

# *Ashton Keynes Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the meeting held in Ashton Keynes Village Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Present: Cllrs S Crawford (Vice Chairman); R Blackaller; M Carter; S Hill; N Inzani; M Smith; D Ventham.

In attendance: Wilts Cllr Berry; Fiona Ryder – Clerk, 19 Members of public.

The meeting commenced at 7:15pm

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **22-23/58 Public Section**

All members of public had attended in support of item 66 - B4696 Safety. No members of public wished to speak during this section.

### **22-23/59 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Wingrove, Low, and Moran.

Cllr Sims was absent.

### **22-23/60 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **22-23/61 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were approved and signed.

### **22-23/62 Actions from Previous Meeting**

22-23/030 – The Chairman has met with residents of the Wheatley's Farm Development. The residents have submitted a formal application to the enforcement officer and the Parish Council will support them with this. The Enforcement Officer has had confirmation that the junction of the estate will have 2 new gullies added in and will be piped over to the ditch on the opposite side of the road, there is currently no timescale for this. The Enforcement Officer has been in correspondence with the developer; however, he has not had a response to his request that they commit to a date for tree planning and the rest of the environmental work required to discharge the planning conditions. The grass has been cut on the High Road so that the residents are able to exit onto the road safely. The communal area has also been cut, as has the small verge at the back of 1 Heavens Rise, this is a long way off the work that is required.

### **22-23/63 Chairmans Report**

There was no Chairmans report.

### **22-23/64 Clerks Report**

The report was circulated prior to the meeting.

External Auditors have completed the review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. No concerns were raised.

The report was noted and the insurance renewal of £991.46 was approved.

### **22-23/65 Financial Report**

The finance report was circulated prior to the meeting.

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## Income since the last meeting:

## Expenditure since the last meeting:

Admin to Council	£ 954.28
K Gray -Gallery Expenses	£ 139.99
OSM Contract	£2700.00
Southern Electric	£ 260.12
Castle Water	£ 44.06
O2 Mobile Phone	£ 26.80
Village Hall Hire	£ 81.00
Millennium Green Grant	£ 750.00
Microsoft Office Annual Sub	£ 29.99
Cleaning Costs	£ 152.00
HJ Carter	£ 330.00

Closing balance: £28,506.38

The council approved the finance report and income and expenditure.

## 22-23/66 B4696 Safety

A report from the B4696 Working Group had been circulated prior to the meeting. The general safety of the B4696 has been a concern to many and has previously been looked at by Community Speed Watch. The B4696 Safety Working Group was formed recently to look at improving the safety of the crossing, the group includes a good number of proactive parishioners.

Proposals in the report included:

- 3 trees to be felled to improve visibility and open up the connecting footpath.
- Slow markings added to the road.
- Pedestrian Crossing signs to be put up.
- No Parking Zones.
- Permanent barriers to stop parking.
- Cut back vegetation.
- Replace faded 40mph signs.

A proposal from LHFIG had been received by the Council this evening. The proposal was shared with the meeting, however, could not be discussed or voted upon as it was not included in the agenda.

Wiltshire Council Highways Engineer has looked at the overgrown vegetation and agreed that action needs to be taken. White lining and 40mph signs have recently been renewed.

The report was noted, and Cllr Berry was asked to share it with LHFIG. The Vice-Chairman thanked the working group for producing the report and all members of public for attending.

19 members of public left the meeting.

## 22-23/67 Platinum Jubilee Tree and Plaque

Various costs were provided for a tree and plaque. The Parish Council agreed to a budget of up to £250.

**Action: Cllr Sims**

## 22-23/68 Bin at Rixon Gate

Following a collision, the bin at the bridleway on Rixon Gate had to be removed due to damage. The Parish Council agreed to replace the bin at the same location and look at siting it to help stop cars parking so close to the entrance of the bridleway. The spare bin removed as part of the Phone Box refurbishment works will be used.

**Action: Cllr Blackaller**

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## 22-23/69 Planning Application PL/2022/02815

*Cllr Smith declared an interest in the following application and did not take part in discussions or decision making.*

- Application PL/2022/02815  
Proposal: Construction of a new bungalow within the existing site curtilage.  
Address: Land at Pilgrim Cottage, 15 Back Street  
Comments: No objection - Ashton Keynes Parish Council was happy with the idea of this bungalow in the first application. The bungalow has now been re-positioned to where the new house was going to be, this means that there are still some less-desirable aspects e.g., the loss/repositioning of the large attractive Cotswold stone wall at the front of the property.
- Application PL/2022/07020  
Proposal: Cherry tree and Magnolia tree in front garden. One third crown and height reduction of both. Trees have grown extensively and are blocking light to house.  
Address: 6 Happy Land  
Comments: No objection
- Application PL/2022/06995  
Proposal: Reduction of hedge (mainly Holly and Yew) on east boundary of plot by 1.5-2 metres. Reduce height of May and Prunus trees by 1.5metres and shape. Remove dead branches from Horse Chestnut on western boundary of plot. Remove dead branches from Purple Beech in northwest corner of plot.  
Address: Cove House, Park Place  
Comments: No objection
- Application: PL/2022/06907  
Proposal: T1 Maple tree – reduce by 30% and shape. T2 Silver Birch tree – prune off new growth to previous pruning points, approximately 25% and shape. T3 Maple tree – fell decayed trunk, tree is dying.  
Address: 33 Richmond Court  
Comments: 27<sup>th</sup> September

## 22-23/70 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports

- a) Planning Committee (MS) – Minutes and Agenda circulated
- b) Flood Risk Working Group (MC) – no report
- c) Internal Affairs Committee (CS) – no report
- d) Village Hall (PM) – no report
- e) Playing Fields Committee (SC/PM) – All approved equipment has been ordered. Supply only equipment is due during September, other equipment is being installed in November. Old equipment has started to be removed. Further funding opportunities are being investigated and a grant from Hills has been successful. A Committee meeting will take place in October and a report provided for full council.
- f) Cotswold Lake Trust (BL) – Impact Report 2021-2022 circulated. Notice of 10k Run to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> October.
- g) School Governors (SC) – no report
- h) Police (DW) – nothing to report
- i) Highways (SC) – no report
- j) Footpaths and Cycle Routes (BL) – Email circulated. The inventory of footpaths has been updated and is now available on the website. The Senior Rights of Way Warden for Wiltshire visited on 21<sup>st</sup> July to walk several problematic footpaths in particular footpaths 11,12,13,14 and 34.
- k) Ashton Keynes Charities (NI) – no report
- l) Parochial Church Council (BL) – no report

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- m) Speed Mitigation (RB) – no report
- n) Millennium Green (NI) – no report
- o) B4696 Road Safety – Agenda item.

## **22-23/71 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.

It was agreed to include Village Gates as an agenda item for the next meeting.

## **22-23/72 Date for the next meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at Ashton Keynes Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 8.23pm.