

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council

Date: July 1st, 2010

Time: 7.30 pm

Place: Village Hall

Present: Alan Cox (Chairman)

Carol O'Shaughnessy (Vice-Chairman)

Kieron Black

Johnnie Johnson

Ruth Kent (Clerk)

Action

Alan welcomed 5 residents who attended part time.

1. Apologies

Mark Benzing

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of May 11th 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Planning Matters

Alan reported that the application for Cross Lane, Ashmansworth had been rejected but that an appeal had recently been submitted. We await formal notification by BDBC. Discussion followed on possible responses but no decision is possible until we have more information on the appeal. The new government is expected to issue updated advice in due course. The Planning Committee will plan what to do and Alan will update the village when he has more information.

Alan

It was reported that the application regarding Cox's Cottage, Crux Easton, has been withdrawn by the applicant.

It was reported that an application for a time extension to an existing planning consent relating to the Old Chapel, Ashmansworth has been received and that the parish council had no objection to this.

Alan had previously been asked about progress on possible development plans for Highclere Estate but had no information on this. Those interested should enquire of Cllr Mitchell.

Alan attended a presentation on **Newbury 2025** which he found very interesting. He commented there on the impact of congested roads and the importance of being able to park and this was reported in Newbury Weekly News. He was reassured that improvements are planned for the Sainsburys roundabout in October 2010.

4. Alan reported the state of potholes in Ashmansworth to Hampshire County Council and their Steve Goodall has responded that they will address this promptly. It appears that they have already repaired the roads in Crux Easton.

Alan is in dialogue with Steve Goodall regarding the dangerous junctions to the Andover Road.

Alan has reported to HCC our recent improvements to our signposts. It was asked if our two modern signposts could be replaced with traditional ones, so he has posed the question to HCC.

Alan reported the publication by HCC of the [Countryside Action Plan](#).

5. Community Enhancement

Ponds – Mark and Kieron have made a start with cutting down undergrowth and saplings. We await removal of the remaining brushwood.

6. Phone Boxes. BT have now removed the mechanism from the Crux Easton phone box. Villagers will need to maintain the red box. Johnnie has published a questionnaire in the Calendar about the possible actions for the Ashmansworth phone box and awaits responses.

9. Finance Matters – invoices for payment

We approved 2 cheques:

EM Christian for grass cutting, £270 cheque no. 100454

Ruth Kent, clerk, £100 cheque no. 100455

10. It was reported by Ruth that she had received some questions about revisions to our Code of Conduct. She will look into this and notify us if any further action is required.

Alan reported that he had received information about [whom one could contact](#) by email regarding nuisance for low flying military aircraft and helicopters.

11. Date of Next Meeting

There was no immediate consensus for a date for our next meeting, so Alan will circulate members to reach a conclusion.

The **Meeting** closed at 9.30pm