

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11th MAY 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM**

Present:	Councillors	Kevin Nash (Chairman) Sian Miller Christopher Rand Peter Smettem
	County Councillor and District Councillor	Paul Irwin
	Clerk	Michael Rand

Apologies: Councillor Les Curtis

Nine members of the public present.

1978. **Election of Chairman:** Councillor Kevin Nash elected
Proposed by Councillor Smettem. Seconded Councillor Miller.

1979.. **Election of Vice Chairman:** Councillor Smettem elected.
Proposed by Councillor Nash. Seconded Councillor Rand.

1980. **Representatives elected to Outside Organisations:**

- i. Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG).
As meetings had ceased, no appointment made
- ii. Local Area Forum (LAF) Councillor Nash
- iii. Community Led Plan (CLP) Councillors Miller and Nash

1981. **Parish Council Annual Report**

Councillor Nash gave an overview of the year (report on file).

1982. **Guest Speaker:** Gillian Sinclair gave a presentation and answered questions on the Energy From Waste Plant at Calvert. She offered the Parish Council opportunity to organise a trip to the facility.

The Chairman then closed the meeting and invited members of the public to address the Council in an open forum. Cllr. Paul Irwin thanked all members of the Parish who had voted for him in the recent District Council Elections and said he looked forward to working with close ties to the Parish Council. The Chairman then reopened the meeting at 8.35 pm.

1983. **Minutes.** ACTION
Resolved. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 30th March 2015 be signed as a correct record.
1984. **Declarations of Interest**
There were none.
1985. **Rural Affordable Housing.**
Mrs. Jean Fox had identified several potential sites. These are presently being unofficially considered by AVDC's Planning Department. Mrs. Jean Fax will report back to the Council.
1986. **Community Speed Watch.**
Cllr. Miller reported that eight people had received training at Waddesdon with the detection equipment. Concern was raised that The speed equipment had been taken from the village hall shed, where it had been stored, for training and had not been returned. Its whereabouts and insurance and a register of users will be discussed at the next Local Area Forum. KN
1987. **Reports from Representatives on Outside Organisations.**
LAF: No meeting had been held since the last report.
The next meeting is programmed for 28th May in Ashendon.
CLP: No report.
1988. **Broadband.**
No progress has been made on obtaining a cost for the extension of the fibre optic cable from Box Waddesdon 2 to Box Waddesdon 2/2. It was reported that Waddesdon 2 Box was now live and a test had shown that a property just inside the Ashendon Village Sign was registering 18 megabytes. Further enquiries to be made requesting testing to be carried out on the strength of signal further into the village. Clerk
1989. **Cutting Back Hedge, Lower End.**
No apparent progress had been made in to resolving this matter. Presently waiting for a meeting to be arranged between the occupant of the Gatehangers Barn and BCC. Cllr Irwin (BCC) to chase.

1990. **Reduction to Churchyard Wall in front of War Memorial.
Resolved.**

As the Church is a Grade 1 Listed Building which encompasses the boundary wall, it was decided that no further action would be taken.

1991. **Causeway Footpath**

An estimate had been received for £2840 + VAT for construction of a footway made up of waste tarmac.

Resolved:

Not to accept the estimate and no further action be taken.

1992. **Reimbursement of Ashendon Playing Field and Trustee
Indemnity Insurance.**

The Council's attention was drawn to Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 which allows the Council to spend up to £7.20 (as of last year and £7.36 this year) per person on the Electoral Roll on organisations outside the Council's responsibility. At the moment there are 197 on the Register, giving a total allowable spend of £1449.00. The advice given was that it is acceptable to pay for the mowing and strimming of the Playing Field (as it would be for the Church; both being maintenance of village amenities). The reimbursement of the Playing Field Insurance could be considered 'questionable' as it is not part of maintaining an amenity but an administrative cost.

The reimbursement of the Trustee Indemnity Insurance cannot be considered for payment by the Council.

Coupled with the cost that the Council has already agreed to pay for the mowing and strimming maintenance and the proposed payment of the annual insurance of £715.73, making a total of £1687.96, would result in an overspend of £269.56 on the Section 137 allowance.

Resolved.

Not to pay the Trustee Indemnity Insurance of £265.00.

Further enquiries be made to clarify the 'questionable' advice received on the payment of the Playing Field Insurance up to the amount that could be paid under Section 137.

Clerk

1993. **Appointment of Internal Auditor.**

Mr. Andy Howes was appointed internal Auditor.
Proposed by Cllr. Rand. Seconded Cllr. Smettem

1994. **Village Tidy Up.**

Resolved.

A Village Tidy Up will take place on Saturday 6th June between 9.30 am and 12.30. A request for help be advertised.

Arrangements to be made for the loaning of high-viz jackets, pickers and sacks from AVDC.

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Clerk

1995. **Planning Application:**

15/0115/APP – ASHENDON

Valley Farm Upper Pollicott Ashendon Buckinghamshire HP18 0HH

Conversion of existing barn to form two new residential units.

Resolved.

No objection but to add a comment: “to retain the established trees”.

1996. **Approval of the 2014/15 Accounts.**

The 2014/15 Accounts were approved and adopted.

Proposed by Cllr. Smettem. Seconded Cllr. Rand.

1997. **Outstanding Accounts:**

	£
Zurich Municipal Annual Insurance	243.80

Resolved.

Before payment is agreed, to check and increase total assets from £10,000 to £15,000.

Resolved to pay:

BALC Annual Membership	31.52
AVDC Play Around the Parishes	200.00
A. Tomlinson Connection of Defibrillator	214.26

Proposed by Cllr. Rand. Seconded by Cllr. Miller

Date of next Meeting: Monday 27th July 2015