

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 17 January 2005

Councillors: Peggy Leon (Chair), Steve Treadwell (Vice Chair), Reg Smith, Jim Spence, Marion Turner. *Part* - Yvonne Constance (District Councillor)

Apologies: Steve Bunce,

Clerk James Greenham

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

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 November 2004 were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

The Clerk confirmed there is no map available showing the verge cutting planned by the local council. No further action

JRG

The clerk confirmed that the landowners of the two stiles identified as needing repair have been advised.

Mr Treadwell reported back on the progress made towards the installation of broadband in the village. SEEDA would be able to contribute approximately 50% towards the cost of installation but this still left a shortfall which would be difficult to fund. Mr Treadwell will write a letter to the director BT in charge of broadband for further comments and assistance.

ST

A quote has been received from Mr Tilling for the repair of the village bus stop. The cost will be £720 and it was agreed to proceed with this quote. The Clerk will action in due course.

JRG

Following more complaints regarding Upper Mill, Mr Treadwell and Mrs Leon agreed to contact Mr and Mrs Higgins again as they had promised all building work would be finished by now.

PL/ST

Planning issues

Allowed: There have been no allowed applications since the last meeting

Outstanding: Suitsus, Berrycroft *internal alterations*
Mr J Spence *erection of a new grain store*
Spring Cottage, Kingstone Winslow *extensions*

An application has been received for the demolition of Long Hay House, Idstone Road and the erection of four new dwellings. Plans were displayed for public comment and consideration by the Parish Council.

The Clerk will forward comments and objections made at the meeting to the planning office of VWHDC as follows:

- Inappropriate building materials (such as red brick facing) for a village such as Ashbury.
- The height of the buildings is excessive when compared with the surrounding dwellings.
- The parking suggested is too limited for three-bedroomed houses.
- The suggested extension of the current village curtilage would need planning permission for change of use.
- Comments received from Mr Leonard Bunce will also be forwarded to the VWHDC.

Correspondence

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

Any other business and comments from the public

The Parish Precept for the financial year 2005/2006 will be increased by 2.5% from the current financial year (which is £2,700). The Clerk will advise the VWHDC as appropriate.

JRG

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning access to the green at Kingstone Winslow. It would appear the main issue is the lack of general parking for residents around the green - although there appears to be general agreement and co-operation between residents thereby avoiding disputes.

It was agreed that:

The Clerk will find out from the legal department at the VWHDC what the Parish Council is allowed to do, as owners of the green (which was established in the discussion from research presented by Marion Turner) in terms of allowing access, parking rights, removal of verges etc

JRG

There will then follow a local meeting of Kingstone Winslow residents to try and reach a workable and amicable solution to the problem. Mrs Leon will co-ordinate.

PL

Any other business

Mr Reg Smith, expressed concern about the new beech hedge on the Idstone Road The Clerk will ask Bower Mapson to move it back by about one foot, to allow for future growth and expansion of the hedge so it does not encroach onto the footpath

JRG

Mr Alan Blow expressed concern regarding the safety of the trees in the disused grave yard at Kingstone Winslow. The Clerk will obtain a quotation from Tony Craddock of Ashbury Hill Cottage for the partial-cutting back of the trees.

JRG

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 21 March 2005 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 9.00pm.