

**ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors	Kevin Nash (Chairman) Les Curtis Sian Miller Christopher Rand Peter Smettem
	County Councillor and District Councillor	Paul Irwin
	Clerk	Michael Rand

Nine members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

Before the Council meeting was opened, the Chairman welcomed the guest speaker, Mr. Roger Carey from Village Networks. Mr. Carey outlined his organisation's proposed improved services for superfast broadband. The upgraded service which will be applied to all Village Networks subscribers, both existing and new, will be 24Mbs down and 2Mb up, with an unlimited bandwidth allowance for the existing standard rate of £30 a month. After a question and answer session, the Chairman thanked Mr. Carey for attending.

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council in an open forum. Items discussed included broadband, traffic through the village and HGV's.

The Meeting was then opened at 8.25 pm.

**1998. Minutes.**

**ACTION**

**Resolved.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015 be signed as a correct record.

**1999. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Peter Smettem declared an Interest (not a pecuniary interest) in Item 6. MUGA.

**2000. Rural Affordable Housing.**

An update was given to inform the meeting:

Six sites had been preliminarily identified, of which the planning authority had confirmed three sites having potential which are now being considered by a Housing Association for viability.

The landowners of any potential sites will be approached by

Mrs. Jean Fox, Rural Housing Enabler.

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2001. **Community Speed Watch.**

Cllr. Miller informed the meeting that two sessions had now taken place using the speed equipment. Nine offenders had been reported of which one was recorded doing 52 mph.

The offenders will be sent a letter by the Police informing them that they have been recorded breaking the speed limit and in the event of them exceeding the limit three times, serious action will be taken.

2002. **APFA MUGA Grant.**

**Resolved:**

To assist the MUGA Grant Application with WREN, the Parish Council acknowledge that they are nominated as a contributing third-Party to the WREN Application and the Clerk is authorised to write and confirm that the Parish Council is a contributing third-party to the Playing Field Trustees and if needed WREN.

Proposed by Cllr. Nash. Seconded by Cllr. Smettem.

Clerk

2003. **Reports from Representatives on Outside Organisations.**

Cllr. Nash with Cllr Smettem had attended a meeting convened by Bucks County Council to discuss HGV traffic through villages.

Cllr. Nash reported that there is no legal reason to prevent HGV's coming through the village. Both signs either end of the C66 are 'advisory' only. There is no prospect of a weight restriction being imposed.

**Resolved:**

Registration numbers to be recorded of any regular HGV's coming through the village and reported to Cllr. Paul Irwin.

The Clerk to visit FedEx to report the excessive number of delivery vans using the C66 as access to Westcott Venture Park.

PS/All

Clerk

2004. **Best Kept Village Competition**

The Chairman reported that unfortunately Ashendon Village had not won this year but were thanked for their entry.

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2005. **Broadband.**

Written reports had been circulated to Councillors from Bucks Business First and Aylesbury Vale Broadband both of which did not give any definite proposal and timelines for the future superfast broadband service.

**Resolved:**

Aylesbury Vale Broadband has received 64 registrations of interest from village residents which is calculated as being 25 percent of the population. As there are only 100 houses in the Parish clarification is to be sought from AVB as to how they came to that figure.

Clerk

The statement made by Bucks Business First reported and Minuted at the last meeting that a downstream line rate of 18.1 Mbps is not currently acknowledged by BT. This clarification from Bucks Business First/BT to be substantiated.

Clerk

A letter be sent to Bucks Business First requesting a definite timeline and cost for the installation of fibre cabling from Waddesdon Box 2 to Waddesdon Box 2/2; this had now been promised for the last nine months.

Clerk

A follow-up letter be sent to Mr. John Bercow MP requesting assistance In trying to resolve the failed promises of superfast broadband to Ashendon.

Clerk

2006. **Reimbursement of Ashendon Playing Field and Trustee Indemnity Insurance.**

**Resolved:**

The reimbursement of the Trustee Indemnity Insurance not to be considered.

Part reimbursement of the Annual Insurance to be considered at the end of the Financial Year (March Meeting).

2007. **Planning Application:**

15/01626/APP – ASHENDON

Ashendon Recreation Ground, Lower End, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire.  
Removal of tarmac play area, excavation of sloping site and siting of  
Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) including 3m mesh fencing on three sides  
and 1m mesh fencing on the 4<sup>th</sup> side. Excavated material to be spread  
over paddock area.

**Resolved:** No comment.

15/01989/APP – ASHENDON

Willow Tree House, Main Street, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire. HP18 OHB.  
Alterations to dwelling including timber cladding at first floor level, new  
Porch, pitched roof over single storey extension. Juliet balconies to rear  
and new zinc roof to existing dormer. Erection of 2 bay detached car port  
with side log store (amendment to Planning Application (14/0370/APP).

**Resolved:** No comment.

2008. **Councillor Training.**

Cllrs. Curtis, Nash, Smettem and Rand to attend Councillor Induction  
on 28<sup>th</sup> October. A more suitable date for Cllr. Miller to be sought.

Clerk

2009. **Outstanding Accounts:**

Richard Bates; supply new acrylic panel for village notice board	£30.86
Michael Rand; litter picking equipment	£49.50 )
Dictaphone	£21.99 )
BALC; Councillor Training (Cllrs. Nash and Smettem)	£62.80

Proposed by Cllr. Rand. Seconded by Cllr. Miller

**Date of next Meeting:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015