

Aylburton Parish Council: Annual General Meeting

Minutes of AGM held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 25th May 2010 at 7:30 PM

Present

Maurice Bloomfield (Chairman), Alan Edwards, Mike Praker, Jane O'Donnell, Simon Newman, Kath Harris, Frankie Evans (Councillors), Karen Blackwell (Clerk), Terry Glastonbury (District Councillor).

Members of the public: Margaret Edwards, Clare Bloomfield.

Apologies:

None received.

Minutes of AGM held on 23rd May 2009.

Were agreed and signed as a true record.

The chairman opened the meeting by thanking Mike Praker for his hard work & dedication during his time as Chair of the Council. Mike had steered the Council with a fair & steady hand during some difficult times whilst retaining his sense of humour. We are all grateful for his input & are glad that he will remain on the Council for awhile at least.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Yearly Summary:

The following were listed as having been completed by the Council:

3 new notice boards had been ordered, placed in the village & paid for.
Bin placed at junction of Old road / Sandford road.
Bus shelter repaired, insurance & VAT reclaimed & received.
4 further allotments given to residents.
Dog fouling signs positioned & all invoices paid.
New drainage system in place.
Millennium Wood trees topped by Lydney Park Estate, paid for by Parish council.
Milling brook cleared by Mr. M. Hewitt, bill paid by council.
2008-09 Audit successfully completed without comment from external auditor.
Litter collection to be continued by A. Jones, NOT sub-contracted out by FoDDC.
Ownership of Upper Common land confirmed.
AUCA grant increased to £750 per annum.
Remembrance Day observed, wreaths placed at Memorial hall.
Bus shelter in village repainted by Russell George, letter of Thanks & voucher sent.
Frankie Evans was co-opted as new member of council following death of David Thorne in Nov '09.
Deaths of Viscount Lord Bledisloe, David Thorne, & Mrs Nan Mills noted, sympathy cards sent.

All correspondence & planning had been reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

The following were listed as items still pending further action:

The Parish Plan.
Registration of the Parish Patch.
Hole near footpath behind houses on High Street.
The Tack footpath.
Grants for church yard grass cutting.
Two Rivers situation not yet resolved.
Loose kerbstone, Church road.
Subsidence, Church road.
Surface water, Shepherd's Corner, Chapel Hill.
Unsafe pavement, Alvington to Old road, Sandford Hill.
Sandford Road, lights in need of replacement.
Churchyard tree maintenance.
Dog waste bin, Sandford Road/Sandford terrace.
Vehicle Activated Sign, entry to village.
Millennium Wood transfer from Lydney Park Estate to Parish council.
Kiosk adoption.
Bus service / timetable problems.
Salt bins, more required.
Charitable donations / requests.

Public concerns / discussion:

(1) Mike Praker raised the issue of the problems experienced by many local residents with regard to the bus service with times & connections which were felt to be largely inconvenient, rendering the service practically useless. Cllr Glastonbury believes that there may be a solution in the future but that no plans were afoot to make changes any time soon. The James Bevan bus company which operates the local service is unable to effect a change due to commitments with school times.

Clare Bloomfield stated that the service as it currently stands renders it nigh on impossible for local people to visit the main hospitals in Gloucester & Cheltenham; at a time when people are already stressed this only adds to their burden.

It is very much hoped that a resolution may be reached soon. The Council will monitor the situation & continue to pressure those involved to make changes to the service they provide.

(2) Alan Edwards will continue to request speed awareness / slow down signs for the village.

(3) Margaret Edwards asked that the Council help with the problem of dog fouling along the Aylburton to Lydney footpath. It was suggested that the Street Wardens be approached to help with this matter.

(4) Mrs Edwards also asked that a vote of thanks be sent to the village Flower club in recognition of their hard work in making the village environs more attractive to residents & visitors alike. It was also suggested that perhaps in the future the Parish Council could offer financial assistance for their schemes which greatly benefit the village as a whole.

Financial Summary 01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010:

Opening balance	£4005.65
Payments	£6600.35
Receipts	£8279.76
Closing balance	£5685.16

Balances as at 11/05/10:

Current account	£7181.11
Deposit account	£3475.50

Affiliations:

Street wardens scheme	£100.00
A48 Committee	£8.00

Donations:

AUCA	£750.00
Poppy Appeal	£50.00

Business concluded 8:40p.m.