

DRAFT MINUTES

2019/19



ASHENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Ashendon Village Hall
Monday 18th November 2019 at 8.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Kevin Nash (**KN**), Les Curtis (**LC**), Sian Miller (**SM**), Chris Rand (**CR**), Peter Smettem (**PS**), Venetia Davies (**Clerk and RFO**).

Parishioners: There were four Parishioners present. Cllr Paul Irwin (**PI**) was also present.

Parishioners Question Time

Greg Smith, Conservative Party candidate for Buckingham spoke briefly about the Oxford Cambridge Expressway. Whilst in favour of the East West railway (connecting Oxford Cambridge), he highlighted the Expressway as one of the biggest concerns facing the County, particularly the communities along Corridor B. He expressed how he was opposed to the Road and the housing development that will go with it. Mr Smith has been talking closely to Martin Tett (BCC) and Angela Macpherson (AVDC) who are working on options of where improvements can be made to existing roads that go through the East West routes through the County. Oxfordshire is also looking at similar plans.

1. Apologies

There were none.

2. Approval of Minutes – Monday 23rd September 2019

The Draft Minutes of the September meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by Chairman KN.

3. Matters Arising

- **Elder on road outside Church wall and on Boughton's Peace. ACTION: LS/CR to remove prior to the December meeting.**
- **Litter. ACTION: PI to confirm if build-up of litter (from the Crossroads to Ashendon Village) has been removed by BCC.**
- **Deputy Emergency Co-ordinator for Contingency Plan.** Ian Kerr and Carolyn Davies have both kindly agreed to be volunteer co-ordinators. **ACTION: KN to put David Crwys-Williams in contact with both.**
- **Commemorative plaque for Millennium Oak Tree planted in 2000. ACTION: CLERK to agenda for December meeting.**

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4. Declarations of Interest

LC declared an interest in planning application 19/03409/APP - East Farm. SM declared an interest in planning application 19/03632/APP - 4 Upper Pollicott.

5. Contributions from BCC Cllr and AVDC Cllr

PI informed the meeting that the new Buckinghamshire Council will have 16 Community Boards, each with their own Officer, and will replace Local Area Forums. Ashendon will join Haddenham. There will be a substantial amount of funding available. There will be a network of local contact points (to be known as Council Access Points or CAPs) across Buckinghamshire. These will be situated in community locations across the county and will enable local people to get face-to-face support with queries about council services. A Freight Strategy meeting will take place in a couple of weeks. As previously, an environmental weight restriction ban has been recommended for Ashendon. The Westcott roundabout, now with approved planning, will commence in February.

6. Reports from Councillors attending meetings and outside organisations

- Waddesdon LAF (02.10.19). KN attended and summarised the Minutes, available here: <https://democracy.buckscc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=625&MId=12307&Ver=4>
- PS attended the Transport Focus Group meeting. The Agenda concerned road repairs.

7. Correspondence

- **Play Around the Parishes.** It was agreed to take advantage of the Early Booking Discount of £360 for a 2 hour play session on or around Friday 14th August. **ACTION: CLERK to complete booking form and make necessary arrangements for booking of Playing Field Pavilion or Village Hall (in event of wet weather).**

8. Kerbing of the Causeway

The quotation received from BCC is £16,625.00. A grant of £12,625.00 has been awarded to Ashendon PC towards the kerbing of the Causeway from the New Homes Bonus with an additional £2,000 from LAF Funding 2019/20 (application completed by KN). The Parish Council has resolved to allocate £2,000 from its Kerbing project budget. BCC has confirmed that a license is not required as an approved contractor is being used. However, road space is required, and a full road closure has been recommended. **ACTION: KN to arrange a site meeting with Councillors and Contractor, discuss road closure and obtain an anticipated start and end date.**

9. Community Led Plan

SM reported that the draft questionnaire/survey is in hand. This will be circulated to Councillors for comment. It was agreed this will be presented by the Parish Council as an online survey (option to give hard copy to any Parish Councillor). The Ashendon Playing Field Association has requested some further questions be added and SM is asking other groups if they have any questions to be included. The deadline for completion will be in the New Year, after the Christmas period. **ACTION: SM to devise a draft questionnaire/survey and circulate to Councillors for comments.** The appointment of a Chairman/Parish Council lead would be discussed once the results of the survey are known.

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10. Finance

Approved. PS proposed, CR seconded.

- a. **Balance from Minutes of previous meeting (23rd September 2019): £22,967.75**
 - **Receipts:** £9,625.00
 - **Debits:** £73.74 (E.On)
 - **Plus unrepresented cheques:** £0.00
 - **Less standing orders:** £476.68 (Clerk salary – 02/09/19 and 30/09/19)
 - **Balance of Bank Account: £ 32,042.33** (23rd October 2019)
 - **Available Funds: £ 32,042.33** (balance of bank account less unrepresented cheques).
- b. **Orders for Payment: £443.90**
 - **Venetia Davies** - £18.90 (Clerk travel)
 - **RTM Landscapes Ltd** - £408.00 (£340.00 + £68.00 VAT) (October cut)
 - **Royal British Legion** - £17.00 (donation Remembrance Wreath)
 - **BALANCE: £31,598.43** (Available Funds less Orders for Payment)
- c. **Management Report.** Circulated. **ACTION: CLERK to agenda Budget and Precept for December meeting.**

11. Planning

- **19/03679/APP - Pollicott Barn, Upper Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0HH**
Erection of open sided porch to the front and side door.
The Parish Council ratified its decision of NO OBJECTIONS to this planning application.
- **19/03409/APP - East Farm, Main Street, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0HB**
New Agricultural Building for the storage of farmyard manure. Comment date: 03.12.19
LC left the room. ACTION: CLERK to return NO OBJECTIONS to AVDC
- **19/03632/APP - 4 Upper Pollicott, Ashendon, Buckinghamshire, HP18 0HH**
Installation of 24 ground mounted solar panels. Comment date: 05.12.19.
SM left the room. ACTION: CLERK to return NO OBJECTIONS to AVDC

12. Items for Information including Diary Dates

- **Buckinghamshire Council Proposed Priorities and 2020/21 Budget Consultation** (closes 25.11.19).
- **LAF Meeting (03.12.19) 7pm, Calvert Green Village Hall. ACTION: KN to attend.**
- **VALP Main Modifications consultation** (closes 5.15pm 17.12.19)
- **Rights of Way Improvement Plan consultation** (closes 24.12.19)
- **Aylesbury Garden Town Vision 2050.** Available for Consultation for 4 weeks from 06.01.20.
- **Broadband.** LC informed the meeting that the fibre optic is still being operated on the temporary cable (laid by the hedge line). The cables have been installed but have not be connected by Openreach. **ACTION: SM to follow up.**

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 16th December 2019 at 8pm – Ashendon Village Hall