

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ashton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 6.30pm**

**Present: Cllrs, McAllister, Day, Roychoudhury, Shanahan
WNC Cllr McCord
Clerk: L Lavender
1 member of the public**

1211. Public Session relating to agenda items **Member of the public raised that the buses are once again, not reliable and that the diversions are not always followed properly. If a bus is taken from the village there is no guarantee that the return journey will be available. The situation will be worse due to the road to Roade will be closed for several weeks for Network Rail works to the bridge.**
WNC Cllr update **Flood management team will respond asap to Member questions re Ashton. Will raise the issue of road closures and bus reliability on behalf of the Parish**
1212. Apologies for absence Cllrs Costello, Bullock **Accepted**
1213. Declarations of Interest **None**
1214. Minutes of the Meeting 13th March 2024 **Approved and signed**
1215. Casual vacancy **Applications to be sought. Interest shown by 2 residents to be followed up**
1216. Planning:
Discuss issues to be aware of on Self Build applications
Criteria for local connection has changed, important that this is clearly identified in applications

New Applications for consideration Noted

Condition change applications can be viewed at <https://snc.planning-register.co.uk> Ashton Parish_

Updates Information

2024/1019/OUT	Land South of Old Farm Lane Ashton Towcester NN7 2JW	Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for two self-build detached dwellings	16/01/2024	Pending
2024/1011/OUT	Land North of Old Farm Lane Towcester NN7 JW	Outline application (all matters reserved except access) for two self-build detached dwellings	16/01/2024	Pending

1217. **Financial Report and Bills for Payment Noted**

- i. Cash at Bank at 29th February £38941.84
- Balance includes election contingency funds + allotments £1237.79

ii Receipts **None**

Date	From	For	Amount	

Payments Approved

Date	Payee	For	Amount	VAT
10-April	L Lavender	Salary + Expenses	400.24	
10-April	HMRC	Paye	91.60	

10-April	Ncalc	Membership, IA, DPO	592.14	46.40
10-April	Local Authority Tech CIC	New Website	264.00	44.00
10-April	Green Leaf Gardening	Mowing	350.00	
DD	Electric Total energies	Electricity end April	104.64	4.98

1218. Update on progress re new website, emails and associated social media.
The website and email transition to be taken forward by Cllr Roychoudhury and A Holt
1219. Update re flooding issues. **Some flooding reported but clearing quickly. Bridle way flooded on a couple of occasions.**
1220. Update on Playground inspection Nov 2023 Cllr Shanahan **High risk issues all dealt with. Snagging has been completed by Creative Play.**
1221. Projects:
Playground final additions/seesaw Cllr Shanahan **Seesaw to be installed next week with leg caps to swings installed at the same time. Tyres deferred till next meeting.**
cctv/cameras for Parish Cllr Bullock **Deferred**
Footpath Hartwell Rd **Ongoing**
Bus stop issues **Ongoing**
1222. Update on progress for new lights Cllr Roychoudhury **No progress**
1223. Projects update
i. Speed sign data update. UMSUB code clarification needed from Messenger.
Send Cllr Roychoudhury an example of a mixed Certificate
ii. Defibrillator household information cards update Cllr McAllister **Ready to be printed**
1224. Highways issues & road closures **Cllr McCord taking this issue to WNC**
1225. Parking issues around the village. **Problems reported re inappropriate parking on pavements and verges. To be an item in AVN**
1226. Maintenance of village hedges and verges. **Review by WNC ongoing. Verges cut this week**
1227. Update on location of dog waste bins **Ongoing**
1228. Update noticeboards and signage **New noticeboards required for Stoke Green and the rec**
1229. Police liaison update including bleed kit Cllr Bullock **Deferred**
1230. AVN details of next edition Cllr Roychoudhury **Expected before end of April**
1231. Regular updates
i. Footpaths Cllr Roychoudhury **Paths are now flattened**
ii. NHW Cllr McAllister **No update received**
iii. Noticeboards Cllr McAllister **See 1228 above**
iv. Cllrs' monthly safety checks; to receive a report on any issues arising **No Issues**
1232. Correspondence incl items requiring a response or decision
A tree sapling has been offered to the PC for planting on parish land this offer was appreciated and considered carefully but declined due to no appropriate location.
1233. **Annual Parish Meeting + Annual Meeting TUESDAY 7th May**
All Cllrs to prepare a report of their areas of responsibility