

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council and Parish Assembly

Date: May 11th, 2010 **Time:** 7.30 pm
Place: Village Hall
Present: Alan Cox (Chairman)
Mark Benzing Kieron Black
Johnnie Johnson Ruth Kent (Clerk)

Action

Parish Assembly

We welcomed Cllr Horace Mitchell, PC Matt Deery and 32 members of the public

1. **Apologies**
Carol O'Shaughnessy (Vice-Chairman)
 - 2, 3, 4, 5. Presentation of achievements of 2009/10 including financial report, Hampshire County Council and Village Hall – see separate summary
 4. Report from Cllr Horace Mitchell on Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council
 6. Policing in Ashmansworth by PC Matt Deery
 7. Public Discussion and Questions
- The meeting closed with tea/coffee and biscuits at 8.30pm

Meeting of the Council

We welcomed 6 members of the public who attended this meeting

1. **Apologies**
Carol O'Shaughnessy (Vice-Chairman)
 2. **Election of chairman and vice-chairman for 2010/11**
Alan Cox was elected chairman and Carol O'Shaughnessy vice-chairman, there being no other candidates standing
 3. **Approval of Minutes**
- Decision** Minutes of the meeting of March 31st 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- Decision** Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee on April 15th 2010

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4. Planning Matters

We received the report of the Planning Committee and their minutes (as above) and authorised it to continue its work in 2010/11.

We noted the approval of the application for Pheasant Cottage.

Decision We noted the recent development in the application for Cross Lane and discussed our reaction to it. We approved a letter of objection to be sent to BDBC planners.

We thank members of the Planning Committee for their very dedicated and efficient work in preparing our case for the Cross Lane proposal. They put in a great deal of effort!

5. Neighbourhood Watch

We welcomed PC Matt Deery's attendance of and presentation to the Parish Assembly (above)

6. Local Roads

We have heard nothing further about the salt bins we requested so Alan will write to Cllr Tom Thacker seeking an update

Alan

We noted that a number of potholes had recently appeared as a result of the bad weather. Alan will report this to HCC roads department. Councillors noting any particularly dangerous holes should report these immediately.

Alan ongoing

Further to our earlier discussions on traffic calming, we have received a proposal to change priorities of the Cross Lane junction by the Plough. Mark offered to discuss this with the nearest residents to seek their opinions.

Mark ongoing

If favourable, Alan would write to HCC with a proposal.

Alan

The signpost pointing to East Woodhay lacks a circular top and it was suggested that we seek a replacement one, to match the others. Kieron offered to contact Clere school who might be able to make one in their workshop.

Kieron ongoing

It was asked whether we could replace the fingers with old style ones, to match that by the war memorial. Alan offered to investigate

Alan

Johnnie had discussed with HCC his concerns at some hedge-cutting operations leaving dangerous debris in the road which might cause punctures. He may circulate their reply more widely.

Johnnie

7. Community Enhancement

Mark confirmed that he had obtained permission from BDBC to remove the major part of the willow tree growing in the East Woodhay Road pond and plans to do this work with Kieron.

Mark Kieron

There was continuing concern at the level of litter in the village and surrounding roads, mainly jettisoned from passing cars. Several

Mark ongoing

members have already collected bags full! Mark will make any necessary arrangements to put this on a regular footing and try to co-ordinate statistics.

A further topic for consideration was the condition of our war memorial. Mark will discuss a possible course of action with interested residents.

**Mark
ongoing**

8. Phone Boxes

We are going ahead with purchasing the Crux Eaton red phone box, non-operating, from BT for £1. Awaiting finalisation from BT.

Johnnie has prepared a questionnaire regarding how to progress the Ashmansworth phone box. It failed to appear in the Calendar as planned, so Johnnie will speak to Mike to ensure its inclusion.

Johnnie

9. HALC and BDAPTC

Nothing to report

10. Finance Matters

Ruth reported that our bank balance at 31/3/10 was approx £287.

Invoices for Payment:

Penwood Nurseries £176.60 cheque no. 100449 (22 March 10, missed from previous minutes), for trees

HALC £104 cheque no. 100450, subscription

CM Wolfenden £30 cheque no. 100451, for planting trees

Came & Co £262.50 cheque no. 100452, for insurance

CPRE £129.00 cheque no. 100453, subscription and donation

11. Correspondence Received

None

12. Dates of Next Meetings

Thursday 1st July in the Village Hall

The **Meeting** closed at 10.10 pm