

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Date:	11th January 2018	Time:	7.30 pm
Place:	Ashmansworth Village Hall		
Present:	Cllr Alan Cox (Chairman)	Cllr Sally Burch	
Councillors:	Cllr Angela Harris	Cllr Andrew Bays	
In Attendance:	Sadie Owen (Clerk)	2 parishioners	
Apologies:	Cllr Kieron Black		

1. Apologies

As above.

The Chairman also paid tribute and expressed regret at the sad news of the deaths of both Keith Chegwin and Nigel Pilkington.

Keith Chegwin had been a very popular and generous member of the community, the 'life and soul' of any party, and had only recently moved to Shropshire having lived in the village for over 20 years.

Nigel Pilkington had also been a generous member of the community, contributing regularly to church fetes and purchasing Jubilee commemorative mugs for the local children.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2017 were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate record. They were duly signed by Cllr Cox.

3. Matters Arising

Jack Russell Inn signs: the council had been asked to reconsider the decision not to allow any signs within the village. Cllr Cox had emailed the village distribution list in relation to the issue and of the 10 replies received, 9 did not want to allow signs.

Following debate and noting concerns raised by the two parishioners present it was agreed that the council would agree to a brown tourist sign at the Cross Lane junction with the A343 directing motorists to the 'Jack Russell Inn at Facombe'. It was further confirmed that in recognition of the Ashmansworth's conservation status, no signs would be allowed within the village.

It was suggested that if lost motorists became a problem in the parish then the decision could be re-visited at a later point.

Clerk to notify BDBC of the decision. It was requested that the parish council be provided with a proof of the proposed sign.

Clerk

4. Planning

a) Update on previous applications

It was noted that applications 17/03693/FUL: Fieldway and 17/03089/FUL: 6 Highfield, had both been withdrawn.

b) Further applications received

None.

5. Council Business

- a) Clerk's report** – the Clerk queried whether the village hall committee had decided on a date for the AONB presentation. Councillors felt that a week night may be more popular. It was suggested that the presentation be scheduled for after the next parish council meeting on 8th March.

Clerk to query AONB representative's availability. Cllr Cox to canvas local interest in the event.

**Clerk/
Cllr Cox**

- b) Update on Lengthsman scheme** – the Clerk reported that the Lengthsman balance currently stood at £480. The lengthsman was due to attend soon to re-clean the war memorial. It was further agreed to request cleaning of the signs.

In addition, a church warden who was present, agreed to inform the clerk of any PCC grounds maintenance jobs that could be passed to the Lengthsman.

6. Local Roads

- a) Potholes/Road Repairs** –Cllr Cox reported that a number of potholes had recently been repaired. Three further large potholes had been left, but had since been reported by Cllr Cox.

It was noted that there was due to be a forthcoming road closure at Zell Farm house due to drainage repairs.

It was further noted that the encroaching hedge along the road between Zell Farm house and Yew Tree Inn had been cut back.

A complaint had been received in relation to poor visibility at the junction of Stoney Lane. It was thought that the land belonged to Facombe estates. Cllr Bays to contact the estate manager and request that the vegetation be cut back.

**Cllr
Bays**

- b) Litter problems** - it was noted that two parishioners had recently recovered a substantial amount of litter from the parish. Cllr Cox commended and thanked the effort.

It was noted that the Highclere litter warden was restricted from assisting with clearing the area due to the speed limit of the road's involved.

It was suggested that a voluntary village litter picking rota be established. Cllr **Cllr Cox**
Cox to discuss with the two parishioners.

7. Footpaths

The church warden commented that the PCC were aware of a broken stile in the churchyard, and reported that it would be repaired soon.

It was further noted that the Faccombe estate manager was in discussion with HCC to improve way markers on the Faccombe estate.

8. Broadband

Cllr Cox reported that 8 residences were still to be connected, and it was hoped that these connections would be made over the forthcoming couple of weeks.

9. Neighbourhood Watch

The new PCSO was commended for his efficiency.

Cllr Cox reported a recent hostile cold calling incident from a 'Nottingham Knocker' which he intended to discuss with the PCSO. **Cllr Cox**

10. BDAPTC/HALC

Cllr Cox referenced correspondence from Cllr Falconer to Cllr Thacker querying the future of local bus services, and with reference to Ashmansworth, the taxi share service. Cllr Cox reported that he had also written expressing his support for continuation of the taxi share service.

It was noted that the local MP, Kit Malthouse, had recently been appointed as a junior minister at the Department for Work and Pensions.

Cllr Cox reported that he had attended a recent meeting in Winchester and met the new road repair contractors. It was noted that the team appeared to be efficient.

11. Financial matters

- a)** Payments Approval – the Clerk presented the financial statement (appendix A). **Clerk**
The payments were unanimously agreed. Clerk to process.

12. Newtown Road recycling centre

No progress to report.

13. Date of next meeting

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Next meeting 8th March at 6.30pm.

APPENDIX A

Financial statement : Ashmansworth Parish Council

Meeting date : 11/01/2018

Balances:

Statement No: 05/12/17 Balance	Balance after reconciliation - 11/01/17
£5,300.23	£4,906.35

Payments since last meeting date :

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
	PCC	Churchyard maintenance	£500.00
			Included in 05/12 balance
TOTAL			500.00

New Items for payment

Date	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
11/01/2018	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Dec	147.44
11/01/2018	HMRC	Tax/NIC month 8	0.80
11/01/2018	HMRC	Tax/NIC month 9	2.00
11/01/2018	A D Clark 05/10, 25/10	Grass cutting Inv 171	95.00
TOTAL			245.24

Receipts since last meeting date :

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
	Pay adjustment	Incorrectly recorded	3.40
TOTAL			3.40

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
	Mrs S Owen	Clerk salary Nov	148.64
TOTAL			148.64