

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20th OCTOBER 2014
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

Two members of the public present.

1920. **Minutes.**

Resolved. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st July 2014 be signed as a correct record.

ACTION

1921. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

1922. **Community Speed Watch**

Councillor Pimm reported that Thames Valley Police has withdrawn their support in assisting with the operation of the speed equipment which is currently being used by Quanton Parish Council.

Resolved:

Contact to be made with the current area Police Constable to check support has been withdrawn.

Clerk

1923. **Rural Affordable Housing Survey.**

Resolved:

To request from Bucks Community Action (Mrs. Jean Fox) to proceed with a Rural Affordable Housing Survey on the understanding that the costs to the Parish Council would not exceed £500 + VAT.

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1924. **Best Kept Village Competition**

A copy of the Judges comments has been received as follows:

“The playing field is a particularly good feature of the village.

There is an excellent parking area and the Pavilion is well maintained. The grass has been cut and the field was in generally good order. The children’s play area has a range of wooden equipment in keeping with the surrounding area. There are glorious views from this spot.

The small village hall is in good order with neat grass.

The pub is an attractive feature with pretty flowers by the porch and a tidy small garden. The bus shelter is in good order. The notice boards are informative but one was in need of refurbishment and its notices untidy. There is an adequate war memorial which would benefit from a clean. Some of the verges were untidy around the walls but this may be the responsibility of the County Council. Overall the village was tidy and litter free.”

Resolved:

Clean war memorial.

Obtain quotation for raising the war memorial plinth by 200 mm.

Obtain permission to refurbish Village Notice Board.

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1925. **Reports by Members of the Council on Outside Organisations.**

NAG:

Resolved: As there appeared to be no more meetings arranged in the near future, this item will now be omitted from any future agendas.

Community Led Plan:

Councillor Miller gave a resume of the CLP’s action to date had been published in the current Bernwode News.

The village was still being consulted with the proposed plans for the Multi Use Games Area and funding is being sort.

LAF:

Councillor Nash gave a report on the last meeting when a verbal application has been made to fund partial kerbing along the Causeway. County Councillor Paul Irwin reported to the meeting that he had no knowledge that the application was being processed.

Resolved:

Application to be pursued with Tim Fowler and Paul Hodgson.

Clerk

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1925. **Offer to Devolve Services to Town and Parish Councils.**

Interest had been shown to take up AVDC's offer which had been acknowledged and it was hoped for costings to be available some time in November.

1927. **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Resolved:

Not to proceed with compiling a Neighbourhood Plan.

1928. **Report on Parish Walkabout with BCC's Tfb (Transport for Bucks) Officer.
A report was given of items requiring attention.**

Resolved:

Items to be confirmed to Tfb agreeing their attention:

Main Street:

- Contact Thames Water to cut back/remove hedge Adjacent to Reservoir 2 .
- A bid to be raised by Tfb to the Waddesdon LAF for kerbing along the Causeway, Main Street.
- Investigate water seepage (two locations) in the vicinity of Warmstone House.
- Retaining slabs sticking out in to road to the front of Doone Cottage.
- Prevention of storm water from the road flooding the drive and garage of the property named Russett.
- Report the same occurrence is happening during heavy rain to the property named Lincoln House (drive and garden).

Wotton Road

- Strim verge area to clear access to salt bin (left-hand Side downhill just after Reservoir 1 entrance).

Lower End

- Cut back vegetation, side out kerbs and sweep clean Channel.
- Empty galleys.
- Parish Council to obtain quotation for the complete removal of the overgrown laurel hedge and agree if acceptable with the resident of Gatehangers Barn for its removal by the Parish Council. In the event of this not being acceptable Tfb to carry out trimming and pruning work to the back edge of kerb.

1928. **Reimbursement of Ashendon Playing Field Association Cost Of Annual Insurance.**

Resolved:

To reimburse for the financial year 2014/15 at a cost of £745.96.

Proposed by Cllr. Les Curtis. Seconded by Cllr. John Bondon.

1929. **Outstanding Accounts.**

Resolved: To pay

Mazars	Annual Audit	£30.00
AVDC	Play Around the Parishes	£260.00
RBL	Poppy Wreath	£25.00
Ashendon Playing Field Assc.	Reimbursement of Insurance	£745.96

Proposed by Cllr. Geoff Pimm. Seconded Cllr. Les Curtis

1930. **Planning:**

- **Pollicott Barn, Upper Pollicott.**

Removal of existing garage and replacement with double Garage with balcony above.

Resolved:

No objection.

- **Barkham, Main Street.**

Removal of Christmas tree.

Resolved:

No objection.

Date of next Meeting: To be arranged