

**Ashton Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting
Held at Ashton School @ 7.15pm
13th January 2010.**

Members of the Parish Council Present

Bernard Day – Chairman
Jeremy Roy
Terry Turvey
Andrew Fowler
Keith Whitburn
Ginny Wareham - Clerk

1. Welcome.

2. Apologies – Jamie Watters & Martin Wilson (District Councillor)

3. Public Time – There were thirteen members of the public present and the following was discussed:

Lisa Pool – New owner of the Three Canons.

Lisa Pool brought to the table a plan of how she would like to enhance the land. Copies of the plan were handed out to the Parish Council and will go away to look at it and return their comments and questions to Ginny Wareham no later than 27th January 2010. The information will be collated and findings sent on to Lisa.

The basic discussion was that she would like to enhance the land by restoring it back to how it was years ago. She wants to divide the land into 3. One area would be an orchard, one area would be to keep livestock (rare breed sheep & alpacas) and the third area for cultivation. In return she would like the Parish Council to support her request to build a small dwelling. She is aware that the land is outside the village envelope.

Mike Northall – Mens own rugby club

The plan is to completely refurbish the rugby club. They left a plan of the development which the Parish Councillors have a copy.

The plan involves funding from South Norhtants District Council (SNDC) and one of their requirements is they approach us for our support and to see if we have a funding available. We advised them that no funding was available but subject to looking more closely at the plans, we would in principle support them.

In principle the plan is to revamp the whole rugby club. They have an estimated budget of £100,000.00.

Questions which were brought to the table by the Parish Council.

Is the Sq footage the same? Yes The RFU has strict instructions and they can't move the existing drainage.

The litter is really bad near the rugby club, would the club be prepared to help out with litter picking sessions? Yes

Will they be renting the hall out? No but occasions could ask for costs to cover.

Are there plans to change the car park? Yes will tidy up existing plot and scrap back overgrown hedgerow to gain more space.

Will the caravan club be coming more often? No they have spent a lot of money on the pitches and won't them churned up.

Are the grants achievable? Yes they think they are.

Land off Roade Hill

Various members of the public wanted to discuss the plans for the proposed development of 6 houses. Stephen Pickering is the developer. There are big concerns from the public about the development as they don't want it to go ahead.

Questions were asked regarding affordable housing and building on land outside the village envelope.

Ginny Wareham will contact SNC to find this out

Ginny Wareham will also contact SNC to see what the criteria is to build affordable housing and will also find out if the village boundary has changed.

The councillors agreed that an action group could be beneficial and that objection needed to be in writing from individuals.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting. There were four amendments to be made.

1) Jamie Watters was not at the meeting

2) in point 4 the words more PC meetings was misleading as it was meant to mean a higher proportion of meetings should take place, some in the Knights Hall.

3) In point 5 it should read the road under the railway bridge

4) In point 6 the Church has not agreed to donate £100 towards the AVN.

The minutes after these changes were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Jeremy Roy and seconded by Andrew Fowler.

5) Matters arising from those minutes.

Kevin Pickering has very kindly sponsored the Christmas tree lights and electricity installation to which we are very grateful.

We are still waiting on a schedule on a schedule of work from D Farrand regarding the millennium garden.

The millennium sign has been restored and cleaned.

The wall in the millennium garden needs mending and we need quotes. We need to ask ARH if he will quote as he built the wall. Ginny Wareham to ask.

Terry Turvey to speak to Doug Millard about the Street Survey.

6.Churyard Mowing

It has been decided that for 2010 we will employ a contractor for the mowing. Bernard Day is to produce a schedule of what needs doing. Ginny Wareham will then use this to get quotes from various gardeners. It has been agreed at the meeting that we will get a two quotes. 1) April to Sept – 6 cuts (1 a month) 2) April to Sept – 2 Cuts (2 a month).

It was discussed and agreed that an estimated £1000 to spend on the mowing of the churchyard was too bigger chunk (20%) out of the budget. This is why the no of cuts we will be quoted for will reflect the quoted price.

7) Precept. This was agreed to be set at £5500.00 for 2010_2011.

8) Planning

S/2009/0986/Ful

Location: Paddock attached to plot 8 vale farm ashton

Change from paddock to accommodate stables, market garden & orchard

O/S

S/2009/1018/FUL

61 Stoke Road, Ashton,
Northants

Detached Dwelling

WITHDRAWN

S/2009/1084/FUL

Location 12 Stoke Road

Single Story Garage ext

WITHDRAWN

S/2009/1097/FUL

14 Hartwell Road

Dwelling to the side of above

Granted

S/2009/1227/FUL

85 Hartwell Road

Variation of S/2008/1369/P

Sent back with objection 05/01/2010

O/S

| 9. Accounts | Net | VAT | Gross | Chq No | Description |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------|----------------------|---------|--|
| Eon | 76.72 | 11.51 | 88.23 | 100452 | Maintenance for 1/4 end Dec 09 |
| Eon | 226.16 | 11.31 | 237.47 | 100453 | Electricity Charge for 1/4 end Dec 09 |
| Power Link (A Fowler) | 114.00 | 17.10 | 131.00 | 100454 | Lights for Christmas Tree |
| G Alecock Northamptonshire Acre | 188.44 | 0.00 | 188.44 | 100455 | Salary & Expenses |
| Keith Whitburn | 34.00 | 0.00 | 34.00 | 100456 | Northamptonshire Acre |
| Bernard Day | 91.43 | 0.00 | 91.43 | 100457 | Photocopying of PC tool kits etc |
| John O Meara | 20.00 | 0.00 | 20.00 | 100458 | Donations for pub mince pies for carol service |
| Gerald Eve | 159.70 | 0.00 | 159.70 | 100459 | Supply and install lights for xmas tree |
| K Pickering | 125.00 | 0.00 | 125.00 | DD | Yearly Lease for playing field |
| | -290.00 | | -290.00 | Receipt | Donation for xmas lights and electricity |
| TOTAL | | | <u>785.27</u> | | |

VAT Repayment

New
Bal**Bank Balances**

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|-------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Community Account | 30/10/2009 | 1119.55 | 459.28 | This includes lease put back in |
| Tracker | 30/09/2009 | 7494.40 | 7494.40 | |
| Playground | 30/06/2009 | 160.45 | 160.45 | |

Transfer a balance of 0.00

Proposed by Jeremy Roy and seconded by Terry Turvey.

10. Ashton PC 3 Year Strategy

11. Parish Council Guidelines and how to apply to Ashton

The above 2 items have been set back and will be looked at on 10th February 2010 at 7.15pm in the school as due to the time constraints.

12. Street Lights. Terry Turvey will speak to Doug Millard about the survey but will also ask what the Maintenance invoices are for and what they cover.

13. AOB

i) There is a huge satellite dish at Ridgeway Farm. Have the owners got planning permission for it to be there? Martin Wilson said it was included in the plans and approved. Ginny Wareham to find out.

ii) In the 'Back' Lane there is a burnt out caravan. Can we get it removed? Andy Fowler is going to get a phone number for Ginny to ring.

iii) The new stable block developed by Kevin Pickering has a transformer which is far bigger than needed to power the stable lights. J Roy will ask H to find out about it.

iv) Ginny Wareham raised the problem of dogs fouling the streets. It seems to be getting worse and quite a few parents have bought it up. Ginny will ask Dave Farrand to put an article in the AVN as it is now a legal requirement to clean up the mess!!

14. Date of next meeting 10th March 7.15pm at the school.

Action Points

None O/S from Previous meetings.

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| 3. Public time. Councillors to read and send their comments back to Ginny to collate and pass on our thoughts to Lisa Pool | ALL |
| Road Hill proposed development. To find out if Ashton Parish Council boundaries have been moved | Ginny |
| Contact SNC to see what the criteria is to build affordable housing | Ginny |
| Affordable housing and building on land outside the village envelope | Ginny |
| Pass on all info to Lesley Godfrey | Ginny |
| Thank you letter to K Pickering re donation | Bernard |
| Schedule of work from D Farrand RE Millennium garden | Ginny |
| Ask ARH to quote for rebuild of stone wall | Ginny |
| Light Survey | Terry |
| Schedule of mowing etc | Bernard |
| Quotes for mowing | Ginny |
| Phone number for caravan removal | Andy |
| Ginny to phone re caravan removal | Ginny |
| Is there planning permission for the satellite dish Ridgeway Farm? | Ginny |
| Dog fouling. Ginny to ask D Farrand to put an article about this and to Mention that it is a legal requirement to clean up the mess. | Ginny |