

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors	David Rand (Chairman)
		John Bonson
		Sian Miller
		Kevin Nash
	County Councillor	Michael Edmonds
	Clerk	Michael Rand
<b>Apologies:</b>	District Councillor	David Vick

Six members of the public present.

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

The Meeting opened at 8.25 pm

1685. **Minutes.** ACTION  
**Resolved.** The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be signed as a correct record.
1686. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were none.
1687. **Community Contingency Plan.**  
In the absence of Cllr Pimm, the Clerk read the following Statement on his behalf.  
“V1.0, the first published version of the plan has been circulated to all the members of the Crisis Management Team (CMT) and to Aylesbury Vale District Council. I subsequently received a request from David Thomas, AVDC Resilience Officer, to use the Ashendon community contingency plan as an exemplar on the AVDC website. I told him that I didn’t anticipate that this would be a problem, provided that all personal information was deleted first and David Thomas has given that assurance. Next task will be to draft a ‘grab-sheet’ for use by the CMT.”  
**Resolved.** A draft ‘grab-sheet’ to be compiled for consideration at the next Council Meeting. GP

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1688. **Parish Council Communication with the Parish.**

Councillor Miller was unable to confirm the result of the recent CLP Questionnaire which asked what form this should take with the community. This information should be available at the next Meeting.

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**Resolved.** Following a request by the Clerk for a separate notice Board for Parish Council and associated notices, information to be supplied for the next meeting.

Clerk

1689. **Village Tidy Up.**

The only outstanding item for the Parish Council to now complete is the trimming back of grass from the public footpath passing through Boughton's Peace.

Salt Bins have now been delivered to Hill Farm to be fixed in their Allotted positions, 1 The Close, the Causeway, Upper Pollicott, Wotton Road (adjacent to the Reservoir) and opposite Hill Cottages.

DR/GP/JB/KP/SM

The County Council have confirmed that they have now completed the removal of the cycling signs, the painting of the railings adjacent to the Church, cutting back of the hedges at Lower End near the pub, patching work to the road has been completed outside the Forge and adjacent to the car park Lower End. The verge marker has been replaced adjacent to Holly By Gollins Main Street.

Items outstanding:

New village name plate, signs for Upper and Lower Pollicott including a 'No through Road' sign at Upper Pollicott.  
Patching work in Lower End and Wotton Road, Wotton Road major works still waiting for Thames Water to replace the water main when the road will be closed.

1690 **Delegated Budget 2011/2012**

**Resolved.** To accept Bucks County Council's proposal to install new street lights with the Libra luminaire for £5000 paid-for under the Delegated Budget Scheme;

2 at Main Street

1 outside Linnet Cottage Upper Pollicott

1 in front of Stone Pits bungalows

1691 **Community Speed Watch.**

In the absence of Councillor Pimm, the Clerk read the following Statement on his behalf:

“Progress was held up by virtue of the fact that the police training equipment was unserviceable for about a month. I then obtained a series of dates from the police for training slots in December, but given the difficulty in matching these to the availability of volunteers, I advised the training officer that dates in January might be more attractive, once the Christmas season was past. These have now been received and are attached. It would be helpful if Councillors could confirm whether or not they are willing and able to undertake the training, and if so, on which dates and times (duration is about six hours). I will liaise with the other volunteers in the village.”

**Resolved.** The Clerk to forward the list of dates to Cllrs. Bonson and Miller to enable them to select a convenient date for them to attend.

Clerk

1692 **Reports from representatives on Outside Organisations.**

**LAF:** No meeting.

**NAG:** Cllr. Bonson gave a verbal report which centred around anti-social behaviour when events were being held at Quinton Village Hall.

**CLP:** Cllr. Miller updated the Council in the initial response and results of the recently circulated Questionnaire. There had been 125 returns which evaluated at 65% response from 75% of households.

1693. **Ashendon Playing Field Association Request for Financial Support.**

The Council considered the request detailed in their letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to reimburse the APFA for the cost of insurance.

**Resolved.** A one-off payment to be made for the cost of the annual insurance for the playing field for the financial year 2012/13. It was to be emphasised that this is a one-off consideration to assist with the short-term finances of the Association.

1694 **School Transport.**

County Councillor Michael Edmonds address the meeting on the complex Issues of the finances and policies of school transport.

He answered questions from the Council.

1695 **Outstanding Accounts.**

**Resolved** to pay the following:

Briants	Salt bins	£306.00 (retrospective)
Reg Porter	Playing Field and Grass Mowing	£840.00
Len Holder	Boughton's Peace	£225.00

Proposed by Cllr. Kevin Nash

Seconded by Cllr. John Bonson.

1696 **Delegated Budget 2012/13 Application**

**Resolved.** An application to be made for the level grading of the Causeway Verge to enable it to be used by pedestrians.

Clerk

1697 **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacon**

**Resolved.** The Parish Council to organise the lighting of a beacon for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June between 10 and 10.30 pm to be coordinated with participating towns and villages throughout the country.

Permission to be requested for a beacon on the allotments area of the playing field from APFA.

Clerk

1698 **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Children's Memento**

Councillor Nash, on behalf of the Red Lion Social Club refused The Council's offer to purchase a Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Mug for the children of the Parish. The Gatehangers' Association's offer had already been accepted to do this.

**Resolved.** To include in next year's budget a set sum to cover the cost if the need arose.

1699 **Waste Freighter**

**Resolved.** Following AVDC's request for payment to cover the cost of the Refuse Freighter visiting Ashendon, it was agreed that the Council would not contribute towards the cost and would, therefore, lose this facility.

Clerk

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1700 **2012/13 Precept Setting**

**Resolved.** The following budget was agreed and the Precept of £4535 be applied for.

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Playing Field Grass Cutting	695
Car Park Maintenance (Grass Strimming)	250
Boughton's Peace	250
Administration	500
Insurance	300
Street Lighting	300
Village Hall/Pavilion	250
Accumulation Funds for Project Work	
Election expenses	150
Car Park resurfacing accrual	250
Playing Field Assc. Contribution	800
Diamond Jubilee Memento	290
Community Led Plan	500
	4535

Proposed by Councillor K. Nash  
 Seconded by Councillor S. Miller

1701 **Planning Applications**

Planning application 11/20005/AWD Bucks Recycling Westcott Venture Park

**Resolved.** The principal of the applications is not object to but the Traffic Management Plan should exclude HGV's passing through Ashendon.  
 The Clerk to write to Bucks County Council with the decision.

Clerk

Application Nos. 11/02206/APP and 11/02205/ADD Demolition, extension and conversion of existing barns to form four dwelling houses and alterations to access.

Manor Farm, Lower Pollicott.

**Resolved.** No observations.

Clerk

1702 **Vale of Aylesbury Plan.**

**Resolved.** A reply to the four questions by AVDC for the Plan to be completed by Councillor Miller with the information taken from the Recent CLP Questionnaire.

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1703 **Broad Band in the Vale**

In the absence of Councillor Pimm, the Clerk read a Statement on his behalf which culminated in the final paragraph as:

“Finally, rumours from “several reliable sources” are that only communities that can demonstrate a minimum of 40% take up for the service will be considered. We might be well advised to at least consider how we go about measuring demand in Ashendon, as I’m sure we will be asked for this information (assuming the whole scheme goes ahead).”

**Resolved.** Councillor Miller confirmed that supporting information to assist with the demonstration of the demand could be extracted from the recent CLP’s Questionnaire for consideration at the next meeting.

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1673 **Vale of Aylesbury Plan – Public Consultation**

This is a Consultation by Aylesbury Vale District Council asking two main Questions:

1. How many jobs and homes should be built in the District?
2. Where broadly should new homes be located?

The Consultation is running from now until the 26<sup>th</sup> January.

**Resolved.** The Clerk to find out and inform Councillors who is entitled to attend the drop-in sessions proposed for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 .

Clerk

1674 **Date of Next Meeting**

20<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55 pm