

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 8 September 2008

Councillors: Marion Turner (Chairman), Peggy Leon, Bill Spence, Steve Treadwell.

Apologies Andy England (Vice Chairman), Christopher Prentice, Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor), Yvonne Constance (District Councillor)

Clerk James Greenham

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Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 July 2008 were read, amended, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

War memorial

A revised quote of £411.25 inc VAT to repaint the letters on the war memorial had already been approved and the work is scheduled to be carried out before Remembrance Sunday.

The clerk will also submit a grant application to assist with the funding. JRG

Oil co-operative

The clerk agreed to assist in the planning and organisation of starting a village oil co-operative and will liaise accordingly with Steve Treadwell.

JRG

30 mph speed limit request in Idstone

Steve Treadwell will resubmit the planning request to Oxfordshire CC Highways for the 30mph speed limit in Idstone.

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Pandemic flu meeting

The parish council agreed to meet separately to discuss an planning and preparation required in the event of a major pandemic (possibly flu). Marion Turner will advise of a suitable date in due course.

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School parking

Andy England will report back in November the outcome of discussions to limit the parking which occurs outside school during school hours.

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Upper Mill pond

The upkeep of Upper Mill pond is the responsibility of the Penser Estate. After the completion of some planned structural remedial work in the winter it has been suggested the parish council takes over the maintenance/upkeep of the immediate area of the pond, as a visual amenity. Marion Turner will publish a notice in the newsletter advising of the current status, for public information. This will be an agenda item at a meeting next year.MT

Planning issues

allowed

Mr & Mrs Simmons	The Vicarage, Ashbury	<i>Removal of two garages and erection of two extensions</i>
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Outstanding:

Mr & Mrs T Spence	Tinkers Cottage, Berrycroft	<i>Erection of single storey rear extension</i>
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Correspondence

The clerk advised of some changes to the local bus service – the main change being the planned removal of the Saturday 47A service. Detailed changes will be published on the noticeboards. JRG

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk had presented an update on the council's financial position as at 8 September and this was duly approved by the council. The forecast annual surplus would be £190.50.

Removal of public phone boxes in Ashbury and Kingstone Winslow

It was advised the District Council has appealed to BT plc to maintain the status of the three public phone boxes in the parish. The clerk will advise further on progress in due course. JRG

Footpath behind churchyard

The clerk agreed to contact Roger Simons concerning the temporary nature of the new footpath behind the churchyard and if this can be improved before the winter. JRG

Village Hall Update

It is estimated that £1,000 was raised at the recent Murder Mystery Evening. No further news.

Any other business

It was advised there will be no further progress on a new village shop and an advisory notice will be circulated in due course.

Comments from the public

The clerk agreed to contact the local bus company responsible for the service between Bourton and Shrivenham, to see if the route can be enlarged to include Ashbury. This would assist residents to visit Shrivenham by public transport more easily. JRG

Further discussions concerning speeding in and around the village occurred and it was agreed to contact the County Councillor to raise this matter again at the appropriate forum. JRG

Dates of next meetings

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 24 November 2008 at 7.00pm.

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