

Ashton Parish Council Meeting - held on 12th July 1999 at the Rugby Club.

Willow Tree - There was much discussion concerning the Willow Tree fronting onto 55 Stoke Road and its possible removal.

Vice Chairman - Alan Sharp was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

Stonefield Holdings - Martin Wilson's comments in the last Village News regarding Stonefield Holdings were noted and the Parish Council are to write to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the activities of Mr Jones.

Buses - Details of the Towcester and District Voluntary Transport Scheme and the proposed NCC (Dial-A-Ride) were discussed. Further details in this issue of AVN.

Recycling Bins - The bins have been moved from the Old Crown car park to the Men's Own Rugby Club car park because of the mess the bins created as they were not emptied as often as required.

Council Procedures - It was agreed that the Parish Council Agendas and Minutes of meetings will be put up on the notice boards in the village. The dates are published in the Ashton Village News. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If they would like to make any comments they should contact the Chairman or Clerk in writing within 48 hours of the meeting.

Planning - There was discussion regarding the proposed stopping up of an area of verge in front of 53 Stoke Road. It was thought that this proposal may seriously affect car parking in the area and so the Parish Council was against the idea.

AOB - Other issues discussed were:-

The **planting of an ash tree** on the Sunley Triangle in Hartwell Road. This may cause problems in the future on this site. **Overgrown trees** in Hartwell Road were discussed.

Vandalism and threatening behaviour in the village was discussed. The Parish Council are to contact the police and ask for advice as to how to handle the situation.

The **War Graves Commission** have a vacancy available for the maintenance of a grave in the village Churchyard. If anyone is interested, please contacted the Chairman of the Parish Council.

The **Next Meeting** is on Monday 20 September, 7.30pm at the Rugby Club.

The **Towcester & District Voluntary Transport Service** is a charity which provides transport for the elderly to their surgery or to hospital. There is a set fee of 35p/mile. In Ashton the service needs 1 new volunteer driver in order to provide enough volunteers for the number of journeys required by village residents. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Service on weekday mornings between 9.00am and 12.30pm on 01327 351716

Ashton village is on the Internet

For those of you who can get onto the Internet (World Wide Web), you can find the temporary Ashton site at

[Http://WWW.ASHTONVILLAGE.DABSOL.CO.UK](http://WWW.ASHTONVILLAGE.DABSOL.CO.UK)

The site will remain in its temporary home until we can afford to register it and setup a permanent home site. Send us an E-mail to say you have visited!

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You are warmly invited to a

Coffee Evening

Thursday 12th August

at Anne Sale's

2 Cooks Close - 7.30pm

Bring & Buy - Raffle - Beer & Wine

Ashton Village Group

It has been proposed that an informal group be created in the village as a long term undertaking. Many people in Ashton volunteer their time for projects and local activities. The Projects vary in length from just a few weeks, as with the recent Gardens walk, to long term commitments as in the support of the Church or the School.

It has been suggested that, as all these activities help to bind and support our village community, an informal group (Ashton Village Group) be formed to help those who donate their time and effort to our village in many and varied roles.

It is not intended that the group controls or oversees any of the projects, but provides a wide base of support and communication for all those who volunteer in whatever capacity.

We also see it as a focus for the organisation of social evenings and as a contact point for those who have ideas that would help the village but do not have the confidence or experience to carry them out. The group would encompass all members of the village and others who support the village in whatever way.

If you have any comments to make on the formation of an Ashton Village Group, please contact either Marion Wilson 864254 or Dave and Dee Farrand 863225

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from the Parish Church of St. Michael & All Angels

Our thanks go to all those who helped make the combined School/Church Fete and Car Boot Sale on July 17th such an outstanding success. The weather obviously helped but the chief thing was the hard work done by the organisers and workers plus the hard spending by those who attended. As a result over £2000 was raised to be shared between church and school. We hope that fairly soon necessary maintenance work will be in hand in the church repairing the plasterwork to the ceilings in particular and re-decorating the chancel. Our thanks go to Mr Brian Skinner not only for his work in the churchyard but also for repainting the interior of the porch.

Services for August

August 15	Family Service & Holy Communion	11.00am
August 22	Evensong	6.00pm
August 29	Holy Communion	8.15am

Our services in September are different from our so-called "normal" monthly pattern. Holidays, Benefice Services and the Harvest Celebration all combine to make this necessary.

September 5	Benefice Service at ROADE (St. Mary the Virgin) for the Patronal Festival there Preacher the Revd Canon Davidson (former Incumbent) "American Lunch" in Church Hall after.	10.30am
September 12	No Service at Ashton (Hartwell 9.15am, Roade 10.30am)	
September 19	Holy Communion	8.15am
September 26	HARVEST THANKSGIVING Family Service with children from School attending and taking part.	3.00pm

In October the services should return to their normal pattern

October 3	Holy Communion	8.15am
October 10	Holy Communion	8.15am
October 17	Family Service followed by Holy Communion	11.00am
October 24	Evensong	6.00pm
October 31	Holy Communion	8.15am

Revd H W Webb

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Parish Council - District Council Notice Stonefield Holdings

As mentioned in the last issue of the village newsletter, further information would be given regarding the matter of tipping at Roade Hill by Mr Jones. A date has now been fixed for the appeal. It will take place at 10.00am on Tuesday 5 October 1999 in Committee Room B, County Hall, George Row, Northampton. It will take the form of an informal hearing and interested parties may attend.

Alternatively, interested parties wishing to make their views known should write to the Inspectorate at the address below 14 days before the date of the hearing, quoting reference APP/K2800/C/99/1019544.

The Planning Inspectorate (Mr R Marsden)
Room 1111(1)
Tollgate House
Houlton Street
Bristol
BS2 9DJ

The breach of planning control alleged is : the importation and deposit of waste without the required planning permission.

The appellant (Mr Jones) has appealed on the following grounds : that there has not been a breach of planning control

As a result of the July issue, a substantial number of residents wrote to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Mr Jones and his activities at Stonefield Holdings. A site visit will be made on August 17 by the Inspector prior to his decision.

I would also point out that our M.P. Mr Tony Clarke has, in writing to the Planning Inspectorate, expressed his full support to his constituent Mr Jones in his dealings with the Council. This support was given, apparently, without any consultation with our Parish Council, District Council or residents living nearby.

Our M.P.'s phone number at local level is 01604 250044, Fax 01604 250055 if anyone wishes to express any views.

M Wilson

Village Fete & Car Boot Sale

What a wonderful day we had for the Village Fete. The sun shone, the people came out and everyone had a lovely time. The Car-booters came from far and wide - thanks to very extensive advertising - and brought hundreds of boot-followers who also spent their money at the fete. It was good to have several different stalls again this year.

Raffle tickets had been sold over a wide area during the run up to the fete so it was a bonus that on the day the first prize of two mountain bikes went to Jo Tofani of Ashton and they were actually pedalled home at the end of the afternoon.

Thanks go to everyone who took any part in making the day so successful, but a particular thank you to the "willing volunteers" from the School who helped clear the field of litter at the end of the day. Once again we must thank the Rugby Club for allowing us the use of their grounds and club house. They play a huge part in making the fete such a success.

The profit for the event was £2750. Some of this has been spent on crockery and a more efficient urn and the rest has been shared between the Church and the School.