

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st January 2013
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

Present:	Councillors	Geoff Pimm (Chairman)
		John Bonson
		Sian Miller
		Kevin Nash
	County Councillor	Michael Edmunds
	Clerk	Michael Rand
Apologies:	District Councillor	David Vick

Twelve members of the public present.

The Vice-Chairman Councillor Pimm welcomed members of the public to the meeting and requested a minute's silence in memory of David Rand who died just after Christmas and had been a Parish Councillor for 33 years and was first Chairman of the Council in 1984.

Councillor Pimm then opened the Meeting at 8.05 pm

1794. Election of Parish Council Chairman.

Resolved. Councillor Nash be elected Chairman .

Proposed by Councillor Pimm and Seconded Councillor Miller

Councillor Nash then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took over as Chairman.

The Meeting was closed at 8.10 pm and the Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council in an Open Forum.

No items were raised.

The Meeting re-opened at 8.12 pm

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1795. **Minutes.** ACTION
Resolved. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November 2012 be signed as a correct record.
1796. **Declarations of Interest**
There were none.
1797. **Election of Vice-Chairman**
Resolved. As Councillor Pimm was still in office a re-election was not necessary.
- 1798 **Village Tidy-up**
BT Box: The Clerk to write to BT asking for their strategic intent for the Telephone box Clerk
- Boughton's Peace:**
Resolved. Arrangements were made for Councillors to form a working party to tidy the area on Wednesday 13th March at 10 am. Councillor Miller would not be able to attend. Members of the public were asked to help. JB/KN/GP
1799. **Ownership of Village Pump, Lower End.**
Bucks County Council had confirmed ownership of the land.
Resolved. To fit a new handle and paint the pump. KN/GP
- 1800 **LAF Delegated Budget 2013/14. Suggestions for nomination/s for project/s.**
Resolved. Enquiries to be made as to whether a projector screen and audio equipment, with a provision of a laptop connection, for installation in the Village Hall would be eligible under the scheme. If it is acceptable a request be made to the Village Hall Committee for their approval. Clerk
- 1801 **Community Speed Watch**
Councillor Pimm reported that concern has been voiced by Thames Valley Police that the equipment was not being used as frequently as they would like. The Clerk reported that a request for more volunteers to assist with its operation would appear in next Month's Bernwode News.

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1802. Reports By Councillors on Outside Bodies.

CLP. The Chairman of the Community Led Plan Steering Group, Mr. David Crwys-Williams, addressed the Meeting and reiterated the contents of the pamphlet which had been circulated at the end of last year highlighting four priorities.

Action Teams will be formed for each of the four priorities;

- Traffic and Roads.
- Faster, affordable broadband.
- Preferred housing development guidelines.
- Facilities and activities for young people.

Discussion took place on faster Broadband. It was reported to the Council that only 24 of a possible 104 households has registered for faster broadband in the recent consultation.

It was thought that if the community wished for a faster service, this response did not send a clear message for possible upgrading.

It was suggested that it could be an advantage if Ashendon worked jointly with Westcott Venture Park to pressurise the relevant authority for improvement. Councillor Pimm to contact the Venture Park to see if this is a possibility. Councillor Pimm also to work in conjunction with Mr. David Crwys-Williams and the CLP. Steering Group.

GP

NAG Councillor Bonson gave a brief report of a recent meeting

LAF Councillor Nash gave a detailed report of a recent meeting

1803. Footpath from Upper Pollicott to Village Centre

The Clerk reported a verbal agreement with Mrs. Rosemany Fountaine and Mrs. Mary Simmons for a hop-up to be placed in the stile adjacent to the field gate just below the Old Forge to enable a footpath shortcut to be taken across the field to the bottom of Upper Pollicott.

Resolved The Clerk to confirm this Agreement in writing and arrangements to be made at the next meeting for the installation of the hop-up..

Clerk

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1804. HGV Signage and Westcott Venture Park Traffic.

Resolved. Councillor Pimm to carry out a HGV Survey through the village later in the year when the weather is warmer.

GP

The Clerk to pursue the Council's request for an improvement of signage on the A41 advising of "HGV Unsuitability" access on the C66 after the Venture Park access

Clerk

1805 Maintenance Contracts:

Reg Porter	Mowing and Strimming Playing Field	£599.00+VAT
	Strimming Car Park 2013-01-22	£165.00+VAT
Len Holder	Mowing and Strimming Boughton's Peace	£235.00+VAT

Resolved. Orders to be placed with both contractors for the above amounts. Proposed by Councillor Miller, Seconded Councillor Bonson,.

1806 AVDC Holiday Activities for Easter and Summer Holidays,

The Clerk confirmed arrangements had been made with AVDC for

Tuesday 9th April

Monday 5th August

Tuesday 20th August

The Pavilion had been booked for these three dates.

1807. Car Park Sign – Installation of sign along the Causeway.

Resolved. A letter to be sent to Ashendon Playing Field Association Asking for permission for the Council to source a directional sign for The car park to be installed along the Causeway.

Clerk

1808 Dial-a-Ride – Request for Donation

Councillor Nash reported further information and details regarding the Service given by Vale of Aylesbury Dial-a-Ride which is an independent Non-profit organisation.

Resolved not to give a financial donation

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1809 Planning Application:

12/02812/APP Valley Farm, Upper Pollicott, Ashendon,

Demolition of existing agricultural building and replace with agricultural building

The plans had been circulated before the meeting and observations made.

No objection – but with an observation drawing the Planning Officer's attention to the new building having a larger footprint than the original.

1809 Parish Council Vacancy

Resolved. A Notice to be displayed to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

If after 14 days of the commencement of the Notice and 10 electors have not given notice that a bi-election is to take place, the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

The vacancy to be published in the Bernwode News asking for applicants. Clerk

Date of Next Meeting 18th March