

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 29 June 2009

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

Apologies Yvonne Constance (District 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 11 May 2009 were read, amended, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

30 mph speed limit request in Idstone

Marion Turner agreed to obtain the report of the vehicle speed tests recently undertaken by the Highways Department and forward this to Steve Treadwell for publication on the website.

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School flashing sign

Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor reported she has requested the criteria for the installation of a flashing school sign, however no feedback has yet been received. Further updates will be available at the next meeting in September.

AFO'C

Village pond clearance update

No update has been received yet on the planned clearance of the pond by either the local agricultural college or Oxford based contractor. Steve Treadwell will follow up in due course.

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Planning issues

Allowed

There were no planning applications allowed since the last meeting.

Outstanding:

Mr & Mrs Schiff Compton	Village Stores	<i>Change of use</i>
Beauchamp Estate	Odstone Farm	<i>Conversion of existing barn</i>

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk had presented an update on the council's financial position as at 30 June 2009 and this was duly signed by the Chairman.

The clerk will report back on correspondence with the Alliance and Leicester concerning the balance of account.

JRG

Village school update

There were no school matters to report.

Highways matters

The broken manhole alongside Pound Piece (on the B4000) is the responsibility of one of the major cable companies and they are being contacted by the Highways Department to resolve this outstanding matter. Marion Turner will advise any progress. MT

No further potholes are required to be reported at the moment although the clerk will continue to monitor. JRG

Village Hall Update

There is an issue concerning the ownership and responsibility of a party wall which will be resolved in due course. (It appears from the archives, the lease of the hall from a combination of the Parish Council, School and Church was granted in 1961 to the Village Hall Committee and in 1985 this lease was taken over by the newly formed Village Hall Committee although no formal record could be found to establish this matter.)

Demand for tickets to the summer ball remains high, with only a few tickets remaining.

Any other business

Yvonne Constance advised that she has contacted the Health and Safety department at the District Council about the blocked drains at the Rose and Crown, and they agreed to send an inspector. YC

Bill Spence will inspect the condition of the tress alongside Kingstone Winslow Lane which are affecting the light levels in some of the nearby cottages. This is with a view to cutting back the trees to allow more light. BS

Marion Turner agreed to contact the local residents about the management of the problem. MT

Comments from the public

Marion Turner agreed to contact the Highways Department concerning the poor state of Millers Lane - it's very uneven. MT

It is hoped that the gullies alongside Ashbury Hill could be cleared more often. Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor agreed to contact Highways for further update and the clerk offered to clear the gullies when possible. AFO'C/JRG

Marion Turner agreed to include a note of appreciation in the newsletter for the cutting back of local paths by a well-meaning resident MT

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 14 September 2009