

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Date: March 31st, 2010 **Time:** 7.30 pm

Place: Village Hall

Present: Alan Cox (Chairman)

Mark Benzing	Kieron Black
Johnnie Johnson	Ruth Kent (Clerk)
Cllr Horace Mitchell (part time)	Cllr James Lewin

About 60 members of the public also attended

Action

Alan welcomed our guests, especially our Borough Councillors. He also reported the recent planting of two trees in each village, courtesy of a grant from Cllr Tom Thacker of Hampshire County Council.

1. Apologies

Carol O'Shaughnessy (Vice-Chairman)

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of March 9th 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Planning Matters - Minor Gypsy & Traveller site: Change of use of land for the siting of 8 no. residential caravans and the erection of a utility building

Alan gave a presentation explaining this planning application for a site in Cross Lane, Ashmansworth. Cllr Mitchell gave us advice on the procedure that would be adopted by BDBC and some suggestions for our conduct. There followed discussion at which it became clear that there was strong opposition to this application being granted.

Decision **Creation of a Planning committee was approved.** It will act in accordance with our standing orders and may have members appointed who are not councillors, although all our councillors are entitled to be members. They may make decisions on planning matters and may request the clerk to present decisions on approval or objection to BDBC.

4. Date of Next Meeting

Annual Meeting and Parish Assembly – Tuesday 11 May, Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The **Meeting** closed at 8.45 pm