

DRAFT MINUTES

2015/2024

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Ashendon Village Hall
Monday 16th November 2015 at 8pm

PRESENT: Chairman: Kevin Nash (**KN**), Councillors: Les Curtis (**LC**), Sian Miller (**SM**), Chris Rand (**CR**), Peter Smettem (**PS**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk**).

Parishioners: There were 3 Parishioners present.

NB: Action points highlighted

Parishioners Question Time

Thanks were paid to Cllr Paul Irwin (**PI**) for a recent repair to road in Upper Pollicott.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Approval of Minutes – Monday 5th October 2015

Draft Minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman, KN.

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the Agenda.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Les Curtis declared an interest in planning application: 15/03575/APP - Manor Farm, Lower Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0HQ.

5. Planning

- **15/03402/COUAR - Former Dairy And Bull Pens, Upper Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0HB**
Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of existing farm buildings into one dwelling (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)). Case Officer: Paul Hems. Comments by: 12th November 2015. **ACTION: Clerk has returned No Objections to AVDC.**
- **15/03575/APP - Manor Farm, Lower Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0HQ**
Demolition of existing farm buildings, extension and conversion of existing barns to form four dwellings, erection of associated garage, including erection of garage to serve the existing dwelling and retention of existing access (Amendment to Planning Permission 12/00803/APP in respect of change to previously approved access). Case Officer: Mrs Diana Locking. Comments by: 23rd November 2015. **ACTION: Clerk to return No Objections to AVDC but comment that one Councillor expressed concern that improved visibility will result in increased traffic speed.**

6. Correspondence including BCC/BMKALC Clean for the Queen (Friday 4 to Sunday 6 March 2016)

BCC/BMKALC "Clean for the Queen" (Friday 4th to Sunday 6th March 2015).

A request for support from Parish Councils/Local Authorities to inspire people/community groups to sign up and volunteer for "most monumental of all litter clear-ups" as a run up to the Queen's 90th Birthday in April.

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ACTION: Clerk to sign up. Councillors to decide date and activities – litter pick, cleaning of signs, etc. CLERK to agenda for February meeting.

7. Contributions from AVDC and BCC Cllr

There were no contributions.

8. Finance

a. Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (5th October 2015): **BALANCE: £13,705.57**

- Receipts: £0.00
- Debits: £0.00
- Plus unrepresented cheques: £6.06 (Michael Rand – Street Light)
Balance of Bank Account: £13,712.17 (as at 23rd October 2015).
Available Funds: £13,705.57 (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques).

b. Orders for Payment: **£393.00**

- **Venetia Davies - £275.00**
- **Royal British Legion - £17.00** (poppy wreath)
- **Mr K Nash - £101.00** (presentation gifts - Section 137)
- **BALANCE: £13,312.57** - (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)

Orders for Payment were approved. Proposed by **PS**, Seconded by **LC**.

9. Replacement Bench located at Old Forge

Councillors agreed to replace bench with “like for like” bench. **ACTION: KN to source funding.**

10. Draft Technical reports to inform the VALP Issues and Options consultation. Parish Councils requested to take opportunity to comment on emerging planning policy for District by 04/11/2015

AVDC has issued draft technical reports that require a response, if wished, by local residents, business and community groups by 4th December 2015. Views and ideas can be submitted on what the plan should achieve, how new homes (31,000 in Aylesbury Vale) and jobs should be distributed and what new policies could be introduced to manage development between now and 2033. Councillors agreed not to comment on this developing plan at this stage.

11. BCC Transportation Devolution Proposal for 2016

Two quotations (for grass cutting) received and circulated by **CR**. A third quotation is required.

ACTION: Clerk to enquire with other local Parish Councils (carrying out services on own behalf) for additional contractor. In light of the budget freeze on non-essential spending, **PS** questioned if services would be devolved in 2016. **ACTION: Clerk to liaise with Cllr PI.** **SM** expressed concerns for taking responsibility for services particularly given low associated BCC funding. **Timings:** Devolved agreements will be sent to Local Councils in December 2015. Receipt of all sign agreements wishing to take part in Trance 2 will be received February 2016 (end of week 3). Participating Local Councils will commence delivery of services on 1st April 2016. **ACTION: KN, CR and PS to meet to discuss implications/costings further and keep Councillors/Clerk informed.**

12. Reports from Councillors attending meetings and outside organisations

Feedback on Councillor Induction course. The course was reported to be informative with good support material but it was felt the meeting was somewhat lengthy.

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13. Ongoing: Rural Affordable Housing, Full Fibre Broadband Service/BT's Superfast Extension Programme, Community Speed Watch and APFA MUGA grant.

Cllr Michael Rand (**MR**) is representing Ashendon for full fibre broadband service. Ashendon Playing Field Association is expected to hear result of grant applications (Rothschild and WREN by end November/early December).

14. Items for Information including Diary Dates:

- 18th November 2015 – KN to attend *LAF Meeting* (Marsh Gibbon Village Hall)
- 25th November 2015 – Clerk to attend *Working Together for Buckinghamshire - Town and Parish Councils Conference*.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

KN proposed that the Parish Council meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at 8pm. **ACTION: KN/Clerk to publicise the following meeting dates for 2016/17 on the website, in Bernwode News and Parish Council Facebook page.**

2016	2017
Monday 18 th January	Monday 16 th January
Monday 21 st March	Monday 20 th March
Monday 25 th April – Annual Village Meeting	Monday 24 th April – Annual Village Meeting
Monday 16 th May – Annual Parish Council Meeting	Monday 15 th May – Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 18 th July	Monday 17 th July
Monday 19 th September	Monday 18 th September
Monday 21 st November	Monday 20 th November
Monday 19 th December	Monday 18 th December

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

**Monday 21st December at 8.00pm
Budget Meeting
Ashendon Village Hall**