

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2015
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM**

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

Twelve members of the public present.

An open forum took place when members of the public discussed the footpath along the Causeway, grass verge erosion/abuse and the provision of a defibrillator.

The Meeting was opened at 8.10 pm.

1948. **Minutes.** **ACTION**
Resolved. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th January 2015 be signed as a correct record.
1949. **Declarations of Interest**
Cllr. Les Curtis:
Item 15. Planning permission for Doone Cottage.
Personal and prejudicial.
1950. **Community First Responders**
Details of the Bernwode News contact have been forwarded to South Central Ambulance Service.
1951. **Rural Affordable Housing Survey.**
Waiting update following the closure date of the Survey.
1952. **Consideration of the provision of a Defibrillator.**
Resolved.
The purchase of a defibrillator and box to be purchased from South Central Ambulance Service for the sum of £1381.00 + VAT.
Proposed by Cllr. Nash. Seconded Cllr Pimm. Clerk
- Cllr Irwin, Bucks County Council, committed a grant from his Community Chest Fund of £450 towards the cost.

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1953. **Play Around the Parishes.**

Dates confirmed for the activity:
31st March, 7th and 24th August 2015 – all in the morning.

1954 **Community Speed Watch**

Cllr. Miller is still waiting for PC Anthony Heard to confirm training dates.

Clerk

1955. **Reports by Members of the Council on Outside Organisations.**

LAF: Cllr. Bonson and Irwin gave a resume of the recent meeting.
BCC: Devolved Service Meeting. Cllr. Nash gave a report.
CLP: No report.

1956. **Update on Devolved Services to Town and Parish Councils.**

The Clerk confirmed that AVDC is not expecting to offer grass mowing contracts to Parishes.

Resolved

Details for a mowing contract to be decided by the Council to enable quotes to be sort for the mowing season of 2016.

1957. **Broadband.**

The Clerk updated the Council:

A new Waddesdon 2 Box has been installed next to the existing box sited in Westcott. The fibre optic cable is in the process of being connected and it is anticipated that service will become live in about eight week's time. This will enable customers in Ashendon to be connected to this superfast broadband. It is not known, at the moment, what level the service will be. Tests will be carried out by BT once the box has been commissioned. Bucks Business First and Aylesbury Vale District Council are waiting for the cost to connect Waddesdon 2/2 Box (just outside the village by East Farm) from BT. AVDC are presently completing with Bucks Business First a pilot project for the supply of superfast broadband for the villages of Oving, North Marston and Granborough. After appraisal of this project, AVDC will consider further outreach supplies to other Parishes of which Ashendon is a contender.

1958. **Collective Switching.**

Resolved.

Cllr. Nash to draft a flyer to be circulated around the Parish giving details of Collective Switching. This to be approved by fellow Councillors before circulation.

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1959. **Cutting back hedge, Lower End.**

The Clerk reported he had not received an update from Stuart Campbell (BCC) following his correspondence with the occupier of Gatehangers' Barn.

Resolved.

Cllr Irwin to arrange a visit with Stuart Campbell, the Chairman Cllr. Nash and the Clerk Michael Rand to attempt to resolve this matter and at the same time inspect other items such as the Causeway path and the grass verge damage and erosion to Main Street below The Close.

1960. **Raising of War Memorial.**

Resolved.

To improve the view of the inscription on the war memorial the Church wall to be reduced in height by approximately 400 mm for a width of 1.8 meters.

Cllr. Nash to supply a new photograph of the Church Yard Wall in front of the War Memorial for Cllr. Miller to enhance detailing the work to be carried out by Len Phelps.

A limit on cost by Len Phelps of £250.00

Proposed by Cllr. Pimm. Seconded Cllr. Bonson.

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1961. **Planning.**

14/03703/APP – ASHENDON

Willow Tree House, Main Street, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire. HP18 0HB
Erection of 2 bay detached car port.

Resolved.

No objection.

15/00570APP – ASHENDON

Doone Cottage, Main Street, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire HP18 0HB
Erection of one detached dwelling and formation of new access.

Resolved.

No objection.

1962. **Best Kept Village Competition.**

Resolved.

To enter this year's competition.

Clerk

1963. **Ashendon WI's proposal for a 'Centenary Commemorative Flower Bed' in the grass verge at the junction of Main Street and Lower End.**

Resolved.

No objection.

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1964 **Causeway Footpath** – dangerous surface.

Resolved.

A note to be published in the Bernwode News informing readers of the Parish Council's concern that the verge and footpath along the Causeway, Main Street, is being damaged and eroded by HGV's and agricultural tractors. It being evident that tractors had deliberately driven on to the grass verge causing irreparable damage. Councillors requested that people witnessing any such abuse to forward registration numbers and details of the vehicles to the Council Clerk.

It is also felt that the footpath is being used by horse riders which is also causing deterioration making it dangerous for use by pedestrians in wet conditions.

Options for surface treatment to improve the safety of the footpath to be considered at the time of the visit of the Bucks County Councillor and Officer.

Clerk

1965. **Outstanding Accounts.**

Resolved: To pay

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Community Impact Bucks:	Cost of Housing Needs Survey	600.00
Ashendon Village Hall:	Hire of Hall	120.00
Ashendon Playing Field Ass.	Hire of Pavilion and Field	60.00
Best Kept Village Competition:	Entrance Fee	15.00

Date of next Meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting	20 th April 2015
Annual Council Meeting	11 th May 2015.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.