

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 21 March 2016

Councillors: James Neil (Chairman), Richard Fergusson, Lorna Halford, Bill Spence, Yvonne Constance (County Councillor), Elaine Ware (District Councillor)

Clerk James Greenham

Apologies Eliza Lewis (Vice Chairman), 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 18 January 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were formally approved at this meeting.

Matters arising

Jubilee bench

Bill Spence confirmed the bench will be installed on Thursday 24 March, after which he will advise Ray Gigg, who was the originator of the plan. **Action: Bill Spence BS**

Planning issues

Approved

Millstream Cottage, Kingston Winslow	<i>Construction of two storey side extension</i>
Telephone Box Cottage, Kingston Winslow	<i>Replacement of cottage with two dwellings - outline</i>

Refused

Land adjoining Rectory Farm Cottage, Idstone	<i>Conversion of stables to residential</i>
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Pending

Lower Mill, Kingston Winslow	<i>Refurbishment, renovation and extension of property</i>
The Walnuts, Ashbury	<i>Removal of garage & shed and replacement with attached garage & conservatory</i>

It was noted that the parish council has received an outline plan for development of Kingston Farm buildings from the Compton Beauchamp Estate. The Chairman and Clerk will provide initial feedback and comments prior to any formal application for the development. It is thought the millpond could be bought into amenity use for the public.

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk presented an update on the council's financial position as at 21 March 2016. The estimated annual deficit is £860.46.

The council needs to update the mandate for signature on the Nationwide savings account and the clerk will action as appropriate. Eliza Lewis and Mark Watkins agreed to act as signatories. The clerk will also check with Bill Spence and Lorna Halford.

Action: the clerk (outstanding since January meeting) JRG

Update from County Councillor

The County Councillor advised of plans which may or may not result in structural change to the county council. Further information will be provided in due course.

The clerk will continue discussions with Tim Shickle from OCC with regard to the published 'Working Together' plan. **Action: The clerk JRG**

The county council has confirmed that all bus subsidies are to be cancelled so it looks likely that the #90 Ashbury bus service may be terminated during the summer months at a date to be confirmed. Further information will be supplied.

Update from District Councillor

The Local Plan Stage 2 was examined and completed in February. The inspector made comments resulting in modifications required and the revised Local Plan will be sent out for public comment, with expected adoption later during 2016.

It was requested to ensure green recycling bins are not contaminated with landfill waste and the district councillor will further report following a site visit planned shortly.

The parish council was advised to apply for a grant application, which is available from 14 March to 6 May inclusive. **Action: The clerk** **JRG**

Community Communication plans

It was noted that Mark Watkins is involved with improving communication strategies involving the parish website. Further advice from Mark will be provided at the next parish meeting. **Action: Mark Watkins** **MW**

Mark agreed to co-ordinate the drafting of an Emergency Action Plan for the village (including communication in the event of an emergency). Mark will organise a separate meeting, to encourage others within the village to contribute. **Action: Mark Watkins** **MW**
(outstanding since January meeting)

Neighbourhood Plan development and update

James Neil will implement an action to get this underway, including inviting others from the community to join and add to the development of the plan. There have been several local residents who have volunteered to get involved. **Action: James Neil** **JN**

Eliza Lewis will contact David Potter and Charlotte Colver ASAP from VWHDC who are the main co-ordinators for Community Led Plans and Neighbourhood Plans to obtain details of grants available and how the council designates their area to start the process. **Action: Eliza Lewis** *(outstanding since January meeting)* **EL**

Highways issues and update

It was noted the village will shortly have three new traffic calming installations as part of the funding provided by Wixes Piece. The clerk will advise on the date of installation once this is known. **Action: The clerk** **JRG**

Richard Fergusson will continue to keep in touch with developments surrounding an alternative sources of funding of the #90 bus service, which is due to stop on 16 July 2016.

Village school update

The school was rated as 'Good' on a recent OFTSED inspection visit.

Village Hall Update

Eliza Lewis was not present at the meeting so there was no update on activities regarding the village hall. This will be held over until the next meeting.

Any other business

James Neil will meet with Redcliffe Homes to discuss some outstanding matters concerning the public open space (inc 'ponding' in places and seeding of the perimeter). Advice should be sought as to when the grassed area is usable. **Action: James Neil** **JN**

In addition, a note to be included with the next newsletter will ask for suggestions as to the intended use and development of the space (such as football goals?). Also a suggestion box can be included in the village shop.

Action: the clerk

JRG

It was agreed to appoint the local, existing contractor to undertake grass cutting in the churchyard and at occasional times around other areas of the village (as needs dictate) as per the quotation sent over dated 2 March. The clerk to advise. **Action: the clerk JRG**

Comments from the public

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 16 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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