

# Aylburton Parish Council : Annual General Meeting

Minutes of AGM held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008 at 7:30 PM

## Present

Michael Praker (Chairman), Alan Edwards, David Thorne, Maurice Bloomfield, Jane O'Donnell Simon Newman and Kath Harris (Councillors), Karen Blackwell (Clerk), Terry Glastonbury (District Councillor).

Members of the public: Mr R. Berryman, Mr C. Dubois, Mr R. Woodward

## Apologies

None received.

## Minutes of AGM held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007

Agreed and signed as a true record.

The chairman opened the meeting by thanking council members for their time and effort over the year and also thanked Councillor Glastonbury for his attendance and advice.

## Matters arising from the previous minutes:

The fence surrounding the Kear's Moor allotments is undergoing repair at long last. The clerk will write to Lydney Park Estate in appreciation of this work.

The drains & sewers in the village are still causing concern for residents.

Public footpaths in the area need clearing & maintaining.

## Yearly Summary

### The following were listed as completed items:

New committee formed to oversee the running of the allotments (Cllrs Newman & O'Donnell).

Three further allotments procured on Kear's Moor site. Already let.

School waiting area in Church road made safer for parents & pupils with tarmac waiting area.

Stockwell Lane bank grass cut by Andy Jones. (To be done as required in future until definite responsibility ascertained).

£500 donated to the Village Fund to help with cost of providing new play equipment.

Agreed to donate £100 to Street Wardens scheme (to be reviewed annually).

2006-07 audit successfully completed with no comments from external auditors.

Cllrs Praker & Edwards visited the wall surrounding the allotments on upper common & reported that they believe it poses no danger to the public at present. To be monitored.

'Dangerous' tree in churchyard removed by Richard Morgan.

Litter remit to be extended following successful bid for extra funding. Andy Jones covered as employee by policy held with Zurich insurance.

Remembrance Day commemorated & wreaths placed outside the Memorial Hall.

Visit by Mr Phillip Jones of FoDDC to discuss Corporate Plan & effects on parish council.

Village bus shelter re-painted by Mr Russell George. Voucher presented by way of thanks.

Glass in bus shelter opposite Sandford road junction (broken in Sept 2007) replaced.

Cllr Praker spoken to LPE with regard to speeding vehicles along Stockwell Lane; some improvement since noticed by residents.

Visit by Neil Maxfield of Gloucestershire Highways on 14/12/07 to ascertain extent of remedial work required.

Parish Plan launched.

Milling Crescent footpath satisfactorily cleared.

Milling Brook cleared by Mr M. Hewitt. Payment & note of appreciation sent.

Council adopted paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct (as per the Standards Board of England).

Letter of appreciation sent to the Village Club in recognition of their efforts in tidying the area outside the hall.

Large litter bins set on verge near Sandford Terrace to ease problem of 'dumping' previously experienced there.

All planning and other correspondence reviewed and dealt with as appropriate.

**The following were listed as pending items:**

Upper common ditches by The Oaks.  
Church path maintenance; still awaiting quote for replacement tarmac.  
Poor condition of roads & verges in general, and issue of speed through the village.  
The Tack footpath.  
Stockwell Lane footpath.  
Overnight street lighting 'switch-off' - no further information at present.  
Milling Crescent garages/grass cutting.  
'Hidden junction' sign on Chapel Hill.

**Financial Summary:**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**

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| Opening balance | £6693.74 |
| Payments        | £4699.61 |
| Receipts        | £825.39  |
| Closing balance | £2812.52 |

**Affiliations:**

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| GAPTC | £139.03 |
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**Donations:**

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| AUCA         | £500.00 |
| Village club | £500.00 |

**Current complaints/comments:**

- Mr Bob Berryman attended the meeting in his position as trustee of the Village club in order to raise the subject of the problem of dog mess in the village. The disposal bin on the playing field is being over-used necessitating more frequent emptying than previously which of course adds to the cost. The trustees are concerned that should anyone become seriously ill due to the dog waste bin being out of use, they may be liable to prosecution. New legislation governing the disposal of waste enables street wardens to issue on the spot fines to people abusing the law. The parish council will start proceedings to ensure that this legislation is fully supported, with the placing of advisory signs in the village. Councillor Bloomfield would like to see this subject raised also on the Parish Plan agenda.
- Mr Woodward & Mr Dubois also attended the meeting to discuss the issue of further improving the visual aspect of the village, in particular wishing to plant the area outside the Cascade works which is often used for parking & is generally untidy to say the least. The village flower show raises a substantial amount of money each year & some of this will be used once again to replant the tubs on the High street as well as placing 2 new ones by the school.
- It was also felt that the current situation of the grass verges on the approach to the village being cut only two to three times yearly by the Highways agency is not frequent enough. Alternative methods will be investigated.

Business concluded 8:45p.m.