

# ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

*Date:* Monday 10 September 2012

*Councillors:* Andy England (Chairman), Eliza Lewis, Barbara Rayner, Steve Treadwell, Yvonne Constance (District Councillor)

*Clerk* James Greenham

*Apologies* Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor (County Councillor), Bill Spence, Marion Turner (Vice Chairman),

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

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 July 2012 were read, approved and signed.

### **Matters arising**

#### First Aid training

MT will report on the cost of running a First Aid group training session in Ashbury for a number of volunteers.

MT

### **Planning issues**

#### *Permitted*

Idstone Farm

*Demolition of front porch and erection of orangery*

Berrycroft Farm

*Erection of pre-fabricated office building for farm admin use*

#### *Outstanding*

Teallach Cottage, High Street, Ashbury

*Replacement of windows and door on rear elevation*

The Cottage, Chapel Lane

*Attached outbuilding improvements*

The clerk has been asked to report a potential planning breach at Number 12, Pound Piece (the erection of some stables in a private garden).

JRG

### **Update on Walnut Trees Hill development**

It was noted the Parish Council has met with the Planning team at the District council to discuss improvements which can be made to the imminent application for the development.

The entrance to the site has been moved to accommodate local wishes, there is a reduction in any street lighting, an improvement in the highway surface and the shape of the overall road system within the development – all to accommodate locals' wishes. Discussion will now take place over the amount of any 'Section 106' payments which can be made to Ashbury Parish Council and for what projects these payments will be required.

Andy England will investigate the actual detailed delineation of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and if the development plot encroaches.

AE

Steve Treadwell and Barbara Rayner will confirm ownership and responsibility for the planned village shop.

ST/BR

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

The clerk presented an update on the council's financial position as at 5 September 2012. The estimated annual surplus is £1,212.06

## **Correspondence**

It was agreed to suggest Mrs Peggy Leon could be nominated for this year's Chairman's Community Award Lunch at the VWHDC on 6 October. The clerk will contact the district council accordingly. JRG.

It was noted that the external annual audit for 2011-2012 has been completed satisfactorily with only one minor observation.

## **Village school update**

Various decorating activities and lighting improvements have taken place during the summer holidays, which have resulted in a better hall for the children.

Several children have joined the school (in addition to those joining the Foundation stage) in years 2, 3 and 5.

Miss Watts has joined the school as teacher to Ridgeway class (years 4, 5 and 6).

## **Highways matters**

No new salt bins will be purchased this year and no additional salt bags will be ordered. Existing salt bins will be replenished as normal during the winter months by the Highways team.

The clerk will obtain anti-dog mess stickers from the County Council for publication throughout the village. JRG

The clerk has been asked to obtain the map details used by the contractors for in-village grass cutting, to see if the Drews Hill area can be included. JRG

Improvements to the surface water drainage along Ashbury Hill (opposite the school area) are planned to be underway within the next few weeks (by the end of November?). EL

Enquiries continue as to the status of repairs to the B4000 alongside Stainswick Farm and the pedestrian railings along the B4507 alongside Bunce's. JRG

## **Village Hall Update**

It was confirmed the Village Hall had donated £100 from a recent event, towards the school playground appeal.

Two future events planned include a Diva evening (15 December) and the popular Quiz evening on 23 February 2013.

## **Any other business**

The map showing house numbering used for properties along the High Street will be published on the village website as a public reference. *Outstanding since May meeting* ST

## **Comments from the public**

It was suggested that Parish Council can consider a permanent Jubilee Memorial within the village, perhaps in conjunction with the Walnut Trees Hill development.

Roger Simons (NAGs co-ordinator) agreed to investigate the possibility and practicality of establishing a No Cold Calling Zone within the village of Ashbury, similar to schemes operating in Shrivenham and Watchfield. Roger will report back at the November meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm

**Dates of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 12 November 2012.