

ASHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: Monday 12 September 2016

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

Clerk James Greenham

Apologies 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 11 July 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were formally approved at this meeting.

Matters arising

Planning issues

Approved

Telephone Box Cottage, Kingstone Winslow

Erection of two dwellings in place of demolished existing house

Pending

18 Wixes Piece
Kingston Winslow Farm, Kingstone Winslow

Double car port

Conversion of stone barn to dwelling

The above planning application for the conversion of the stone barn was discussed in principle. It was recommended to reject the application, on the basis that the building would form part of a wider development of the farm and should therefore be considered as part of that application, as and when it is submitted. All councillors agreed with this statement, and formal notification will be submitted once the 'comments' form has been circulated and returned to the clerk. **Action: JN ,EL, RF, LH**

all

Significant discussion took place with regards to the possible future development at Kingston Winslow Farm. No plans have been submitted or finalised, however it is known there is an intent on developing in some way the redundant farm buildings. The Chairman stated it would be better for the parish council to engage in discussion with the Compton Beauchamp Estate than simply object and have no further input into any development. The current proposal is not acceptable and it is vital the Estate engages the local community in the development of further proposals. Engagement is the responsibility of the Estate, not the parish council.

A separate statement by Kingston Winslow Residents Association was submitted and is attached separately to these minutes.

Financial update for the parish council

The clerk presented an update on the council's financial position as at 12 September 2016. The estimated annual surplus is £1,913.00

It was noted the 2015-2016 audit has been approved and no correction actions noted by the external auditor.

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

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There was no update from the County Councillor.

Update from District Councillor

Both District Councillors submitted a written update on matters, including that from 3 November, any green bin which includes a black bin bag will not be emptied – publicity will be circulated beforehand.

Community Communication plans

The Clerk advised that it is hoped to have an electronic communication process in place within the next 6-8 weeks, following continued progress of the Community Communication Group, which meets separately. **Action: Clerk**

JRG

Neighbourhood Plan development and update

The clerk advised the area designation has been submitted but no further advice was available at the time of the meeting as to whether this has been formally accepted by the District Council. The clerk to investigate. **Action: the clerk**

JRG

Highways issues and update

One person has volunteered to join a new Speed Awareness group which is being formed by the local Neighbourhood Action Group. The clerk will liaise accordingly with Roger Simons, who is the local NAG representative for Ashbury. **Action: The clerk**

JRG

Further calls for assistance with the planting of the new traffic calming boxes will be made. A comprehensive report was submitted to the parish and further investigation and discussion will be needed.

Village school update

The school has recently returned from summer holidays, so there is little news to report.

Village Hall Update

The village hall committee has organised several fundraising events for the autumn.

Any other business

James Neil advised there was no success in trying to meet with Redcliffe Homes to discuss some outstanding matters concerning the public open space (inc 'ponding' in places and seeding of the perimeter). It was agreed to drop this matter with Redcliffe.

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

Planning for contractor work on the public space for 2017 is now underway and the clerk will advise in due course.

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

There was a public call of thanks to those residents who cut back the village footpaths, this is very welcome.

It was agreed by the parish council to nominate Steve Treadwell for the annual Chairman's Community Award (VWHDC Chairman) 2016, in recognition for his work and commitment to the parish over the years.

Comments from the public

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Dates of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 7 November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. all