

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 27th March 2007 at 7:00 PM

Present

Michael Praker (Chairman), Maurice Bloomfield, Alan Edwards, Kath Harris (Councillors), Terry Glastonbury, Marion Winship (District councillors), Karen Blackwell (Clerk), Con DuBois, Steve Folkard (Members of the public)

Apologies

Dave Thorne, Jane O'Donnell, Simon Newman (Councillors)

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2007.

Agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes.

- 1. Condition of roads**
Despite a visit by Doug Smith of the local Highways Agency, there has been no progress made and the roads remain in a shameful condition. The clerk agreed to continue to pressure the agency to take action. Councillor Glastonbury also offered to bring pressure to bear on Cannop to see what (if anything) can be done to speed up the process. Further to this, Councillor Edwards reported that he will liaise with Jason Humm at the June meeting of the A48 committee.
- 2. Bin for Litter Collector**
Despite assurances from the Environmental Department of the FoDDC that a bin would be provided, at the time of the meeting it had failed to materialise! Enquiries are to continue.
- 3. Parish Plan**
Councillor Bloomfield reported that he was to meet with Kate Bough (the Parish Plan Liaison Officer) to gauge the possibility of going ahead and will duly report back any progress and/or developments.
- 4. School waiting area**
The clerk will attempt to ascertain with whom the responsibility for this piece of land lies, as the ground becomes dangerously slippery when wet and parent and children forced to wait here have expressed concern as to safety issues. It was suggested by the Chairman that it may be possible to tarmac or gravel it to improve the matter.

Any Other Business

- 5. Election nomination packs**
The clerk reminded all members of the need to return their completed nominations for the forthcoming elections by the date specified in their packs.
- 6. LPE allotment rent increases**
Lydney Park Estate will increase the allotment rents charged to the council from next year. This means that Upper Common will be £100 per annum and Kear's Moor will be £65 per annum. The council prefers not to increase the rents to current tenants (£9 or £12 per annum for Kear's Moor and £11.25 for Upper Common) so will maintain the current prices so long as costs are covered. It was suggested that the amount the council charges LPE for shooting rights be increased from £20 to £25 per annum. The clerk will investigate the reasons for this payment.
- 7. Stockwell Lane banks**
This area continues to present a problem with regards to responsibility for maintenance, with no official body willing to claim! Councillor Glastonbury again offered to make further enquiries to the FoDDC.
- 8. Road markings by Bathurst Pool**
Councillor Winship solved the mystery of the road marking by Bathurst Pool, explaining that they are designed to create the illusion of the road being narrower than it actually is, thus keeping the traffic away from the pavements. Furthermore, she advised the meeting that no crossing will be placed on this stretch of road.
- 9. Village drains**
It was reported that the village drains have finally been cleaned.
- 10. Law enforcement/Street Warden attendance**
The clerk was asked to request the attendance of a local law enforcement office at a future meeting as it was felt that there has been too little contact in recent months. It was also agreed to invite a representative from the Street Wardens scheme to visit and explain their policies, aims and how they may be of use to the village.
- 11. Horticultural Society**
Also present at the meeting were Con DuBois and Steve Folkard of the Horticultural Society. It has been decided that, due to the high level of work required to enter for the Bledisloe Cup, this will not be attempted this year. However, the society would like to improve the appearance of the village with the addition of hanging baskets, window boxes and the planting of trees in public areas. The

council agreed that, in principle, this idea is commendable and will be fully supported but cautioned the need to adhere to health and safety guidelines.

Correspondence

Items #5975 to #6007 were reviewed and dealt with.

Planning

12. Received

#6003 Old Hospital, High Street Management of trees

13. Granted

#6004 Cascade Uniform Ltd, Cross Barn Erection of storage, gates & stone wall
#6006 8 Upper Common Mobile home
#6007 83 High Street Conservatory

14. Refused

#6005 Barns B & C, Lydney Park Estate Change of use

Finance

15. Balances

Current account £943.24
Deposit account £1796.20

16. Authorisations required:

Lydney Park Estate – Allotment rents £150.00
GAPTC £139.03
K. Blackwell – Salary (Feb/Mar) & expenses £148.33
A. Jones – Litter collection (Feb) £102.00

17. Payments made:

#567 A. Jones – Litter collection (Jan) £51.00
#568 K. Blackwell – Salary & expenses £287.58
#569 M. Hewitt – Brook cleaning £76.00

18. Payments pending:

Street Wardens – Donation £100.00

Business concluded 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

7:00 PM Tuesday 29th May 2007 in Aylburton Memorial Hall.