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ASHENDON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Minutes of Annual Village Meeting

held in The Village Hall

Monday 15th April 2019 at 8pm

Chair: Kevin Nash, Chairman
Clerk: Venetia Davies, Clerk
Attendance: 22 Parishioners

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Minutes of previous Annual Village Meeting held on Monday 16th April 2018

Minutes were accepted by the meeting as a true record and signed by Chairman, Kevin Nash.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered during the subsequent meeting.

4. Danny Fahy, PSCO, Waddesdon & Haddenham Neighbourhood Police Team

Danny informed the meeting that there had been 12 crime related incidents reported in the Ashendon area over the last 12 months. There were no burglaries (and none from non-dwellings (i.e. sheds) although there had been thefts of farm machinery from two addresses. There was also the theft of the Silent Solider which he said was very sad. There was one road traffic collision. Victim-based crime was up by 1% across Aylesbury Vale but Waddesdon and Haddenham Neighbourhood remains the lowest crime area across Aylesbury Vale. Theft from motor vehicles was down by 33%, a decrease of 10 crimes. Danny explained that with regard to speeding and parking, for most part, the Police don't get involved unless there is an obstruction. He explained that speeding is a village issue and can be monitored by the Sentinel speed cameras available. He encouraged Sentinel speed data to be sent to Peter Stray. He also said that Ashendon deserves a service from the Police and is trying to be more of a more visible presence. For safety risks regarding road closures and failed traffic lights, Danny encouraged residents to call the local Police on **101** or report on **Fix My Street**. Thames Water issues should be reported directly to them.

5. Ashendon Parish Council, Chair, Kevin Nash

Report Filed and available to view at:

<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=0daef64b-37e6-4413-a983-ba84fca652a5%2Epdf&o=2019-report%2Epdf>.

Kevin thanked Councillors and the Parish Clerk.

- **Diary Dates:** Volunteers are required for a Sentinel Speed watch between **16th April to 27th April**. Please email: ashendonpc@gmail.com to volunteer.



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- Kevin encouraged Parishioners to sign up to the village website to receive planning applications and news alerts www.ashendonparish.org.uk.
- A Parishioner requested that the 17% hike in the Precept be minuted.
- **Parish Council AGM – Monday 20th May 2018 at 8pm**

The Parish Council **Draft** Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2019 was circulated. Filed and available to view at:

https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=553c69c0-daa4-470b-9c53-f97c01872447%2Epdf&o=APC---FINAL-MASTER-Accounts-Book-April-2018_March-2019%2Epdf

6. Cllr Paul Irwin, County and District Councillor. Deputy Cabinet Member for Transportation, Bucks County Council

Paul said 2018/2019 had been a year full of surprises. **Roundabout at Westcott.** A number of issues had emerged. An additional £800K has been required. Work should commence in summer 2019. It is hoped the roundabout will deter HGV's through the Village. **Unitary.** A first meeting of the Shadow Authority will take place in May. **Bernwode Bus** is increasing its services including a regular trip to Bicester market. There is also an over 60s club, paid for partly by the LAF. **Pot Holes.** A Plane and Patch has commenced. Upper Pollicott is scheduled to be completed soon. **Oxford Cambridge Expressway.** Corridor B (anywhere between Ashendon and Grendon Underwood) has been confirmed as the preferred corridor. Highways England will submit 3 North and 3 South routes. The 3 Southern routes are within a narrow 'corridor' and would impact a small group of villages in Buckinghamshire. These routes will be presented to government in Autumn 2019 for a government decision in 2020. PI said the concern now is that the Expressway is a road to allow houses (1 million – 700,000 have been allocated, leaving 30,000 to be allocated and possibly a new settlement in Bucks) rather than alleviate roads. North Bucks is the biggest concern. A consultation will take place in August, - a month when many Parish Councils don't meet. Paul said that a lot of groups were forming locally. He thought it more likely to be completed in 2040 (as opposed to 2030). **HS2** had been delayed. **Freight Strategy.** A meeting will take place in April. It is hoped HGVs through Ashendon, now only advisory, will be banned. Parishioners to report to PI or Peter Smettem who is in touch with FCC. It was agreed delivery vans were causing as many problems and speeding in the village. Vehicles are thought to be exceeding 30mph which is not acceptable for Ashendon. **East West Rail** is going ahead and using existing lines. Woodlands will not be demolished It will not be capable of carrying freight. **Fix my Street.** Paul encourage parishioners to use the online facility. Reporting facilities will increase with the Unitary Authority. **www.road.org.** Information about the road network. Speed cushions, ghost markings and Vehicle Activated Signs and Speed Indicated Device (SID) were suggested. Kevin thanked Paul for the support he gives to the Parish Council and noted his input on district matters.



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Written Reports

7. Ashendon Broadband Group and Community Interest Company (CIC), David Crwys-Williams

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<http://www.ashendonparish.org.uk/shared/attachments.asp?f=d7c6409b-751c-4ba6-b73d-605e25c21c7a%2Epdf&o=APC---Broadband-Group-Report-April-2019%2Epdf>

A round of applause was given to David Crwys-Williams and Sian Miller for their work on the Ashendon Broadband Project.

8. Ashendon Community Led Plan, David Crwys-Williams

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<http://www.ashendonparish.org.uk/shared/attachments.asp?f=713ca2a1-3547-48c1-884c-4a490b2b8739%2Epdf&o=APC---CLP-report-2019%2Epdf>

It was noted that the CLP will not be refreshed until the Broadband issue has been resolved. Kevin Nash thanked David for his seven years of work on the Community Led Plan and said it was a well worth exercise and had achieve a lot in that time.

9. Ashendon Playing Fields Association (APFA), Andy Theobald

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<http://www.ashendonparish.org.uk/shared/attachments.asp?f=0202a1b5-7f52-4015-a6bb-e986b0d15023%2Epdf&o=APC---Playing-Fields-Association-Report%2Epdf>

Parishioners were encouraged to sign up to the Vale Lottery to increase funding. Paul Irwin informed the meeting that AVDC has increased its monthly New Home Bonus microgrant from £1,000 to £2,000. A village can apply twice a year.

Diary Dates:

Saturday 22nd June – Camping and BBQ at the Playing Field

Wednesday 14th August 2019, 10am-12 noon – Play Around the Parishes

Appreciation was given to the Village Hall Committee.

10. Ashendon Village Hall, Richard Bates

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<http://www.ashendonparish.org.uk/shared/attachments.asp?f=b33d94aa-11a5-4b15-9573-1aa34dd9db8e%2Epdf&o=APC---ASHENDON-VILLAGE-HALL-REPORT-2019%2Epdf>

Thanks were paid to Richard and a vote of thanks was recorded for Rita for taking the bookings. Volunteers are required to help with the removal of the chairs – w/c 7th May. The old chairs will be used by the Playing Fields Association.

11. Parochial Church Council, Peter Smettem

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http://www.ashendonparish.org.uk/shared/attachments.asp?f=09df9d37-f5ef-40e2-b15d-7255af1083a1%2Epdf&o=APC---St-Mary%27s-village-2019-report_%2Epdf

Thanks were paid to Peter Smettem and members of the Parochial Church Council.



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12. Red Lion Social Club, Felicity Smettem.

Apologies were given from Luke Jamieson. Report Filed and available to view at:

<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=ea758953-61b5-40a9-857b-69081f981a37%2Epdf&o=APC---2019-Report-of-Ashendon-RLSC-Activities-in-2018-for-the-Annual-Village-Meeting-15th-%28002%29%2Epdf>

Diary Date: There will be a Treasure Hunt to coincide with the camping on Saturday 22nd June.

13. Women's Institute, Vanessa Bates

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<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=74e45d9c-c33f-4052-967d-5178b7450736%2Epdf&o=APC--ASHENDON-WI-REPORT-2019%2Epdf>

The WI continue to meet on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Thanks were paid to Vanessa Bates.

14. Community Oil Buying, Roger Pike

The Group has approximately 33 members and enjoys savings of up to a minimum of 3p per litre. 60,000 litres have been ordered this year. It costs £5 to join; £1 goes towards expenses with £4 going towards a charitable village organisation. Thanks were paid to Roger for co-ordinating the scheme.

15. Book Group, Sian Miller

The Book Group, in its 13th year, continues to thrive. The Group meets on a Thursday every 2 months in the pub. The Groups reads some very interesting books and has a number of virtual members. Thanks were paid to Sian Miller who produces the notes and Blog.

16. Gatehangers Association, Kevin Nash

Diary Date: Supper on Friday 17th May at the Hundred PH.

Closing Comments

Kevin Nash thanked contributors and attendees of the meeting and said the village of Ashendon was a fantastic place to live.

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