

# ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

*Date:* Monday 24 November 2008

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

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

*Clerk* James Greenham

*Circulation:* As above plus minute book and village website

### **Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 8 September 2008 were read, amended, agreed and signed.

### **Matters arising**

#### War memorial

The clerk confirmed a subsidy of £205 will be payable to the parish council by the War Memorials Trust for the work completed on the war memorial.

It was agreed not to obtain listing status of the war memorial.

#### Oil co-operative

Steve Treadwell. Advised that due to lack of interest by the oil supply companies, that the idea of an oil co-operative will not be able to be pursued with any degree of success.

#### 30 mph speed limit request in Idstone

Further progress on this matter is being sought by Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor) who will advise councillors in due course. AFO'C

#### Pandemic flu meeting

The parish council has contacted other village organisations with regard to forming a response when needed in the event of an expected pandemic flu outbreak. MT

#### School parking

Andy England will report back in January the outcome of discussions to limit the parking which continues to occur outside school during school hours. AE

#### Extension of bus service from Shrivenham to Ashbury

It was confirmed there is no intention by Thamesdown Transport or Oxfordshire County Council Transport to extend the current Bourton-Shrivenham bus service to include Ashbury. This in spite of a letter submitted by the Chairman on 16 September.

### **Planning issues**

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

There are no planning applications outstanding at the moment.

## **Correspondence**

### **Financial update for the parish council**

The clerk will advise separate to the meeting the current financial position of the council. It is expected to show a surplus in the region of £300.00.

The clerk confirmed the accounts for 2007-08 have been successfully audited. One point to note was to ensure every financial transaction is approved by the council and is shown to be approved in the meeting minutes. This will be actioned with immediate effect. JRG

### **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

### **Grass cutting specification**

Andy England has received one quotation for the provision of churchyard grass cutting services. One further quotation is expected soon. AE will contact other local contractors (including the incumbent) to see if they would be interesting in tendering. AE

### **Village Hall Update**

#### **Any other business**

Bill Spence advised he is planning to take appropriate action to deal with any problems caused by rabbits burrowing in the churchyard and will advise when this is complete. BS

It was noted that there should be a more formal procedure to handle comments/complaints from members of the public which are addressed to councillors between public meetings. It was agreed that comments to third parties should only be forwarded once the council has had the opportunity to assess the nature and extent of the complaint. all

#### **Comments from the public**

It was suggested that there could be one village co-ordinator to manage the communication between the various village organisations and the Police. It was agreed this could be considered and will be discussed at the next meeting in January. All

#### **Dates of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 12 January 2009 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm