

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2011
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

Present: Councillors David Rand (Chairman)
John Bonson
Sian Miller
Kevin Nash
Geoff Pimm

Clerk Michael Rand

Apologies: 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. A notable item discussed was the wish of Mrs. Mary Simmons that some form of affordable housing for children of village people is built in Barkham.

The Meeting opened at 8.15 pm

1630. **Minutes.** **ACTION**
Resolved. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th May 2011 be signed as a correct record.
1631. **Declarations of Interest.**
Councillor Bonson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 10, Main Cottage, Main Street.
1632. **Community Contingency Plan.**
The draft Plan circulated by Councillor Pimm was discussed.
Resolved. Certain items needed to be addressed; feedback from the CLP, reduce causes and increase impacts, create crisis management team, develop a list of available equipment and expertise, compilation of a contact list and how to implement it when required. KN/SM/GP
1633. **Parish Council Communication with the Parish.**
Communication of the Parish Council's actions and business to members of the public was discussed.
Resolved. This item to be part of the CLP questionnaire to establish the need and the format that would be the most favourable to villagers to keep them informed. SM
1634. **Councillors Communication**
Resolved. Agendas and Minutes to be circulated to Councillors Pimm, Miller and Nash electronically and Councillors Bonson and Rand to have hard copies. All agenda appendix items to be circulated electronically. Clerk

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1635. **Village Tidy Up.**

Resolved. Each Councillor to list items and areas that they consider require attention to improve the presentation and maintenance of the village to be forwarded to Councillor Pimm for him to compile for consideration at the next meeting (18th July 2011). This list must be completed by 21st July to allow time for it to be circulated with the next agenda.

DR/JB/GP
KN/SM

1636. **Vale Plan.**

Resolved. The Clerk to contact Jean Fox , the Affordable Rural Housing Officer, to request her to attend a meeting between the Parish Council and members of the CLP Steering Group to assist in recommending further items, other than those already supplied by AVDC, that would help in addressing the possible need for additional housing in the Parish to be included in the proposed CLP questionnaire.

Clerk

1637. **Reports by representatives on outside organisations.**

NAG. No report (there had not been a meeting held since the last Council).

LAF. Councillor Nash gave a full report which included disappointing news that the parish council's application for replacement street lighting, which had been costed by APC at £2500, had been dramatically increased by BCC to £11500 and was unsuccessfully considered. Secondly, APC application for a footway along the Causeway was beyond the scheme's budget, priced at £25,000 which had two years before been priced at £15000.

CLP. Councillor Miller, assisted by Mr. David Crwys-Williams, Chairman of the CLP Steering Group reported that they were now in the process of prioritising feedback from both questionnaires and group meetings to compile a further questionnaire which would be submitted to the Parish Council for comment before finally being circulated around the Parish.

SM

Resolved. A representative from Thames Valley Police to be invited to every Parish Council Meeting.

Clerk

1638 **Planning Applications.**

Application No.11/00848/APP - ASHENDON, Home Ground, Main Street, Demolition of outbuilding and erection of replacement.

Resolved: No objection.

Application No. 11/00995/APP - ASHENDON. Main Cottage, Main Street. Demolition of single storey rear extension, erection of two storey rear extension and removal of chimney

Resolved. No objection.

1639. **Update on Highways**

The Clerk informed the Council of the following;

- The proposed 30 mph roundels that were to be painted on the road at the three entrances into the village were not going to happen as funding by BCC had been diverted to road maintenance.
- The Clerk was still chasing BCC for the progress on the pedestrian and directional signs at Upper Pollicott and the 'unsuitable for HGV' signs at Westcott.
- Kerbing would be constructed between The Close and Milne House on both sides of the carriage way in mid-August.
- Bucks County Council Community Team had been diverted to pot-hole repairs from trimming back the over-hanging hedge opposite the Old Shop in Lower End. These works have now been programmed for week beginning 8th July.
- The over-hanging hedge to the front of No 1 and No 2 Lower End is the responsibility of both residents and not the Landlord (Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust now chasing the tenants to attend to the matter).
- Road Closures; Winchendon Road 4th August.
Main Street 22nd to 25th August

Resolved. Although unrelated to Highways, the overgrown and untidy garden of No.3 Lower End (currently not occupied) to be reported to Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and request that it is maintained.

Clerk

1640 **HS2 Consultation**

Resolved. Representation to be made to Department of Transport Consultation objecting to the HS2 proposal. A list of objections to the seven questions asked in the Consultation documentation were listed. Councillor Pimm agreed to finalise the reasons for submission before the consultation deadline.

GP/Clerk

1641 **Parish Council Meeting Dates**

Resolved. To hold Council Meetings on the third Monday of each month for a trial period of three months.

1642 **Date of next meeting.**

18th July 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm