

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 15 June 2015

Councillors: James Neil (Chairman), Eliza Lewis (Vice Chairman), Richard Fergusson, Lorna Halford, Bill Spence, Mark Watkins. Yvonne Constance (County Councillor), Elaine Ware (District Councillor)

Clerk James Greenham

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Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 9 March 2015 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were formally approved at this meeting.

Matters arising

Jubilee bench

Bill Spence advised this is due to be resited very soon, following some ground work modifications to the local site.

BS

Planning issues

Approved

There were no applications approved

Pending

Norval Cottage, Kingstone Winslow *New off road parking space*

Update on Wixes Piece

The clerk will contact Kate Morris (Waste Team Co-Ordinator) for information concerning the collection of refuse bins from the playground and advise in due course. JRG

Bill Spence and Mark Watkins will organise a public meeting to discuss the use, rules and regulations which can govern the new public open space adjacent to Wixes Piece. BS/MW

The clerk will confirm with the Planning Team on the obligations of the developer on maintaining the surrounding public area. JRG

Financial update for the parish council

There was no financial update presented as this was at the same time as the annual summary from 2014-2015.

It was agreed to appoint Barry Barwell as a contractor to undertake occasional strimming and cutting-back work, particularly along Drews Hill, Millers Lane, the war memorial green and a few other places needing 'tidying'. The estimated cost was in the region of £80-£100 per visit. This will be reviewed if the amount increases. The clerk will appoint in due course. JRG

Update from County Councillor

Yvonne Constance advised of several proposals being due for consideration. It is hoped a 50mph speed limit can be imposed on the B4507 and a 30mph limit imposed on the Faringdon Road in Watchfield. YC will update in due course. YC

The draft Local Plan Part 1 will start to be formally considered on 21 September 2015. It was noted that Part 2 of the Local Plan would affect Ashbury more directly as this deals with the allocation of 1,000 homes across the 'small village' network throughout the Vale. There is no known date yet for consultation on Part 2 of the Local Plan.

It was noted that all Neighbourhood Plans which are published by smaller villages would need to be in line with the VWHDC Local Plan when published formally.

It was suggested for Ashbury PC to liaise with Watchfield PC with regards to a Community Led Plan.

Update from District Councillor

The District Council will now be mainly housed at 135 Milton Park for the foreseeable future, following the fire at Crowmarsh.

Elaine Ware also confirmed her position as a Cabinet Member within the District Council, and Councillor responsible for Corporate Strategy and Waste.

Village school update

Richard Fergusson will be able to provide updates at future meetings in his role as a School Governor.

RF

Highways matters

The clerk updated on suggested traffic calming schemes for the B4000 through the village. It seems likely the village may now have one 'build-out' near the crossroads (up the hill) if s106 funding allows. The clerk will chase the relevant highways and s106 official (Geoff Barrell) for progress.

JRG

Richard Fergusson will chase the Highways team for fixing already reported potholes.

RF

It was noted the village sign on the B4000 on Ashbury Hill is missing and should be replaced. The clerk will action.

JRG

Village Hall Update

The clerk advised the parish council not to undertake responsibility for insuring the map now housed within the village hall. The council agreed to the recommendation.

It was noted the village hall is noticeably improved following the renovations.

Events are planned in July and October for further fundraising and will be publicised in due course.

A request for a replacement noticeboard will be proposed by Eliza Lewis.

EL

Any other business

The clerk confirmed that a TPO will be in place shortly by the Planning team on the trees alongside the Bunce premises on the south-west and south-east elevations.

JRG

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 20 July 2015 at 7.30pm.

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