

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Venue: Village Hall, Ashbury

Date: Monday 12 May 2008

Attendees: Steve Treadwell, Marion Turner, Andy England, Peggy Leon, Christopher Prentice, Bill Spence and Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor)

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Minutes of the last AGM

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

Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked members of the parish council for their input over the past year. Thanks were also given for the clerk's support.

The chairman stated it was now easier to communicate with all councillors via email on a more regular basis.

The planned expansion of Swindon continues to be a dominant issue within the parish, and there are hopes that well-made arguments are reducing the potential impact of such a development. This will be on-going for several more years.

Thanks were made to Diane MacLaren for her input in getting the Ashbury website up and running and ensuring it is regularly updated (there are approximately 520 individual 'hits' per week).

Finally, the request for a 30mph speed limit through Idstone will continue – especially in light of the possible Swindon expansion (and thereby the threat of extra traffic).

Elections

The Chairman and Vice Chairman stood down and the following elections were recorded:

Chairman	Marion Turner	Proposed by Peggy Leon Seconded by Andy England
Vice Chairman	Andy England	Proposed by Peggy Leon Seconded by Marion Turner
Councillor for Transport issues	Bill Spence	Proposed by Marion Turner Seconded by Andy England
Councillor for Planning issues	Steve Treadwell	Proposed by Christopher Prentice Seconded by Bill Spence
Village Hall liaison	Peggy Leon	Proposed by Steve Treadwell Seconded by Christopher Prentice

Mr Stewart Smith, Vice Chair of the School Governors agreed to attend parish meetings as Governor Liaison.

Statement of Accounts

The financial accounts for the year ending 31 March 2008 were presented and signed. The council had an excess income of £122.35 for the year.

The clerk confirmed the audit would be completed and submitted. All figures were in place for submission.

Financial matters

The clerk advised the insurance is due for renewal in June and the annual premium from Allianz has increased to £289.20. This was agreed by members of the council and the clerk will action in due course.

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It was agreed to obtain alternative quotations once every three years to ensure the annual premium is a competitive rate.

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The level of Fidelity Guarantee Insurance is currently £5,400 and this was considered appropriate for the council and was duly agreed.

Dates of future meetings

It is planned for the parish council to meet on the following dates:

21 July 2008
8 September
10 November
12 January 2009
9 March
11 May

The clerk will book the village hall for these dates and produce a schedule to be placed on village noticeboards.

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The meeting concluded at approximately 7.35pm