroft, alongside Tilling. This will be on Monday 10 March in the village hall.

Correspondence

The Vale of the White Horse DC has issued an invitation for a young person to attend a celebratory lunch on 26 April, and it was agreed to see if Nathan Reade would agree to be nominated. The clerk will contact Nathan accordingly. JRG

The subject of affordable housing provision in Ashbury was to be discussed but due to attendee illness, this has been postponed until the next meeting. For info

Andy England agree to submit a statement of support for Ashbury Primary School to Oxfordshire County Council, as part of the county review of primary school provision. This will be in consultation with the school's Board of Governors. This will be completed by mid-March AE

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk presented an update on the council's financial position. This was agreed and signed by the chairman and vice-chairman.

Village Hall Update

It was suggested that it may be a good idea to donate a plaque in the village hall to Alan Blow, in recognition of his contributions as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. The clerk will investigate the costs involved. JRG

Any other business

There will be the annual Litter Blitz throughout the village on Saturday 29 March. MT

There will be a further meeting to discuss the Swindon Expansion Plans on 6 March, to be attended by Steve Treadwell. ST

Comments from the public

After much discussion concerning the amount of dog mess on village pavements and footpaths, it was agreed to:

Target known dog owners and offer free dog-mess bags ST
Investigate if other parishes have been successful in dealing with the problem and if so, how. JRG

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm