

# ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

*Date:* Monday 20 July 2015

*Councillors:* James Neil (Chairman), Eliza Lewis (Vice Chairman), Richard Fergusson, Lorna Halford, Mark Watkins. Elaine Ware and Simon Howell (District Councillor)

*Clerk* James Greenham

*Apologies* Yvonne Constance (County Councillor), Bill Spence

*Circulation:* As above plus minute file, village noticeboard and village website

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 June 2015 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were formally approved at this meeting.

### **Matters arising**

#### Jubilee bench

The clerk will request Bill Spence complete this outstanding matter with some urgency as this has been outstanding for several months, although with harvest approaching this may be difficult to find enough time. **Action: The clerk**

**BS**

### **Planning issues**

#### *Approved*

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

#### *Pending*

There were no applications pending

### **Update on new shop premises**

The clerk advised that both the main lease and underlease have been approved by all parties and now require signature and formal exchange. A clean copy of the leases is being published and it is hoped/planned for completion around the end of July 2015. The clerk will update the parish council in due course. **Action JRG**

### **Update on Wixes Piece**

The clerk confirmed the two waste bins within the playground are to be emptied by BIFFA as part of the fortnightly collection.

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.

*Outstanding since June meeting.*

**Action BS/MW**

It was noted the public area will be reseeded with meadow grass by the contractor, so it will be suitable for games such as football, rounders etc without too much wear and tear.

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

The clerk presented an update on the council's financial position as at 20 July 2015. The estimated annual surplus is £735.00

### **Update from County Councillor**

There was no formal update from the County Councillor.

### **Update from District Councillor**

Elaine Ware and Simon Howell both attended in their role as joint District Councillor.

The Local Plan Part 1 is being split into two separate parts by the Planning Inspector. The first will commence examination on 22 September 2015. VWHDC awaits a date for the examination of the second part which will include Green Belt, AONB and strategic sites and hopes that the whole Local Plan Part 1 will be approved early next year.

The annual update on the 5 year + 20% land supply is due shortly. No firm date on its publication is available at the moment.

It was noted Ashbury Parish Council should make contact with Watchfield parish council with regard to beginning the process of drafting a Community Led Plan. The clerk will action. **Action JRG**

It was advised the B4000 over the railway line will have overnight closures in the foreseeable future as part of the bridge replacement. No formal notifications have been received.

BIFFA will be scheduled to commence kerbside collections of small electrical and textile waste.

The District Council will be strongly opposing plans to close the waste tip at Stanford in the Vale. Further updates on this will be available.

#### **Action plan for parish council**

The chairman advised that the new parish council will be discussing and formulating a 4-5 year action plan for the village, with stated goals and objectives of the council – including items such as having a Neighbourhood Plan, ensuring the new public open space meets the needs of the village and improving the method of communications with parish residents.

The council will be meeting separately to discuss this and will make further announcements at the next parish meeting in September. **Action JN/all**

#### **Village school update**

It was noted that attendance numbers is high at 71 registered pupils (with a planned rise to 79).

There are plans in place for renovation projects during the summer holidays.

It should also be noted the school achieved very good 'improvement' statistics during the last academic year.

#### **Highways matters**

There has been no progress from the VWHDC since the last meeting with regard to possible traffic calming measures associated with Wixes Piece development. The clerk will chase the relevant highways and s106 official (Geoff Barrell) for progress. **Action JRG**

Richard Fergusson confirmed all outstanding potholes have been filled-in by Highways.

The clerk advised that a replacement 'Ashbury' sign has been ordered and will be installed on the approach into the village down Ashbury Hill.

Richard Fergusson will follow up on a request from a member of the public that a water gully in Pound Piece needs repairing and a utilities trench across the B4000 near the crossroads needs attention. **Action RF**

RF also agreed to investigate the current status of the subsidy of the bus route (#90) and assess the general usage of the service. **Action RF**

#### **Village Hall Update**

Continued improvements are planned, including better chairs and installation of blinds.

It is hoped the cost of the new noticeboard can be shared with the parish council and discussions will take place separately.

**Any other business**

The clerk is awaiting formal confirmation that a TPO is now in place on the trees alongside the Bunce premises on the south-west and south-east elevations.

**Comments from the public**

A request was made by a local resident of Kingstone Winslow concerning parking. A suggestion was proposed to deter parking alongside (and on the) green, with cars being parked instead along the lane approaching the old cricket field.

The clerk agreed to investigate the archives to find if there was a detailed map showing the layout and exact size of the green.

The clerk will report before the next meeting.

**Action JRG**

It was noted though that the parish council does not control parking on highways, only on its own (registered) land – namely the green.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

**Dates of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 28 September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. all