

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 12 January 2009

Councillors: Marion Turner (Chairman), Andy England (Vice Chairman), Peggy Leon, Bill Spence, Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor), Yvonne Constance (District Councillor)

Apologies Christopher Prentice, Steve Treadwell

Clerk James Greenham

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Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 24 November 2008 were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

30 mph speed limit request in Idstone

Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor) reported she had met with the Highways Department about this matter, and they had agreed to contact the Parish Council directly. No councillor present had been contacted, further communication expected before the next meeting.

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 public phone box in Ashbury, not the ones in Kingstone Winslow and Idstone. No further response had been received from BT plc by the District Council, who had therefore assumed the appeal would be upheld. No further action is planned.

Grass cutting tendering

Andy England has received one quotation for the provision of churchyard grass cutting services. Several other quotations are expected soon with a decision taken at the next meeting.

AE

Planning issues

allowed

There are no planning applications approved during this period.

Outstanding:

Mrs & Mrs Prentice	Ashbury Manor	<i>Repairs to barn</i>
Ian Webster	Box Cottage, Ashbury	<i>Front porch and rear extension</i>

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk had presented an update on the council's financial position as at 12 January 2009 and this was duly approved by the council.

2009-2010 parish precept

The parish council agreed to levy an increase of 4.99% to the annual precept. This will now be £3,406 for the year April 2009 to March 2010. The clerk will advise accordingly.JRG

This was proposed by the Chairman, Marion Turner and seconded by Peggy Leon.

Village Co-ordinator for police liaison

It was agreed that Marion Turner would approach Mr Roger Simons with a view that he could agree to becoming a village co-ordinator for police liaison, between the various groups currently operating in the village.

MT

Village school update

Mr Stuart Smith, in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the School Governors, agreed to attend future parish council meetings and to report back events and activities as appropriate.

SS

Marion Tuner will contact the Headmistress (Miss Marcia Northeast) to advise on any planning required in the event of flu pandemic. This follows a request from Miss Northeast for more information.

MT

Andy England advised the school was to request all parents to be considerate in their parking, taking into account the concerns of local residents. It is also hoped a part-time parking attendant assistant could be in place to encourage better parking.

Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor agreed to contact the Highways department, to request a flashing school sign (similar to one in operation in Bishopstone) is installed outside the school in an appropriate position.

AFO'C

Local flood groups

It was decided to invite potential members of any new local flood prevention group to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss what, if anything, can and should be done to alleviate future flood damage. Local residents would be contacted by Marion Turner and Peggy Leon before the next meeting.

MT/PL

Village Hall Update

There will be a Valentine's Dance on Saturday 7 February, tickets for which have now sold out.

Any other business

Marion Turner agreed to place a notice in the village newsletter advising residents to use the grit in the salt bins on pavements and other slippery surfaces (not private footpaths or driveways).

MT

Yvonne Constance agreed to contact the Health and Safety department at the District Council to contact the brewery owners of the Rose and Crown, with specific reference to the overflowing/blocked drain.

YC

The Clerk will advise on further progress made on having the overgrown trees and shrubs on Millers Lane cut back to allow more access room.

JRG

Comments from the public

It was hoped something could be done about the falling leaves from the yucca tree outside the Rose and Crown, which can create localised problems. Marion Turner agreed to consider.

MT

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 9 March 2009 at 7.00pm.