

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2011
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

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

Three members of the public present.

Councillor John Bonson took the Chair in the absence of Councillor David Rand.

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council in an Open Forum.

The Meeting opened at 8.03 pm

1656. **Minutes.** **ACTION**
Resolved. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th July 2011 be signed as a correct record.
1657. **Matters Arising.**
Resolved. A letter to be sent to Bucks County Council to thank them for the work that they have carried out in response to Ashendon Parish Council's Survey of the public footpaths in the Parish. Clerk
1658. **Declarations of Interest**
There were none.
1659. **Community Contingency Plan.**
Councillor Pimm updated the Meeting stating that he was now on Version 3.
 - Compiling contact points for the assets base.
 - To establish needs to be included in the Plan.
 - Target date for final draft mid-November.
 - Draft copy will be sent to all Councillors and David Crwys-Williams. GP/SM/KN
1660. **Parish Council Communication with the Parish.**
Councillor Miller reported that the Community Led Plan Steering Group was waiting for the questionnaire replies before the preferred form of Communication could be established. SM

1661. **Village Tidy Up**

Resolved. Decisions were made on the following items drawn up on a Parish Walk-about by Councillors on 6th August 2011:

1. Sweep out bus shelter
Action: Cllr. Nash
2. Weeds around bus shelter
Action: Cllr. Nash
3. State of village hall car park
Action: Joint venture BCC/AVH
4. Replacement of 'Public Footpath' sign adjacent to Long Cottage
Action Clerk
5. BT Box – no swipe card reader, consider removal of telephone box
Action: Clerk to establish need and possible simplification of instructions.
6. Replacement or decorate safety rail adjacent to telephone box
Action: BCC to decorate white
7. Possible footpath adjacent to Windy Ridge
Action: To be considered at a later date
8. Removal of 'no cycling' signs either end of Stubcock footpath
Action: BCC to remove
9. Missing stopcock cover at The Close entrance
Action: Clerk to report to Water Authority
10. Possible salt bin position (The Close)
Action: Salt bin to be ordered.
11. Over-hanging hedge to Warmstone House and both adjacent properties
Action: None
12. Replacement of bollard adjacent to Holly by Gollins
Action: BCC
13. Repair of road access to Ashendon Farm House (if in ownership of BCC)
Action: Clerk to establish ownership with BCC
14. Missing granite sets at entrance of Hill Croft
Action: BCC
15. Damaged right-hand 'Ashendon' sign (East Farm)
Action: Replacement by BCC
16. Boughton's Peace – trim back footpath – trim around trees and crown lift
Action: Working party of Councillors to co-ordinate with PCC on Church Yard tidy-up.

17. Overhanging hedges to Stubcock Footpath
Action: BCC
18. Maintenance to handrail opposite The Hill
Action: BCC paint white
19. State of Short Lane road
Action: BCC to carry out localised repairs
20. Overhanging vegetation to Westcott footpath and shingled path
Action: Clerk to report to BCC Rights of Way Officer
21. Overhanging hedge Gatehangers Barn
Action: BCC
22. Road repairs to The Square
Action: BCC
23. Overhanging tree The Red House
Action: BCC
24. Overhanging hedge to the front of No. 1, 2 and 3 Lower End
Action: BCC
25. Hedge trimming either side of Church Hill
Action: APFA and PCC
26. Maintenance to Church Yard (to be addressed by the PCC beginning October 2011)
Action: PCC
27. Car Park; tidy up of electrical metre box support and surround and removal of 40 gallon drum
Action: Cllr Nash to liaise with APFA
28. Poor state of road between car park entrance and Main Street.
Action: BCC
29. Consideration of informal lay-by adjacent to the Church entrance
Action: Completed by BCC
30. Causeway – informal lay-by; to improve or remove? Trimming of hedge adjacent to the reservoir and the levelling of the grass verge for the use of a grassed path way
Action: To be considered by BCC
31. Proposed salt bin position along Causeway
Action: Clerk to place order for bin
32. Replacement seat at the Blacksmiths, Wotton Road
Action: Clerk to source possible funding

33. Removal of dead trees in the Reservoir hedge
Action: BCC
34. Proposed salt bin position opposite Hill Cottages
Action: Clerk to place order for bin
35. Removal or reinstatement of the chain-link fencing to the open space in front of Stone Pits Cottages
Action: Clerk to contact Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust for their proposals.
36. Upper Pollicott – replacement or refurbishment of both directional and ‘dead end’ signs
Action: BCC
37. Proposed salt bin adjacent to ‘dead end’ sign (Upper Pollicott)
Action: Clerk to order salt bin
38. Poor state of road repair in front of Next to the White House
Action: To be monitored by BCC.
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1662. **Update on Highways**
The Clerk gave a verbal report informing the Council that the Westcott road had been temporarily repaired to enable proposals and costings for a more permanent answer to the road-slip that occurs on an irregular basis, probably some time next year.
The Wotton Road will be temporarily closed within the next month for repairs although the final solution will not be made until after a proposed new/ replacement water main has been laid down the road, probably next year.
It is planned for the new Westcott Venture Access Road to be completed March/April 2012.
1663. **Delegated Budget**
The Council noted that BCC were to renew street lights – 2 at Main Street, 1 outside Linnet Cottage Upper Pollicott, 1 in front of Stone Pitts Cottages.
Resolved. The Clerk to enquire about the possibility of changing the lumineres from the proposed Libra to Strand (A, A+, B or C) and also any cost Implications. Clerk
1664. **Community Speed Watch**
Councillor Pimm informed the Meeting there was no further update due to the proposed meeting and demonstration of the Speed Camera being cancelled.
Resolved. Councillor Pimm to pursue a further appointment. GP

1665. **Reports from representatives on outside organisations.**
NAG. Councillor Bonson reported that at the last meeting he attended reference was made to be break-in that had occurred along Main Street and Thames Valley Police had two suspects that were being followed up.
1666. **Refuse freighter**
It was stated that the visits by the freighter only suited retired people while the majority were away working. It was noted that the next proposed visit will be on 1st November at 7.30 am to 11.00 am on the Gatehangers' Inn Car Park. It was hoped that this would be more suitable to working people.
1667. **Planning Applications**
11/01099/ALB
11/01098/APP
Demolition of extensions and erection of single storey rear and Side extension. The Bakehouse, Lower End.
Resolved. No objections.
1668. **Multi Games Event.** To celebrate the London 2012 Olympics.
Resolved. The Clerk to forward the information to both APFA (Tans Theobald) and CLP (David Crwys-Williams)
1669. **Date of Next Meeting.**
Resolved. 17th October 2011.

Clerk

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.