

# *Ashton Keynes Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the meeting held in Ashton Keynes Village Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

Present: Cllrs D Wingrove (Chairman); M Carter; S Hill; P Moran; C Sims; D Ventham.

In attendance: Fiona Ryder – Clerk, 42 Members of public.

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm with a presentation from Turley on planning application PL/2022/04776. The presentation was followed with questions from Parish Councillors.

### **22-23/73 Public Section**

Most members of public were in attendance for the presentation. No members of public wished to speak during this section.

### **22-23/74 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Blackaller, Crawford, Inzani, Low, and Wiltshire Councillor Berry.

Cllr Smith was absent.

### **22-23/75 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **22-23/76 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 were approved and signed.

### **22-23/77 Planning Application PL/2022/04776**

The Parish Council discussed the application and made the following notable comments: The Parish Council are representatives that need to consider the public view, tonight's meeting has attracted the largest attendance at a meeting for some time. There are no benefits to local people in the proposal. The application would destroy nature to rebuild it. The Market Report states there is a need for holiday homes for health and wellbeing, the permanent impact on villagers' wellbeing outweighs the impact of wellbeing of short-term visitors. There is inadequate key information to make a proper assessment. There are a huge number of holiday homes in the vicinity already. The site is outside the settlement boundary. The whole site is being proposed as C1 use but does not need to be if only a small percentage is going to be used for accommodation. Concerns were also raised regarding, flooding, light pollution, noise pollution and the impact on the 2 existing businesses on site.

The Chairman asked members of public to forward any comments to the Parish Council.

All but 3 members of public left the meeting.

The Parish Council voted unanimously to object to the application and hold off writing a response until further feedback was received.

It was agreed to spend up to £500 on a newsletter article and village letter drop.

### **22-23/78 Actions from Previous Meeting**

22-23/67 – Cllr Sims to order tree and plaque.

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22-23/68 – The bin at Rixon gate has been replaced and this has been reported to Wiltshire Council for collections.

## 22-23/79 Chairmans Report

Concerns had been raised regarding the lack of work carried out to make footpath 41 passable. Stephen Leonard was contacted, and work has now started at the Rixon Gate end of the footpath. Nothing has yet been done at the other end, but the path is passable although you do have to walk adjacent to the official path.

## 22-23/80 Clerks Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

A higher-than-normal electricity bill was received for the High Road Playing Field due to an estimated bill. A smart meter was suggested to prevent this happening in future. The Playing Fields would have no objection to a smart meter.

A charge of £14.09 was received for the new Unity Trust account.

## 22-23/81 Financial Report

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

### Income since the last meeting:

Wiltshire Council Precept £ 18,167.50

### Expenditure since the last meeting:

Admin to Council £ 562.70

O2 Mobile Phone £ 13.40

Village Hall Hire £ 27.00

Playing Fields Costs £ 161.40

GH Installations (Village Hall) £ 898.47

PKF Littlejohn (Audit) £ 360.00

Community Heartbeat Trust £ 120.00

Closing balance: £ 44,508.69

The council approved the finance report and income and expenditure.

## 22-23/82 Playing Fields Committee

A grant has been agreed from the Landfill Communities Fund. We are asked to pay £1000 contribution. The Clerk raised concerns over the wording that the £1000 should come from a third party. The Parish Council agreed to make the payment in order to receive the grant. It was also stated that the Playing Fields Committee still have a bank account containing £1000.

## 22-23/83 Cost of Living Crisis

The provision of Community Warm Spaces has recently been discussed at meetings of the Malmesbury Area Board and Town and Parish Clerks/Chief Execs meetings. A Community Warm space is a community building, open to all during advertised opening hours. The Village Hall is currently open on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. The WI run a coffee morning on the Tuesday and the Village Hall committee are happy for something to be run on a Thursday afternoon. The Bradstone being open with the television on and provision of hot drinks was noted, but it is not as central to the village as the hall. This will be brought up at the next Village Hall Committee meeting. It was noted that Ashton Keynes Charity could be approached for funding if needed.

**Action: Cllr Moran**

## 22-23/84 Telephone Gallery

The Parish Council received a request for £28 towards the hire of the Village Hall for an upcoming event linked with the Telephone Gallery.

The Parish Council agreed to the request.

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## **22-23/85 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports**

- a) Planning Committee (MS) – Minutes and Agenda circulated. A planning meeting will be held next Monday.
- b) Flood Risk Working Group (MC) – no report
- c) Internal Affairs Committee (CS) – no report
- d) Village Hall (PM) – Report circulated. A grant has been received from the Area Board for an Electric Screen and Projector mounting. A grant for Solar Panels and Electric Vehicle Charging Points has been applied for, the Village Hall committee may need funding from the Parish Council. New heating controls have been installed in the hall using funds from the Parish Council Grant these enable the heating to be controlled remotely.
- e) Playing Fields Committee (SC/PM) – Fitness equipment for Bradstone has been shipped and a mutually agreeable time for delivery is being discussed. Dates have been agreed for future committee meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> May. An event was held at Bradstone this month by an external events company. It was added that Wiltshire Council have just advised that planning permission will be needed for the new play equipment.
- f) Cotswold Lake Trust (BL) – no report.
- g) School Governors (SC) – no report
- h) Police (DW) – nothing to report
- i) Highways (SC) – no report
- j) Footpaths and Cycle Routes (BL) – no report.
- k) Ashton Keynes Charities (NI) – no report
- l) Parochial Church Council (BL) – no report
- m) Speed Mitigation (RB) – no report
- n) Millennium Green (NI) – no report
- o) B4696 Road Safety – Agenda item.

## **22-23/86 Matters for the next meeting**

Councillors were reminded to contact the Clerk with any items to be put forward for the agenda and to submit any reports for the Committees, Working Groups and Representatives section at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting.

## **22-23/87 Date for the next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Ashton Keynes Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.