

ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH MAY 2011
IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 PM

Present:	Councillors	John Bonson Sian Miller Kevin Nash Geoff Pimm David Rand
	District Councillor	David Vick
Apologies:	County Councillor	Michael Edmonds

Four members of the public present.

The Meeting opened at 8 pm

1609. **Election of Chairman:** David Rand was elected
Proposed by Councillor John Bonson
Seconded by Councillor Sian Miller

David Rand took over the meeting as Chairman.

1610. **Election of Officers:** Vice Chairman John Bonson
Proposed Cllr David Rand
Seconded Cllr Sian Miller

Members and representatives of outside organisations:
Neighbourhood Action Group Cllr John Bonson
Local Area Forum Cllr Kevin Nash
Community Led Plan Councillors Miller and Nash

The Meeting then closed for comment from members of the public who were in attendance.
The Meeting reopened at 8.10 pm.

1611. Apologies for absence: County Councillor Michael Edmonds.
1612. **Approval of Minutes:** For meetings held on the 4th May 2010 and the 21st March 2011.
Resolved. Both sets of Minutes were signed as a correct record.
1613. **Matters Arising:** There were none.
1614. **Declarations of Interest:**
Councillor Rand declared a personal interest in Item 15 on the Agenda (General Purpose Agricultural Building, Hill Farm).
1615. **2010/11 Annual Accounts.**
Resolved. The Accounts presented were approved and adopted.
Proposed by Cllr. Rand.
Seconded by Cllr. Nash.

1616. **Public Rights of Way Inspection.**

Councillor Nash reported that he would require another three months to complete the full inspection.

1617. **Community Contingency Plan.**

Councillors Miller and Nash stated that they were unable to complete The Plan as they were consulting the Community Led Plan Steering Group. No time for its completion could be offered.

1618. **Parish Blog.**

Cllr. Miller stated that no further progress had been made with the proposal and it was suggested that this item appear on the agenda in about nine months time for a progress report.

1619. **Progress Report on New Road Signage.**

The Clerk reported that the proposed new signage along the Causeway had been installed. Pedestrian warning signs to be erected at Lower Pollicott were being progressed by Bucks County Council. The Clerk also showed the Council the proposal by Bucks County Council for an 'unsuitable for HGV' sign to be installed opposite the exit from the Westcott Venture Park advising all HGV's to exit to the left for the A41. This proposal will have to go to Westcott Parish Council for their comment (Bucks County Council will be doing this).

1620. **Vale Plan.**

The Clerk confirmed that arrangements had been made for a meeting with AVDC's Planning Officers on Wednesday 25th May at 10 am. Members of the Council who will be attending are Councillors Bonson, Pimm and Miller. Mr. David Crwys-Williams, as Chairman of the Community Led Plan will also attend.

Resolved. The meeting to be held in the Village Hall.

1621. **Highways.**

The Clerk confirmed that the Officer from Bucks County Council Highways has stated that their community team will visit Lower End to cut back the over-hanging hedge opposite the shop week commencing 6th June and also he was to raise a Works Order for the construction of kerbing and verge repair adjacent to the Church entrance on Lower End.

The Clerk also reported the proposed kerbing below The Close on Main Street is anticipated to be completed when the C66 is closed for road repairs on the way to Westcott above Gipsy Bottom and also road construction work will be carried out on the defective road below Brickhill but has not been programmed at the moment.

1622. **Planning.**

Resolved. Planning Application Nos. 11/00623/ATC, 11/00904/AGN, 11/00944/APP.
No objections recorded.

1623. **Local Area Forum.**

Review of the local priorities budget.

Resolved. Councillors to forward their suggestions to the Clerk for him to collate and forward to Bucks County Council before 23rd May deadline.

1624. **Appointment of Internal Auditor.**

Resolved. Mr. Andy Howes be appointed Internal Auditor
Proposed by Cllr. Nash
Seconded by Cllr. Bonson.

1625. **Outstanding Accounts.**

Resolved to pay

Bucks Association of Local Council's Annual Subscription.	£29.85
After due consideration, Zurick Annual Insurance for their Standard Policy with £10,000 worth of asset cover.	£225.00

Proposed by Cllr. Nash
Seconded by Cllr. Bonson.

1626. **Play Around the Parishes** (Children's entertainment).

The Council were informed that there are four dates for a visit to Ashendon in the summer holiday.

Resolved. The hire of the Pavilion to be booked and paid for by the Council.

1627. **Reports by representatives on outside organisations.**

LAF: None given

NAG: None given

CLP: Cllr. Nash reported that there had been meetings with four different focus groups and a questionnaire will be compiled for circulation.

1628. **Aims and Objectives for the short and long term of the Council.**

Resolved. Wait for the completion of the Community Led Plan before forming a strategy. The only item suggested, but not decided upon, was for the Parish next year to enter the 'Best Kept Village Competition'.

1629. **Date of next meeting.**

Monday, 18th July 2011 (a suggestion of provisionally reserving the third Monday of each month for a meeting was considered but was not resolved).