

# ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

**Date:** Monday 2 July 2007

**Councillors:** Steve Treadwell (Chairman), Marion Turner (Vice Chairman), Andy England, Peggy Leon, Christopher Prentice, Bill Spence. Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor)

**Apologies** Yvonne Constance (District Councillor)

**Clerk** James Greenham

**Circulation:** As above plus minute book and village website

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 14 May 2007 were read, amended, agreed and signed.

### **Matters arising**

#### First responders:

The clerk reported that Wiltshire Ambulance Service co-ordinates the introduction of a Responder Service, the criteria is based on need and benefit. Presently there are no plans for Ashbury to have such a service, although the clerk will make a request in writing that consideration can be made at some future date by the service. JRG

The clerk will also investigate the cost and logistics of the parish council purchasing its own defibrillator unit and report at the next meeting. JRG

#### Metalled footpath to Idstone

There has been no progress since the last meeting and this project will take secondary consideration to the request for a 30mph limit through Idstone. Currently there will be no further progress For info

#### Railway bridge at Bourton

There will be no further action on this. The evidence of a recent accident was cleared within 24 hours and therefore it has been difficult to make a case. For info

### **Planning issues**

**Allowed:** There have been no outstanding planning applications receiving consent since the last meeting

**Outstanding:** Land adjacent to Tilling, Berrycroft. *New dwelling*. It should be noted it is likely this application will be resubmitted once again, following advice from the local planning officer.

### **Correspondence**

It was agreed the council would support the continued funding by OCC of the external transport posts. The clerk will advise. JRG

### **Financial update for the parish council**

The clerk presented a quarterly update on the council's financial position. This was agreed and signed by the chairman and vice-chairman. A copy of the report will be filed for future reference.

### **Request for 30mph speed limit through Ildstone**

Steve Treadwell presented a draft submission for the extension of the 30mph speed limit to include Ildstone. The report will be finalised and then formally submitted to Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor who can then argue the case at a county level. ST

### **Revised model code of conduct for council members**

The parish council formally adopted the Revised Model Code of Conduct and the clerk will advise the standards body accordingly. JRG

### **Swindon expansion**

Steve Treadwell updated on the public enquiry into the expansion of Swindon. No further action is expected and the report is due to be published in October 2007. For info

### **Charging for entries submitted in Ashbury website**

Draft text for the updated village website has been finalised. Steve Treadwell will ensure this goes live before the next meeting. ST

It was agreed not to charge for commercial advertisements for the time being. The 'hit rate' can be assessed before a final decision is made to charge a commercial rate for promotions, taking into account the administrative burden. All

### **Report on village hall committee meeting**

It was noted the terms of the village's ownership of the village hall are such that various bodies have representation to its governance. As such, the parish council will continue to delegate a representative to attend village hall committee meetings. For info/PL

### **Dog mess complaints**

Peggy Leon will draft and submit a request in the newsletter requesting that dog owners continue to clear up after their dogs to remove mess from the village and surrounding paths. PL

Marion Turner agreed to draft notices for display at strategic points around the village requesting the same. MT

### **Any other business**

#### **Specifications for grass cutting in graveyard**

Andy England agreed to draft a set of maintenance specifications for the contractor, for submission at the next meeting. This will be in co-operation with the representative from the Parochial Church Council. For information, it was suggested a fine-cut path could be incorporated into the churchyard as well as some tidying up around the edges and headstones. AE

#### **On-going subsidy of current bus service**

Steve Treadwell will draft a formal submission for the continued subsidy by OCC of the No 47 bus service. This will be circulated to councillors for comment, amended and then forwarded to the clerk, and onwards to OCC. A copy will be held in the parish council records. The submission needs to be sent by Friday 6 July 2007. ST

#### **War memorial**

The clerk will contact the Royal British Legion for advice concerning the maintenance of the war memorial (and repair of the lettering) and if the RBL could assist with expertise. JRG

**Bank signatories**

Christopher Prentice will complete the bank signatories' form currently in circulation, and send to the clerk. CP

**Comments from the public**

The clerk advised that the Chair of the local school Governors will be in contact in the next few weeks, to confirm more formalised liaison between the school and the parish council, via appointed representatives. More information will be available at the next meeting. For info

The clerk will contact the Highways Department concerning a possible disfigurement of the footpath sign in Berrycroft and also request replacement of the three posts at the top of Millers Lane which appear to be deteriorating JRG

Peggy Leon agreed to contact the estates manager (Richard Salmon) of the Penser estate regarding the clearing of the overgrown footpath from Upper Mill through the woods to the allotments. PL

The clerk will publish a list of councillor contact points for display on the noticeboards. JRG

The repair of the vehicle activated sign on Ashbury Hill is outstanding. The clerk will follow up. JRG

The reinstatement of the pavement in Berrycroft is outstanding. The clerk will follow up. JRG

The clerk will contact the local planning office about the scaffolding currently obstructing part of the high street and request that a satisfactory solution is remedied asap. JRG

There being no further business, the meeting closed at approximately 8.55 pm.

**Dates of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 10 September 2007 at 7.00pm.