

# Aylburton Parish: Annual General Meeting

Minutes of AGM held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014

**Present :** Maurice Bloomfield (Chairman), Simon Newman, Andy Jones, Colin Newman, Lorna Coates, (Councillors), Karen Blackwell (Clerk), Robert Gee (PCSO).

Members of the public: John Ridley, Mark Sragent, Margaret & Alan Edwards.

**Apologies:** Frankie Evans, Terry Glastonbury.

## **Minutes of AGM held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013**

Were agreed and signed as a true record.

### **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

#### **Yearly Summary:**

##### **The following were listed as Items completed:**

- Dog waste bin, Milling Crescent.
- Audit 2012-13 successfully completed
- Jubilee Wood lease declined
- Church Road verges repaired
- Notice boards repaired
- Ivy over-hanging High Street pavement dealt with
- £1,000 grant given to the school
- Willow tree on Millbrook Green cut back
- Berkeley site meetings & Flood defence meetings attended by Maurice Bloomfield
- LPE notified of concerns over electric fences, Stockwell lane area
- Chapel Hill footpath issue
- Grass-cutting contract awarded to Ray Woodward

All correspondence & planning reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

The following item was struck from the agenda: Chapel Hill footpath issue

##### **Items pending:**

- ADPD
- Wind Turbine application
- Parking problems in village
- Kear's Moor culvert still needs clearing
- Sandford Road / Old Road bank / trees
- New gas line for village
- Flashing speed sign
- Water supply for allotments, Kear's Moor

##### **General Business & Public concerns:**

Mark Sargent asked those present to explain the refusal to take on the lease of the Jubilee Wood. The Chairman explained that legal advice had been taken by the clerk & that the lease was generally felt to have probable negative ramifications for future Councils, i.e. expenses in terms of repairs & maintenance, as well as being somewhat limiting in its application.

The ADPD is an important issue as it will directly influence the appearance of the village in years to come. Several possible sites for development have been identified in the village & the possibility of moving the Defined Settlement Boundary (DSB) has been raised. Mr Sargent went on to say that he believes Aylburton

would benefit from the provision of new affordable housing, which may encourage young families to settle.

The wind turbine issue is still unresolved & has gone to appeal at the time of the meeting.

The potential for a new gas-line to the village is being considered & Maurice Bloomfield will arrange for a short questionnaire to be sent out to all residents to gauge local opinion.

Mr Sargent also asked if the Parish Council had any plans to commemorate the centenary of the outbreak of the first World War. Lorna Coates is to make a frame containing hundreds of poppies for display at the Hall, & a plaque will also be displayed. Maurice offered to check the 1911 census out of interest to see how many parishioners lived in the village at that time.

The School is also planning to commemorate the event & Mark offered to liaise with the School & ask them to display their work.

Alan Edwards reported that an area of the road very close to the School is once again in a bad condition. K.B. will contact Brian Watkins to ask that this is repaired once again.

Mark Sargent informed the meeting that an artificial wicket is a possibility for the local cricket club. It may be that at some point the Council is asked to consider a contribution to the fund!

Mark also mentioned the fact that when he served on the Council there seemed to be little chance of influencing the decisions of the Planning Department (at FoDDC) & wondered if this had improved at all.

Mr John Ridley asked if the Council would investigate the possibility of changing the present lighting system throughout the village. This has only just been changed but residents are complaining of a strange glow caused by the new lighting which is not suitable for a small village anyway. K.B. will ask the relevant agencies for advice.

The roads & pavements in Aylburton are generally in a bad state of repair, although it was agreed that there are places far worse off than this village. It was also agreed that the lack of available funding is causing a knock-on detrimental effect. K.B. will enquire as to whether Highways could actually clear the pavements of grit at least, as this caused major problems for vehicles & pedestrians alike. Margaret Edwards asked if people doing community service may be used to perform some of the necessary tasks in the village.

Alan Edwards asked that it be noted that the white lines on the lay-by outside his house are in need of repainting.

Lorna Coates told the meeting that Mr Graham Clark has been cutting the grass on the paths leading from the allotments to the back of the playing field & asked that the Council send Mr Clark a letter of thanks. K.B. to do so.

**Financial Summary: 01/04/13 to 31/03/14**

Opening balance	£7641.43
Payments	£7403.62
Receipts	£9045.35
Closing balance	<b>£9283.15</b>

**Affiliations:**

A48 Meeting	£8.00
GAPTC	£152.93

**Donations:**

AUCA	£750.00
Poppy Appeal	£50.00
FoD CAB	£50.00
Friends of Bathurst Pool	£200.00
Methodist Chapel Fund	£50.00
SARA	£50.00
Dial-A-Ride	£50.00
Victoria Centre	£50.00
Memorial Hall Garden fund	£30.00

<b>Grass Cutting</b>	<b>£1,156.00</b>
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**The meeting closed at 8.45p.m**