

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2010
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

Present: Councillors D. Rand (Chairman)
R. Manasse
J. Bonson
S. Miller
K Nash

Clerk: Michael Rand

Apologies: Councillors Margaret Morgan-Owen (AVDC)
Michael Edmonds (BCC)

3 members of the public present.

Prior to the meeting, a presentation was given by Mrs. Carol Nutkin and Mrs. Sarah Allwood from Buckinghamshire Community Action on Community Led Planning followed by questions and answers which lasted for 35 minutes.

The Chairman thanked both ladies for attending.

An open forum with members of the public then took place before the start of the Council Meeting.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.55 pm.

1594. Resolved. The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 24th November 2009 were signed as a correct record.

1595. Declarations of Interest.

Councillor D Rand declared an Interest in Item 9 on the Agenda; clearing of the church yard of spoil heap and rubbish.

1596. Community Led Plan.

Resolved. To hold a Saturday lunch time or weekday evening event in April to which members of the Parish would be invited to add their contributions towards developing a wish list for the Parish Plan. Councillors Nash and Miller to draft a Flyer to be delivered to each household. The Clerk to liaise with BCA for a selection of dates which are convenient for them to attend and assist with the event. All this to be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting.

1597. Buckinghamshire County Council Freight Strategy Public Consultation.

Mr. Peter Smettem had obtained the Freight Strategy which had not been on the Bucks County Council's Website. He addressed the meeting, and following a discussion, agreed to draft a letter of observation and comment for the Parish Council to consider endorsing as their contribution towards the consultation. This to be accompanied by a Survey, taken on a Tuesday, of traffic through the village. Councillor Bonson to coordinate the traffic survey with other Councillors and volunteers,

The Chairman thanked Mr. Smettem for his help.

1598. Car Park Ownership.

The Council considered the latest correspondence from Ashendon Playing Field Association, dated 11th January, which stated that "although APFA retains ownership of the land on which the car park and fencing are constructed on, they do not consider themselves responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the car park and fencing around it and that this must remain the responsibility of the Parish Council".

The Chairman of Ashendon Playing Field Association, Mr. Raymond Lloyd, was present and was invited to answer questions raised by the Council. Mr Lloyd stated that the APFA thought that as the car park was a village amenity, used by other organisations namely the Church and Village Hall, it was unfair for them to be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. Mr. Lloyd confirmed that the Playing Field Association Insurance covered the car park for such items as accidental damage to the tarmac by a vehicular fire or a fuel leak/s.

Resolved.

The fencing and hedging maintenance to remain the responsibility of the Ashendon Playing Field Association.

For consideration at the next Parish Council Meeting, the Clerk to obtain advice on the proposal that the Parish Council can commit itself to the long term maintenance of the tarmac surface and kerbing that may be necessary due to fair wear and tear,

1599. Westcott Venture Park (Lighting to Total Butler Oil Depot)

The Clerk reported that Total Butler proposed installing sensors to the lighting system to the car and lorry parks as well as the oil storage area.

1600. Trees adjacent to Red House, Lower End.

The Council had received a letter from Bucks County Council confirming that the grass verge, with the three sycamore trees, is in their ownership and they will be carrying out a tree survey, which will be forwarded to the Parish Council, when completed.

1601. Grass Mowing and Strimming Contracts.

Resolved.

To confirm orders to

i.	Mr. Reg Porter.	Playing Field	£550 + VAT
		Car Park	£150 + VAT
ii.	Mr. Len Holder	Boughton's Peace	£200

Proposed by Councillor D. Rand

Seconded by Councillor J. Bonson.

1562. Clearing of Church Yard of Spoil Heap and Rubbish.

Resolved. Although only one quotation had been obtained, the Council considered it to be 'value for money'; an order to be placed with Rand Contracting for £690 + VAT. The work to be completed as soon as possible as the proposed access to clear the rubbish is over a worked allotment plot.

Proposed by Councillor R. Manasse.

Seconded by Councillor J. Bonson.

1563. Public Rights of Way Inspections.

Councillor Nash gave an update saying that he had received maps indicating all the footpaths accompanied by questionnaires and forms to be completed. Along with Councillor Bonson, he would be carrying out the inspections with the exception of the Chearsley Footpath which would be walked by Councillor Miller.

1564. Reports by Members attending Outside Meetings and Other Organisations.

Councillor Bonson gave an update on his attendance at the last LAF meeting but there had not been a NAG meeting since the last Parish Council Meeting.

1565 Date of next Meeting.

To be agreed

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.05 pm.