

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 28 September 2015

Councillors: James Neil (Chairman), Eliza Lewis (Vice Chairman), Lorna Halford,
Yvonne Constance (County Councillor), Elaine Ware (District Councillor)

Clerk James Greenham

Apologies Richard Fergusson, Bill Spence, Mark Watkins

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

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 July 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.

Action: The clerk

BS

Planning issues

Approved

Millstream Cottage, Kingstone Winslow *Change of use of part of field, for parking*

Pending

Compton Beauchamp Estates *Change of use of barn at Kingstone Winslow farm*

12 Wixes Piece *Construction of car port*

It was agreed the parish council will reengage with Compton Beauchamp Estates with regard to the above planning application and its implications. **Action: James Neil**

JN

Update on new shop premises

The shop is now open for trading and seems to be doing well. This item will be removed from further agendas.

Update on Wixes Piece

The clerk will purchase some 'No Dogs' signs for the enclosed children's playground. However there was no agreement on the rest of the public open space. **Action: The clerk**

JRG

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 28 September 2015. The estimated annual deficit is £291.53, which is largely due to the legal costs incurred during the recent shop legal work required.

It was noted the 2014-2015 audit has been approved and no correction actions noted by the external auditor.

Update from County Councillor

The County Councillor updated on the plans by the County Council to offload services such as highways services (grass cutting etc) to the local communities. Further discussions and consultations are planned.

The clerk will draft a note for the newsletter concerning the proposed development and request any volunteers to assist in future working parties. **Action: The clerk**

JRG

Update from District Councillor

The Local Plan Part 1 was undergoing examination in public and VWHDC awaits a formal response.

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.

Community Communication plans

James Neil will contact Steve Treadwell concerning the ownership and updating of the website. This is not currently owned or managed formally by the parish council but it was felt appropriate this should be the case if possible. James Neil will report at the next meeting. **Action: James Neil.** **JN**

Neighbourhood Plan development and update

The parish council has made contact with Watchfield and Shrevenham parish councils to discuss initial developments in a Neighbourhood Plan.

Eliza Lewis will contact ORCC for guidance and information on beginning a Neighbourhood Plan. It was noted this had been started approx. 5 years ago but as requirements have not changed it may be better to restart afresh. **Action: Eliza Lewis** **EL**

Highways issues and update

The parish council agreed to the written suggestions for traffic calming on the B4000, as per the discussion document dated 28.8.15 by Geoff Barrell. The clerk will formally advise Mr Barrell. **Action: The clerk** **JRG**

Richard Fergusson was unable to attend the meeting, therefore no further update was available.

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

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

It was noted though that the previous requests for highways maintenance by a member of the public had been reported to the Highways Team at the district council. The issues reported were not deemed significant to undertake repair.

Village school update

An update on the progress of the school in terms of numbers attending and attainment was provided during the meeting

Village Hall Update

It was noted the new chairs have been well received.

Any other business

It was agreed by the parish council to nominate Marion Turner for the annual Chairman's Community Award (VWHDC Chairman) 2015, in recognition for her work and commitment to the parish council prior to her standing down in May 2015. **Action: The clerk** **JRG**

Comments from the public

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 23 November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.