

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 11 July 2016

Councillors: James Neil (Chairman), Richard Fergusson, Lorna Halford, Bill Spence

Clerk James Greenham

Apologies Eliza Lewis (Vice Chairman), Mark Watkins, Yvonne Constance (County Councillor), Elaine Ware (District Councillor), Simon Howell (District Councillor)

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

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 May 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were formally approved at this meeting.

Resignation of Mark Watkins

The clerk announced that Mark Watkins has resigned his position as councillor with immediate effect, which now creates a vacancy. The clerk will ensure due process is followed to ensure a replacement councillor is in place as soon as practical. **Action:**

The clerk

JRG

Matters arising

Jubilee bench

Bill Spence advised the bench requires some final landscaping (bark chippings etc) which will be completed asap. **Action:** **Bill Spence**

BS

Planning issues

Approved

18 Wixes Piece, Ashbury

Construction of timber orangery to rear

Pending

Telephone Box Cottage, Kingstone
Winslow

*Erection of two dwellings in place of demolished
existing house*

A presentation was made by representatives from the Compton Beauchamp Estate for the possible redevelopment of Kingston Winslow Farm. It was proposed to have a total of 12 houses (mixture of full market value and affordable housing), including the possible integration (and renovation) of the millpond within the development. Drawings and background information was circulated for comment.

It was agreed that wider circulation was necessary before a formal response from the parish council was possible. The clerk will ensure details are publicised as soon as possible. **Action:** **The clerk**

JRG

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk presented an update on the council's financial position as at 11 July 2016. The estimated annual surplus is £2,261.00

The council needs to update the mandate for signature on the Nationwide savings account. Eliza Lewis and Richard Fergusson will complete and submit the mandate change forms as soon as possible. **Action:** **EL, RF**

EL, RF

Update from County Councillor

There was no update from the County Councillor.

Update from District Councillor

Both District Councillors submitted a written update on matters, which is available separately on request.

Community Communication plans

The Chairman updated that a separate sub-committee has been formed with the purpose of developing and implementing a communication strategy and plan for the village, to include all relevant groups. The sub-committee will meet separately in order that actions can be implemented and updates will be reported to the Parish Council at the following meeting. **Action: Chairman**

JN

Neighbourhood Plan development and update

A Neighbourhood Plan committee has been formed and a draft application has been agreed for submission to the local council for the area designation.

A draft Terms of Reference for the committee have been circulated by the clerk, for formal approval from the parish council. All councillors to review and advise before 25.7.16. **Action: all councillors**

all

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. It is expected the works to be started week commencing 11.7.16.

Richard Fergusson noted the potholes near the shop have been repaired. He also advised that such reporting can and should be undertaken by all residents, using the FixMyStreet website or phone number, which is now the only way to report such matters.

Richard Fergusson also confirmed that, as far as it can be known, the Swindon Dial-A-Ride service, which covers Ashbury each Friday, continues.

There will be a request made for volunteers from the village to join a new Speed Awareness group which is being formed by the local Neighbourhood Action Group. The clerk will draft a message and also liaise with Roger Simons, who is the local NAG representative for Ashbury. **Action: The clerk**

JRG

Village school update

It was requested there can also be updates from Pre-School at future meetings.

Village Hall Update

No news to update

Any other business

James Neil will make one final attempt to meet with Redcliffe Homes to discuss some outstanding matters concerning the public open space (inc 'ponding' in places and seeding of the perimeter). So far Redcliffe have been unwilling to engage in discussions.

Action: James Neil

JN

The clerk recommended that a new group could be formed to take over long term management of the public open space, such that it becomes a usable and appropriate space for all to enjoy. Notification and requests will be sent out in due course, but in the meantime, grass will be managed using existing funds, with a view that the grass is short enough to manage properly and weeds are under control. **Action: the clerk**

JRG

The clerk is awaiting feedback from a local arboriculturist concerning the trees in Church Lane. Even if work was to be undertake, permission needs to be granted and opinion from the local planning team is being sought at the moment. Further update at the next meeting.

Comments from the public

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 12 September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. all