

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 29th May 2007 at 7:00 PM

Present

Michael Prakel (Chairman), Dave Thorne, Jane O'Donnell, Alan Edwards, Kath Harris (Councillors), Terry Glastonbury (District councillors), Karen Blackwell (Clerk)

Apologies

Maurice Bloomfield, Simon Newman (Councillors), Marion Winship (District councillors)

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2007.

Agreed and signed as a true record.

Opening address

The chairman opened proceedings by offering his congratulations to Councillors Glastonbury and Winship on their re-election to office.

Matters arising from the minutes.

1. Condition of roads

There has been no progress in this matter. The roads are worsening and there now exists a potentially dangerous situation outside Mr Ken Thomas' house on Church Road whereby the road is effectively falling into the brook. This causes problems for visitors such as Dial-a-ride and medical personnel attending the property. The solution may lie in asking those most affected to write letters of complaint to the relevant agencies. The clerk will endeavour to contact Jason Humm at the Highways Agency stressing the inherent danger and the fact that the village seems to be sidelined since the A48 was detrunken.

2. Bin for Litter Collector

It was confirmed that a second green bin had been delivered for use by Andy Jones.

3. Parish Plan

Councillor Harris reported that she had attended a meeting with Councillor Bloomfield and Kate Baugh to discuss the future possibilities. Although there would be much work involved, the general feeling was very positive and Miss Baugh confirmed that there may still be a small amount of funding available.

4. School waiting area

This indeed cut by Richard Morgan, but may actually be owned by the District Council, which Councillor Glastonbury will attempt to confirm. Until this is known, the issue with regards to tarmac/safety surface will be put on hold.

5. Elections

The clerk was to chase the declarations of office forms for completion and return along with the member's interest forms.

6. Allotment rents

A suggested increase of £1.00 per annum per allotment was agreed upon, to take effect from April 2007. Chairman Prakel offered to ascertain which allotments are assigned to whom. It was also suggested that an allotment committee be formed to administer the allotments.

7. Stockwell Lane banks

Councillor Glastonbury reports that no further progress can be made at present as the land is not registered at all! This is obviously a long term problem as, despite the best efforts of members of the District Council, it has been impossible to ascertain ownership of this piece of land. The District Council will continue its research but it was mooted that one possible solution would be for the Parish Council to attempt to register the land in its own name, although obviously, this in itself is not without potential future problems.

8. Local Officer / Crime report

The clerk had invited a police community support officer to attend this meeting but unfortunately none were able to. The clerk will reissue the invitation for the next meeting.

Any Other Business

9. Funding for play area

It was agreed to give the Village Club a donation of £500 as the work is now going ahead.

10. Annual General Meeting

The 22nd of June was agreed upon as the date for the meeting. Clerk to advertise the meeting and to book the village hall.

11. Funds transfer

It was agreed to transfer £3000 from the current account to the deposit account.

12. Funding for Ashleigh Bailey

A letter had been received from the mother of local girl Ashleigh Bailey requesting financial assistance in her bid to represent her country in the International Horseball championships.

Although the council applauds her dedication, there are concerns that it may set a precedent should a donation be made. It was decided to postpone any decision on this matter until a later meeting.

13. Overhanging trees

Chairman Prakel raised the issue of overhanging trees obstructing the pavement by Taurus crafts. Councillor Glastonbury offered to raise the subject with Lydney Town Council.

14. Churchyard path/tree

Chairman Prakel also reported that the church path is in need of remedial work with one section in particular in a very poor condition. He will investigate the cost of having the path tarmaced. There is also a tree in the churchyard which is in need of lopping. The Chairman also offered to organise for this work to be done.

15. Salary increase

It was agreed that, effective immediately, the clerk's salary will increase to £840 per annum.

16. Mead Lane footpath

Councillor Edwards requested that the footpath at Mead Lane be looked at as it is seriously overgrown, making passage nigh on impossible. Again, Councillor Glastonbury offered to raise this with Lydney Town Council, as there is some question as to where responsibility for maintenance of this path rests (i.e. is it a matter for Lydney Park Estate to deal with).

17. The Tack

This is still an ongoing issue, with the Footpaths Agency attempting to have the Tack marked as a footpath on the Ordnance Survey maps of the area. However, this will be contested by Lydney Park Estate.

Correspondence

Items #6008 to #6049 were reviewed and dealt with.

Planning

18. Received

#6043	Mandala House	Swimming pool enclosure
#6044	1 Walnut Gardens	Erection of conservatory
#6045	Lydney	Provision of new pharmacy
#6046	Chapel Hill Barn	Alterations to garage
#6047	George Inn	Erection of smoking shelter
#6048	Stockwell Lane dairy	New barn (Permission not required)

19. Granted

#6049	Barns B & C, Taurus (LPE)	Change of use (Revised plans)
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20. Refused

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

21. Balances

Current account	£5628.88
Deposit account	£1812.19

22. Authorisations required:

AUCA	£250.00
K. Blackwell – Salary (April/May)	£133.33
A. Jones – Litter collection (Apr/May)	£102.00

23. Payments made:

#570	A. Jones – Litter collection (Feb/Mar)	£102.00
#571	K. Blackwell – Salary (Feb/Mar) & expenses	£148.33
#572	Lydney Park Estate – Allotment rents	£150.00
#573	GAPTC	£139.03
#574	R. Morgan – Grass cutting (Apr)	£100.00
#575	R. Morgan – Grass cutting (May)	£200.00

24. Payments pending:

Street Wardens – Donation	£100.00
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Business concluded 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting

7:00 PM Tuesday 24th July 2007 in Aylburton Memorial Hall.