

# ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

*Date:* Monday 9 May 2005

*Councillors:* Steve Treadwell (Chairman), Peggy Leon (Vice Chairman), Steve Bunce, Reg Smith, Jim Spence. *In addition, PC Kim Claxton attended*

*Apologies:* Marion Turner

*Clerk* James Greenham

*Circulation:* As above plus, Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor), Yvonne Constance (District Councillor), minute book and village website

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 March were read, agreed and signed.

### **Matters arising**

Mr Treadwell reported back that the new MP – Ed Vaisey – had promised during the recent General Election to exert his influence with BT concerning the issue of broadband in Ashbury. ST will follow this up with Mr Vaisey. ST

Improvements to the building works at Upper Mill were noted. No further action is planned to be taken.

There have been no concerns raised about the green in Kingstone Winslow and as a result this matter will now be considered as closed.

The clerk will contact the Highways department concerning safety issues surrounding the triangle of grass at the bottom of Chapel Lane. Suggestions will be made to protect the triangle and prevent car drivers from executing U-turns on Ashbury Hill. JRG

In the meantime, Reg Smith will monitor the number of vehicles currently carrying out this dangerous manoeuvre and report back to the clerk. RS

The clerk will find out if there is funding for the planting of trees in the parish. If so, the council may approach Mr Reade to work in co-operation, in order to effect better screening of the barn as present. JRG

A note of thanks was expressed to Marion Turner for arranging the litter blitz recently in the village.

## Planning issues

Allowed: Long Hay House *demolition & development*  
Ashdown Park *nitrate pumping house build*

Outstanding: There are no outstanding applications

## Correspondence

Correspondence of interest since the last meeting was distributed for general reading and information.

There is the possibility of a Trafalgar themed party in October 2005, to commemorate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. More discussion may occur at the next meeting.

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It was noted that a plan is now in place for the permanent banning of motorised vehicles along the Ashbury stretch of the Ridgeway during winter months – to protect the surface.

## Any other business and comments from the public

1. Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor agreed to contact Oxfordshire Council concerning the state of Malthouse Ditch (on the B3057) and if repairs can be carried out shortly, to avoid potential flooding. DFO'C
2. Steve Treadwell will find out who has responsibility for Featherbed Lane as there has been rubbish dumped there recently. ST
3. Steve Treadwell also agreed to speak with the landlady of the Rose & Crown to find out who may have been dumping bags of dog mess on the fire escape steps alongside Church Lane. ST
4. The clerk will find out from Revd Starr who is responsible for the grass cutting in the churchyards, and what portion of the costs are paid for by the PCC or by the parish council. JRG
5. Thanks were expressed for the work carried out by Derek Fitchett, Edgar Tombs and Tony Craddock for the improvements carried on the paths at the top of the village.
6. Steve Treadwell has suggested organising a Beating the Bounds walk for next year, having tried and tested the walk this year. ST
7. Steve Bunce advised he would be moving out of the village in due course but as he works in the village as well, will be able to stand as a councillor until the next council elections (in 2008).

## Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 11 July 2005 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.05pm.