

**ASHENDON ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**  
**Minutes of Annual Village Meeting**  
**held in The Village Hall**  
**Monday 24th April 2017 at 8pm**

**Chair:** Peter Smettem, Vice Chairman  
**Clerk:** Venetia Davies  
**Attendance:** 19 Parishioners

**1. Apologies**

Kevin Nash

**2. Minutes of previous Annual Village Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Minutes were accepted by the meeting as a true record and signed by Vice Chairman, Peter Smettem.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that were not covered during the subsequent meeting.

**4. Written Reports**

The Parish Council Draft Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and Proposed Budget for 2017/18 were circulated. Filed and available to view at:

<http://www.ashendonparish.org.uk/community/ashendon-parish-council-10421/2017-annual-reports/>

**5. Contributions**

Peter Smettem invited contributions from Representatives of the Ashendon community:

**Parochial Church Council, Imogen Holbrook**

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**Ashendon Parish Council, Chair, Kevin Nash**

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**CLlr Paul Irwin, County and District Councillor. Deputy Cabinet Member for Transportation, Bucks County Council**

Paul said it had been 'an absolute pleasure' to be a County Councillor for Ashendon over the last 4 years. He expressed his great admiration for the village citing the MUGA and Superfast Broadband as fantastic achievements for a village of Ashendon's size. He was delighted to be able to grant LAF funding (£6,000) towards the Broadband project. He was pleased to report that the 16 seater Bernwode Bus is up and running and encouraged its use to combat social isolation. The Community Library in Waddesdon is now in operation with ipads donated from LAF. He informed the meeting that the decision regarding a Unitary Council decision had been put on hold until after the General Election. Paul outlined the Government's plans for the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway - a new road linking Oxford and Cambridge and the options that could be taken. He also said the East West Rail Link is forging ahead - a planned railway route linking Didcot, Oxford, Bicester, Milton Keynes, Bedford, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich.

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**Kevin Hyland, Police Community Support Officer**

Kevin introduced himself to the meeting and commented on the peaceful village of Ashendon. He commented on the recent 'disruptive' roadworks by Thames Water in Ashendon and informed the meeting of changes made within the policing structure in Waddesdon. PC Dean Kingham is transferring to Aylesbury. PCSO Denise Grayburn, PCSO Sue Jones, PCSO Kevin Hyland remain at Waddesdon with PC Tom Chalk as Waddesdon's Neighbourhood PC.

**Ashendon Playing Fields Association (APFA), David Crwys Williams (on behalf of Andy Theobald)**

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**Diary Date: The Ashendon Fun Horse Ride: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

**Ashendon Broadband Group and Community Interest Company (CIC), David Crwys-Williams**

In addition to the summary provided in the Ashendon Parish Council report by Kevin Nash, David Crwys-Williams informed the meeting that the funding for Broadband in Ashendon has been raised and the contract with BT Community Fibre Broadband signed. BT Openreach will now complete their planning but he assured the meeting that Ashendon is on schedule for installation within the next 12 months (there is a 12 month clause and BT is contracted to the Government and the Parish Council). Thanks were paid to specific fundraising events - the Film night initiated by the children and to Matt and his team at the Hundred PH for the broadband menu which exuded community spirit.

**Ashendon Community Led Plan, David Crwys-Williams**

It was agreed that Ashendon has come a long way since the Community Led Plan was introduced and has addressed issues of major concern, namely roads and traffic. 30 mph, resurfacing of roads, white lines, the Causeway path, new street lighting have been achieved and HGV traffic is being addressed. The Hundred PH has been transformed by Matt and Pia and their team and is registered as an Asset of Community Value. The Parish Council is not in the position to develop low cost housing at present. Poor communication issues have been addressed by the village email system and the new Parish Council website readily informs. The new Bernwode Bus is helping older people and the MUGA has addressed provision for young people. It was agreed a timely revisit of the Plan would be in 2018 – when Broadband has been installed.

**Ashendon Village Hall, Richard Bates**

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**Diary Date: Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Gatehangers Association**

**Diary Date: Dinner - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Book Group, Sue Lewin**

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**Red Lion Social Club, Luke Jamieson**

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**Women's Institute, Ruth Pimm**

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**Community Oil Buying, Roger Pike**

The money saving benefits of the Oil Buying Scheme was outlined – 6,000 litres saves approximately 4p a litre. It costs £5 to join; £1 goes towards expenses with £4 going towards a charitable organisation. There is a current surplus of £100 which the Oil Buying Group would like to donate to the Parish Council to be used towards the purchase of a Christmas tree in the churchyard. Thanks were paid to Roger.

Felicity Smettem noted the recent Easter Egg hunt where 38 children under 10 years took part. All agreed that such activities demonstrate the vibrant community of Ashendon.

**Closing Comments**

Peter Smettem thanked all for attending and contributing to the meeting.

**6. Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

**Parish Council AGM – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8pm**

**Ashendon Village Hall**