

# *Ashton Keynes Parish Council*

Minutes of a meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Present: Cllrs I Woods (Chairman), M Carter, J Freeth, S Jefferson, M Seymour and R Thomas  
County Cllr C Soden

**2011/95 To accept apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs J Hughes, M Jackson, A Stefanovic, E Tidmarsh and D Wingrove.

**2011/96 Declarations of Interest on items on the Agenda**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2011/97 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**2011/98 Matters arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk said that with regard to the ditch that was filled in outside Wheatleys Farm, Malcolm Beaven in Wiltshire Council Highways has said that he has passed on the case to Danny Everett, Head of the Drainage Department, who has more experience of dealing with this type of problem.

**2011/99 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk gave the following report:

- He began by saying that Malcolm Beaven surveyed the white lines in the village and has put an order in for them to be refreshed. There is only one line painting team in Wiltshire and one of the painters was away sick for some time. He is now back and should have the white lines repainted shortly.
- Regarding the large puddle of water that lies at the end of Kent End during heavy rainfall, Malcolm Beaven said the job has been referred to the Drainage Engineer, Danny Everett.. He said he was hoping that Danny will pipe the water across Rixon Gate and into the ditch.
- In the opinion of Wiltshire Council, the work that took place recently at the top of Cox's Hill to pipe water away, which closed the road for a few hours over a three day period, did not follow correct procedures, and it is being investigated.
- Moving to financial matters, he said the second half of the Precept, £16,235, was due to be banked this month, which will bring our bank balance back to a healthy £27,392.
- The new blue-lid bins, for recycling plastic and cardboard, were delivered last week without a collection calendar. The Clerk said he was told by Wiltshire Council that the calendars have been printed by a different company, who will be posting them separately to every household.
- The Clerk made reference to the 40 mph plan for North End Crossroads, drawn up by Martin Rose of Wiltshire Council. He said that as he had not had any adverse comments from any of the members, so he would be requesting that Martin proceed with implementing the plan.

- The Clerk reminded the members that the next Parish Council meeting, on the 12<sup>th</sup> October, will be held in the Bradstone pavilion.
- He said his last item, as usual, was to ask for the members' wish list of work for the Parish Steward to undertake next month. There were two items reported to him, which were recorded and would be passed to Wiltshire Highways Partnership.

## **2011/100 Financial Transactions**

### **Payments Made:**

The Council noted that the following payments had been made:

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| ▪ <b>Aeshton Services (July Grasscutting)</b>    | <b>£ 850.00</b> |
| ▪ <b>Aeshton Services (Aug Grasscutting)</b>     | <b>£ 850.00</b> |
| ▪ <b>AK Village Hall (July Room Rental)</b>      | <b>£ 17.00</b>  |
| ▪ <b>British Legion (Remembrance Day Wreath)</b> | <b>£ 17.00</b>  |
| ▪ <b>Cllr M Carter (Training Workshop)</b>       | <b>£ 31.80</b>  |
| ▪ <b>Clerk's Salary (July)</b>                   | <b>£ 627.24</b> |
| ▪ <b>Clerk's Expenses (July)</b>                 | <b>£ 63.39</b>  |
| ▪ <b>Clerk's Salary (Aug)</b>                    | <b>£ 627.24</b> |
| ▪ <b>Clerk's Expenses (Aug)</b>                  | <b>£ 79.60</b>  |
| ▪ <b>HMRC (Tax &amp; NI)</b>                     | <b>£ 669.93</b> |

## **2011/101 Cullimore's Gravels Ltd Dairy Farm Planning Application**

The Chairman said there had been an exchange of correspondence between Moreton Cullimore and the Clerk in August on the Planning Application. Moreton had read an article in the Wilts and Glos Standard, the words for which appeared to have been extracted from the Minutes of the June Parish Council meeting. Alternatively, the article could have resulted from the Parishioners who may have contacted the Newspaper. Either way, in his letter, Moreton attributed the words in the article to the Clerk. County Cllr C Soden said that she would let the Clerk know when the Dairy Farm Planning Application was being called forward.

## **2011/102 Minerals Extraction Update**

The Chairman said that the minerals extraction site options decision was currently in limbo. He said he had attended a meeting on the subject in Trowbridge, which he found valuable, and said that Roger Cullimore had also attended the meeting. The Chairman said he had told the meeting that we do not want any more lakes, already there are 145 owned by 81 different owners and that we want the Cotswold Community to be excluded as an option for minerals extraction. He had also said that we would like a lot of the lakes to be turned into wet woodlands.

## **2011/103 Committees, Working Groups and Representatives' Reports**

The Chairman invited members to give their reports.

### County Cllr C Soden

Cllr C Soden began by reporting on the future strength of the Wiltshire Constabulary, the fact that there would be three Police Support Units, each consisting of 27 Officers. Cllr Soden then gave a summary of the assistance provided by Wiltshire Police to the Met, Bristol and Gloucester Forces during the recent rioting, which had been considerable. Cllr Soden turned her attention to the redundancy of the CEO and one of the Directors and the way the County Council will be reorganised; the remaining three Directors will share the CEO's role. She finished her report by outlining the savings in the Police; they will be rationalised and no Policeman will need to be made redundant.

#### Footpaths Working Group

Cllr M Seymour reported that the Working Group had met at the end of August, to which the Clerk said the Minutes would be issued shortly. Cllr Seymour also said that we had not yet received a letter from Barbara Burke with her decisions on various footpath queries. The Clerk added that a reply had been received from Gloucestershire County Council to the letter that Muriel Watkins of Somerford Keynes Parish Council had sent about the footpaths through Keynes Country Park. Cllr C Soden asked the Clerk to send her an electronic copy.

**Action: The Clerk**

#### Planning Committee

Cllr R Thomas said there was nothing to report. The Clerk said that he had been told by Mrs Fyfe in Wiltshire Council Planning Department to withdraw the Planning Application to fell two trees by The Lotts Play Area

#### Playing Fields Committee

The Chairman reported that since the CCTV had been installed at the Bradstone Sports Field there had been no incidence of anti-social behaviour. However, the amount of Dogs' mess on the High Road Playing Field had increased considerably and the Playing Field Committee is considering whether or not to put CCTV in there as well; the members were unanimous in showing that they had no objections to the equipment being fitted. The Chairman said there were no Bye-Laws at the Bradstone Sports Field and if the Parish Council was so minded then we should introduce them as required.

#### Greener Village Working Group

Cllr M Carter said that now the Autumn/Winter were on their way, he would be looking to get some use out of the Thermal Imaging Camera, to which end he would be advertising it on the Website. Cllr Carter said he would like to show the Camera and equipment to the schoolchildren, which the members thought would be a good idea.

#### Emergency Planning Working Group

Cllr M Carter reported that he had not yet had a meeting of the Group.

### **2011/104 Industrial Units**

Cllr S Jefferson said that he hadn't got very far with the Planning Application to expand the Old Brickyard and consequently he was now looking elsewhere for extra space. Cllr Jefferson said that if he was successful, it would create the extra space that was needed for small businesses in the village.

### **2011/105 Village Shop Update**

The Chairman said that in the absence of Cllr J Hughes there would be no update report, however, the progress of the building of the Annexe at the Village Hall could be seen by all.

### **2011/106 Adoption of Village areas by the Councillors**

The Chairman asked the Clerk to place the item on next month's Agenda, due to the absence of Cllr D Wingrove.

**Action: The Clerk**

The Chairman agreed to the following subjects being raised:

- Cllr M Seymour said that cars were parking along Church Walk again and causing an obstruction. He said he would be placing the appropriate signs about it on the wall along Church Walk.

- Cllr R Thomas suggested that the Parish Council should begin thinking about how we would celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in the village. The Chairman thought that it should involve all Groups. The Clerk said the WI had been offered 150 trees to be planted, possibly in the Millennium Green, which the Chairman said they should speak about it to Vivienne Moss. The Chairman asked the Clerk to place the item on the Agenda for next month.

**Action: The Clerk**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 9.05pm.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2011 in Bradstone pavilion, commencing at 7.45pm**