

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2010
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

Present: Councillors D. Rand (Chairman)
J. Bonson
Sian Miller

Apologies: R. Manasse
K. Nash
County Councillor M. Edmonds
District Councillor Margaret Morgan-Owen

6 members of the public present.

A discussion and open forum took place before the meeting which included an address by Mr. Peter Johnson (Secretary to Ashendon Community Led Plan).

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.35 pm.

1561. **Resolved.** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 28th June 2010 be signed as a correct record.

1562. **Declarations of Interest.** None recorded.

1563. **Bucks County Council Delegated Budget Scheme.**

The Clerk reported that the Council's application for replacement street lights in Main Street, Upper Pollicott and Stone Pits Cottages was being processed by Bucks County Council for consideration.

1564. **Reports by Members attending meetings of outside organisations.**

NAG. Councillor Bonson gave a full verbal report.

Community Led Plan. No interim meeting had been held.

LAF. No report given.

1565. **Water Ingress at the junction of The Close and Main Street.**

The Clerk reported that preventative work had taken place by Curtis Developments which had been successful and Bucks County Council engineers had stated that kerbing work will take place east side of the junction to restrict grass verge erosion.

1566 **Application by Gatehangers' Inn for advertising on the Bus Shelter.**

The proprietor of the Gatehangers' Inn, Mr. Andy Dale, had submitted a design for signage to be fixed on the apex of both gable ends of the bus shelter.

Resolved. Members were not fully satisfied with the design and the proposal for the signs to be fixed to the shelter. They asked for more detailing by the proprietor so that further consideration could be given at their next Council Meeting.

1567. **Planning Applications**

Westcott Venture Park (Solar Panel Park APP. No. 10/01701/APP).

Resolved. No objections with the comment 'concern was made that the solar panels may have a reflective dazzle that could be distracting to Ashendon residents'. This could affect it being in favour of further phases.

Doone Cottage (APP No. 10/01619/APP).

Resolved. No objections.

1568. **Speed Limit Review.**

Members noted Bucks County Council's correspondence stating that the agreed speed limits for Area 11 and, in particular, Ashendon will be implemented in December 2010/January 2011.

1569. **Response to 'Ashendon Community Led Plan' Consultation.**

Resolved. The following observations (in italics) to be passed to the Ashendon Community Led Plan Steering Group in answer to the questions raised in their document dated 28th July 2010.

- Develop a plan for the future of the community, which the Parish, District and County Councils can support.

The Agenda for the next Council Meeting will include such items as possible housing for natural growth of the village for children and others who would like to stay in the community, the infrastructure, its needs and possible deficiencies in health, education, transportation and local employment sites which will hopefully assist in developing the above plan.

- And influence and inform the Council Plans, Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework

Councillors thought this could be encompassed with the above.

Some the key areas people identified for improvement

- HGV / Commercial Vehicles travelling through Ashendon
Correspondence currently between Bucks County Council and Total Butler in an attempt to restrict volume. AVDC have stated that only three movements, on a Tuesday, from Haddenham will travel through the village. That is two trips to Calvert and one return trip to Haddenham.
- Speed of Vehicles travelling through Ashendon
Bucks County Council have confirmed that a 30 mile and hour speed limit will be implemented December 2010/January 2011
- More Pavements and Safe Routes for pedestrians on Ashendon Roads
Proposals had been made for a footpath along the Causeway but was put on hold due to costs beyond the Council's budget.

- The reliance on cars due to poor public transport
Representations were made to Bucks County Council when public transport was last reviewed and it was proposed to cease the Wednesday bus to Aylesbury. As a result, we now have a service on a Wednesday and a Friday still going to Aylesbury but via Thame.
- Road and Kerb maintenance (on all Ashendon roads)
Current proposals by Bucks County Council to carry out kerb work to Main Street, below The Close.
- Improve footpaths/bridleways/cycle routes
Councillors are presently completing a survey of all public footpaths and bridleways within the Parish. Any observations will be passed to Bucks County Council.

The following specific comments were also raised by a number of individuals and will be of interest to the Parish Council:

- The state of the roads during freezing or snowy weather
Noted. The Parish Council will be writing to Bucks County Council asking for salt heaps to be placed in certain positions within the Parish.
- Provision of dog-poo bins
This was a subject of a recent meeting and the Council resolved not to install bins.
- Provision of waste bins
This has not been an item on the agenda for some considerable time.
- Better street lighting
The Council has recently made an application to the Delegated Budget Fund to have the three street lights in Main Street, the one street light at Upper Pollicott and the lamp column at Stone Pits Cottages to be renewed.
- Bollard visibility on The Hill (or remove it)
This was a replacement for an existing damaged bollard.

1570. **Overhanging Hedge Gatehangers Barn, Lower End.**

It was reported that Bucks County Council will be supplying the Community Gang when they next visit the village in early October to cut back the hedge overhanging the roadway to the boundary of Gatehangers Barn.

1571. **Date of Next Meeting.**

To be decided. Probably mid-November.