

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 9 November 2009

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

Apologies Marion Turner (Chairman), Christopher Prentice, Bill Spence

Clerk James Greenham

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Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 September 2009 were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

School flashing sign

Marion Turner will be asked to report back the findings of the recent traffic survey carried out beside the school and advise on the possibility of the installation of a flashing sign. 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

The clerk continues to chase the Highways section for the installation of two new bins and the replenishment of existing bins. The clerk will update at the earliest opportunity. JRG

Rose and Crown drains

Yvonne Constance will contact the Health and Safety department once again to ensure the report is followed up for action. There has been no known progress since her last report. YC

Trees on Kingstone Winslow Hill

It was agreed by the council not to pursue the felling of the trees on Kingstone Winslow Hill as there was no clear wish from local residents.

Trees in Kingstone Winslow graveyard

It was agreed by the council not to take action to prune or fell the trees in Kingstone Winslow graveyard as it was felt they did not pose a danger or nuisance (other than seasonal leaf-fall).

Police action against 'raves'

Steve Treadwell reported back following a meeting with the local police in how to deal with any raves which can occur. The police had agreed their response during the latest rave was not good enough and they will have in place a better reporting process from the public, which will prompt police action better and quicker.

Planning issues

There are no planning applications currently outstanding.

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk presented an update on the council's financial position as at 9 November 2009 and this was duly signed by the Vice-Chairman.

The clerk confirmed the 2008-2009 audit has been successfully completed with no corrective actions noted.

Correspondence

The clerk agreed to obtain a quotation for the provision of a basic footpath between Idstone and Ashbury, to be funded from the *Places for People* scheme.

JRG

Village school update

There was no update available at this meeting on developments at the school.

Highways matters

Marion Turner will provide an update on the survey of drains on Ashbury Hill and Chapel Lane at the next meeting.

MT

Village Hall Update

Peggy Leon gave an update on the last village hall meeting. James Roggerio had presented the latest financial report to the meeting. The next fund raising event is a Bingo Session on 5 December, and raffle prizes are being requested.

Nothing has yet been resolved regarding the party walls surrounding the hall and discussions are on going

Any other business

No other business was raised by the councillors

Comments from the public

A lively and informative discussion ensued concerning speeding traffic in the village, particularly along Idstone Road and the possible solutions which could be implemented. It was agreed to:

- Progress the implementation of a 20mph speed limit on traffic throughout the village.
- Obtain costings for the provision of additional speed signage throughout the village.
- Undertake a formal survey of traffic speed at a fixed point along Idstone Road (this should be in direct consultation with local residents who can suggest the most suitable location).
- Investigate the considerations needed to install anti-speed chicanes at the four entrances to the village.

Mr. Henry Wright asked if residents of Ashbury could be charge 50p per week or £2 per month and the money kept for the upkeep of the cemetery. The Chairman explained that a percentage of the village precept is already set aside for grass cutting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 18 January 2010.