

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 14 September 2009

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

Apologies Christopher Prentice

Clerk James Greenham

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Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 June 2009 were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

30 mph speed limit request in Idstone

The results of some recent speed tests indicated that there were no instances of +30pmh speeding westbound and the mean speed eastbound was around 30mph. Therefore the Highways Department will not be installing a 30mph speed limit in Idstone.

However it has been agreed the department will ensure a 'slow' sign is painted on the roadway eastbound

Steve Treadwell agreed to published the detailed statistics on the village website. ST

School flashing sign

Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor reported that a site visit was to be arranged shortly. Marion Turner agreed to attend, in addition to the school headmistress. It is likely that funding for such a sign can be available if necessary. AFO'C/MT

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. ST

New salt bins

It was agreed the two, new salt bins which have been ordered should be sited at the top of Church Lane and also at the bend in Idstone. The clerk will advise the District Council in due course. JRG

Rose and Crown drains

Yvonne Constance advised that she had contacted the Health and Safety department at the District Council about the blocked drains at the Rose and Crown, and they had agreed to send an inspector. No inspector has been noted so YC will contact them once again for an update. YC

Trees on Kingstone Winslow Hill

Bill Spence advised there was no consensus among nearby residents as to whether the trees alongside Kingstone Winslow Hill should be removed. He agreed to speak with the resident most affected by the poor light levels and establish if the trees needed attention. BS

Planning issues

Allowed

Compton
Beauchamp Estate Odstone Farm *Conversion of existing barn*

Refused:

Mr & Mrs Schiff Village Stores *Change of use*

Outstanding:

There are no planning applications currently outstanding.

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk had presented an update on the council's financial position as at 14 September 2009 and this was duly signed by the Chairman.

The clerk confirmed he had received verbal confirmation that the 2008-2009 audit has been successfully completed and awaits the return of the audit file JRG

Correspondence

The clerk agreed to find out more details about *Places for People* – a local grant for improving public access. It was felt this may be appropriate for the requested footpath between Idstone and Ashbury.

Village school update

The school now has 75 pupils in full time attendance. Pre-school is also full.

It was advised there is a vacancy for a County Council appointed Governor and any interested parties should contact Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor.

Highways matters

Following a recent survey of the rainwater drains on Ashbury Hill and Chapel Lane, it was noted the public records of the network are patchy. Additionally it was found that some pipes flow into the sewerage system. Marion Turner will be the main council co-ordinator for this matter and will report back following the outcome of the survey. MT

It was advised that the broken manhole alongside Pound Piece (on the B4000) has been completely repaired.

Village Hall Update

It was noted the recent Summer Ball raised over £1000 towards the village hall renovation.

Kevin Clarke has also agreed to be the part-time gardener/care-taker.

Any other business

The clerk will obtain a quotation from Tony Craddock for the removal and/or heavy pruning of the trees in Kingstone Winslow graveyard. JRG

It was agreed the Parish Council will purchase five replacement Neighbourhood Watch signs from PSP Ltd, at an approximate cost of £20. Peggy Leon will order these in liaison with the clerk. PL

Comments from the public

A discussion ensued concerning the recent rave at Wayland's Smithy. It was agreed the village NAGS liaison appointee (Roger Simons) will propose a specific meeting between himself, Steve Treadwell, Thames Valley Police (at the Wantage base) and the NAGS Co-Ordinator. The outcome of which will be reported back at the next parish council meeting.

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There will be an autumn churchyard clearance on 10 October 2009 between 10-12.30pm for those who may be interested.

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

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 9 November 2009