

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 21 March 2005

Councillors: Peggy Leon (Chair), Steve Treadwell (Vice Chair), Reg Smith, Jim Spence, Marion Turner.

Apologies: Steve Bunce

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 17 January were read, agreed and signed. Two amendments were noted.

Matters arising

Mr Treadwell reported back on the progress made towards the installation of broadband in the village. Feedback is awaited from BT following correspondence from Mr Treadwell. If BT agreed to include Ashbury in its broadband rollout it would be unlikely Ashbury would need to pay anything towards the cost of broadband installation. Further updates expected in due course.

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Planning issues

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

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

Correspondence

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

In particular, copies of forms for public comment on the temporary closure of the Ridgeway will be available from the village shop. The comment from the

parish council would be to agree with the continued temporary ban of traffic during the winter months. The clerk will reply on behalf of the council. JRG

Entry forms for the Best Kept Village competition will be forwarded to Mrs Leonie Knott. JRG

Any other business and comments from the public

Following further complaints regarding Upper Mill and parking in particular, Mr Treadwell and Mrs Leon agreed to contact Mr and Mrs Higgins again to try and resolve the situation. PL/ST

Bus tokens are being withdrawn by the VWHDC. It was agreed the clerk should draft and send a letter of complaint to the council expressing concern at the cuts. JRG

A discussion ensued concerning access to the green at Kingstone Winslow.

It was noted and agreed that:

The parish council was granted formal possession of the green in 1967 (with certification granted in 1972).

A contribution to the discussion from Mr Hamilton Davies showed part erosion of the green over the years, given over to parking areas/access areas to certain properties on the green. His main point was to show change of use by default, which could also apply in his particular request for some parking area on the green.

Mr Treadwell suggested the allocation of formal parking 'spaces' by whatever means (lines, dots, stones etc) near to the green, which would perhaps present an amicable solution to the problem. It was agreed the clerk should obtain guidance on the allowed size of parking spaces from the Highways Department and report back before the next meeting. JRG

Opinions regarding parking in the area of the green will also be sought from neighbours as to a possible solution. PL

The clerk will notify the highways department of several pot holes in the parish roads, including those in Chapel Lane, on Idstone Road by Rectory Farm and outside the Rose & Crown. JRG

Due to the fact that only one person in the village knows how to alter St Mary's church clock Mr Treadwell offered to be trained and will liaise with John Bunce ST

Following further complaints from the residents of the bungalows in Pound Piece, the clerk will remind Mr Peter Read of the need to plant the trees outside the new farm building on Station Road.

JRG

Marion Turner offered to organise an informal litter clearance after the Easter break. It was agreed the council would pay for the necessary litter bags, gloves etc. MT to coordinate in due course.

MT

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting (and AGM) will be 16 May 2005 at 7.00pm. Marion Turner advised she would be unable to attend this meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 8.45pm.