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ASHENDON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Minutes of Annual Village Meeting

held in The Village Hall

Monday 16th April 2018 at 8pm

Chair: Kevin Nash, Chairman
Clerk: Venetia Davies, Clerk
Attendance: 21 Parishioners

1. Apologies

Sian Miller

2. Minutes of previous Annual Village Meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017

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. Written Reports

The Parish Council **Draft** Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2018 and Proposed Budget for 2018/19 were circulated. Filed and available to view at:

<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=e5b12acd-89fb-49aa-b21e-7f15794132c0%2Epdf> and <https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=9d13a0c5-7980-4208-9ab3-7cede7e2cc39%2Epdf>.

5. Kevin Hyland, Police Community Support Officer

There have been no calls to action in Ashendon. There have been changes in the policing structure in Waddesdon. There is now a Neighbourhood team, I Hub and Response Hub.

6. Nigel Mackenzie, Project Manager, Westcott Venture Park

Nigel gave a brief history of Westcott Venture Park and reported on its developments. Once Government own, Rockspring are today the long-term owners. It is home to a wide variety of some 80 companies and approximately 700 people. There are 6 companies that carry out rocket propulsion research. The high-profile company is Reaction Engines – a UK based company, grant funded by the Government. Due to lack of access to motorway junctions, the site is veering away from distribution towards high technology. It is hoped that the site will become a centre of excellence for rocket propulsion. As a result, Nigel assured the meeting that an increase in HGV traffic is unlikely. There are however safety concerns with junction traffic, a result of increased traffic from residential developments, and traffic volume is now close to capacity. The safest option to reduce speed along the A41 has been to develop a designed for a roundabout at the junction. It will have 4 branches – two for the A41, one exit to Westcott village and a dedicated access to Westcott Venture Park. The application is about



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to be submitted to BCC and if permitted, will be installed towards the latter part of the year. Questions were raised about environmental noise. The meeting was assured that there will be a condition in the planning application that will limit the amount of testing and noise level. The testing regime will be made available through social media. The meeting asked for the landlords to consider the visual impact of the new white building, requesting they be 'toned down.' Some of the new buildings are 'state of the art' and will create a better working environment for employees. There is no intention of making a dedicated access from High Street Westcott into the Venture Park. It was suggested that the roundabout may encourage traffic through the village. It was thought this possible for local traffic but not HGVs. An advisory sign 'unsuitable for HGVs' will be positioned. The Venture Park considers Ashendon as its neighbour and is keen to hear Parishioners perception of Westcott. Tours of the site will be organised in due course. Kevin thanked Nigel for his contributions.

7. Ashendon Parish Council, Chair, Kevin Nash

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<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=ccd2fb57-9839-46a3-8bda-a8b32debeb79%2Epdf>.

Volunteers are required for Sentinel Speed watch (16/4 to 27/4/18). Kevin encouraged people to sign up to the website to receive planning applications and news alerts.

Diary Dates: Parish Council AGM – Monday 21st May 2018 at 8pm

8. Contributions

Kevin Nash invited contributions from Representatives of the Ashendon community:

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

Paul reported on District and County news. The Government has given £100M to Local Councils for the repair of potholes – the worst for 15 years. The total spend will be almost £2.8M for the Plain and Patch repairs. The Draft Freight Strategy received over 1600 replies. A Freight Strategy Liaison Officer is being employed to work with Parishes to help combat the growing issues around freight movement. The Expressway Consultation closes on 12th April. The Governments favoured corridor is Route B which is alongside EWR. BCC favour Route A and AVDC A or B. Secretary of State Sajid Javid's has made a 'minded to' announcement about a single county-wide unitary for Bucks. The Bernwode Bus goes from strength to strength and is now being used 4 times a week. Volunteer drivers are needed. Paul has just agreed improvements to the Causeway – double height kerbs at the corner by the Wotton Underwood junction and to the opposite side. The salt bin will be removed to increase the length of the path. This will be funded by BCC, LAF and the Parish Council. Kevin thanked Paul for the support he gives to Ashendon.



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

David Crwys-Williams informed the meeting that BT has singularly failed to fulfil its side of the contract (to install Superfast Broadband in Ashendon and Pollicott by 25th March 2018). The latest of several new dates by when the fibre may be commissioned is the end of May 2018. This excludes the 2/3 weeks to migrate service from an internet provider. David Crwys-Williams and Kevin Nash have written to John Bercow, MP with supporting evidence and key points (history, contracts, monies raised [£33,000 in 3 weeks], promises given) for support.

Sian Miller has received notification of a further delay due to duct works that have collapsed. The Broadband Group will continue to keep Ashendon updated and informed.

Ashendon Community Led Plan, David Crwys-Williams

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<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=0c7deb9f-a73a-453a-9b91-ac6280b944ec%2Epdf>. The CLP will not be refreshed until the Broadband issue has been resolved.

Ashendon Playing Fields Association (APFA), Liam Cummings (on behalf of Andy Theobald)

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<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=ba6a8819-9dfc-4b7a-a19b-12b21f6265d3%2Epdf> and <https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=bde34500-228e-41b8-bc34-f1b7bbaa995%2Epdf>

Diary Date: Pavilion Maintenance – Sunday 27th May, Play Around the Parishes – Tuesday 14th August (am session).

Ashendon Village Hall, Richard Bates

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<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=38f9836e-0ff6-4d83-b342-3fceb0c14a5e%2Epdf>. Paul Irwin indicated that funding of £250 could be granted to Ashendon Village Hall from the Leader Fund.

Diary Date: Pudding Evening – Saturday 12th May 2018.

Gatehangers Association, Kevin Nash

Kevin Nash appealed for a Committee to be formed to continue this long-standing Association (formed some 52 years ago).

Book Group, Sue Lewin

The Book Club continues to meet every 2 months in the Hundred PH. The group has members from Ashendon and Pollicott and further afield and is always open to new members. Sue paid thanks to Sian who produces the notes and Blog.



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Parochial Church Council, Peter Smettem

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<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=6777a7a7-ff13-45e0-b9b2-8da81d5b7fd4%2Epdf>

Diary Date: Church AGM – Sunday 22nd April 2018

Red Lion Social Club, Luke Jamieson

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<https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=76cf9294-77c7-423c-930c-710f10af1a70%2Epdf>

Women's Institute, Vanessa Bates

The WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. Report Filed and available to view at <https://www.hugofox.com/shared/attachments.asp?f=059b7625-2466-4e2a-b56d-1590091b01e2%2Epdf>

Diary Date: Dunkirk the Film – 15th May 2018

Community Oil Buying, Roger Pike

The Group has 33 members and enjoys savings of up to a minimum of 3p per litre. It costs £5 to join; £1 goes towards expenses with £4 going towards a charitable organisation – the framed photographs in the hall were funded by the scheme. Roger hopes to continue administrating the Group this year and next but invited anyone who may be interested in taking it over to get in touch.

Closing Comments

Kevin Nash thanked the meeting for attending and thanked everyone for all they do in the village concluding *'it makes Ashendon the great place it is'*.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Parish Council AGM – Monday 21st May 2018 at 8pm

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