

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 25th November 2008 at 7:00 PM

Present

Michael Praker (Chairman), Alan Edwards, Kath Harris, Simon Newman (Councillors), Karen Blackwell (Clerk). Terry Glastonbury (District Councillor).

Apologies

Maurice Bloomfield, Jane o'Donnell, Marion Winship, Dan Wilce (PCSO).

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Agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes

- **Parish Plan**
In the absence of Councillor Bloomfield, Mr Edwards reported to the council on this issue, stating that the questionnaires had been returned & had raised no real surprises. The return rate was 51 per cent, which is very good for something of this nature as well as being encouraging to those involved. The results will be discussed in detail at the next meeting.
- **Parish Patch**
The registration of the Parish Patch is still pending.
- **Village Notice boards**
Still pending. Clerk to make further enquiries.
- **Churchyard path repair**
Still pending.
- **AUCA: Increase in annual donation?**
This will be discussed further at the next full meeting of the council. The clerk advised the council that she feels that AUCA represents good value for money & that despite repeated attempts no further quotes for the work entailed were forthcoming.
- **Street Lighting at Chapel Hill Close**
The clerk had been informed by the Highways Department, that as the area in question is on privately owned land it is as such not a council issue. Should the residents wish to continue with this matter it will be for them to liaise with the owners, Lydney Park Estate.
- **Millennium Wood maintenance/ WI seat**
The Chairman will attempt to arrange a meeting with Robert Frankton of LPE to discuss options.
Further to this it has been decided to place the seat on the village playing field as the W.I feels it will get more use at this site.
- **Kiosk adoption**
The adoption is proceeding but no new details are available to date.
- **Precept request**
This matter will be fully discussed at the next meeting when more councillors will be available to discuss it.

Correspondence

#8112 to 8136 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate with the following item being of concern:
#8116, Gypsy Traveller sites. Cllr Glastonbury informed the meeting that this is a sensitive & problematic issue in this area as too few sites have been allocated for this purpose, meaning that at some point other sites will have to be found to fulfil legal requirements. This matter will be monitored.

Clerk's report/ miscellaneous items.

The A48 committee reports that the issue of repeated flooding in the area must be fully dealt with prior to the road being repaired especially in the Chapel Hill & Church Road environs. As such the drains on the High street are to be investigated & it is hoped that drain clearing will take place more frequently than the current rate of 3 times per year. The possibility of placing twin drains in the area to increase flow is being considered & Mr Glastonbury reports that there should be more money available from central government for such work following the floods of the last 2 years. The condition of the roads & the high accident rate continue to be a problem across the county.

The footpaths in the area also give cause for concern with many being impassable & badly signed if at all. Councillor Newman reports that certain paths towards the river have been blocked by the

placing of electric fencing. The clerk will contact the Footpaths agency to enlist its help in dealing with this matter.

With regards to The Tack it is understood that "permissive rights" to walk this will be granted at some point in the future but as yet no details are available.

Mr Russell George is to relinquish his allotment at Kear's Moor, with Mr Paul Challenger taking it on.

The cultivation order outside the Cascade office is to be implemented with Ray Woodward & Con Dubois drawing up plans for planting. The council would also like to see more planted tubs in the village as they do improve the appearance of the area greatly.

Cllr Edwards reports that the problem of Ragwort disposal & removal is to be dealt with by the Highways agency.

Planning

- **Received**

36 High St. Erection of "cottage" style dwelling with associated vehicular access.
The clerk was asked to write to the planning office expressing concern with regard to this proposal.
(This letter is available to view on request).

Finance

- **Balances**

Current account	£333.53
Deposit account	£5446.38

- **Payments made**

K. Blackwell	- Salary (Aug/Sept)	£146.00
A. Jones	- Litter collection (Aug/Sept) at new rate	£210.00
Zurich Insurance	- Renewal	£405.18
Time2Logo	- Parish Plan clothing	£176.25
AUCA	- Donation, 2 nd instalment	£250.00
R. Morgan - Inv #37	- School x 1 cut @ £15.00, Church x 1 cut @ £87.00	£102.00
R. Morgan - Inv # 49	- School x 1 cut @ £15, Church x 1 cut @ £87	£102.00
M. Bloomfield	- Expenses, Prize draw, Parish Plan	£100.00

- **Payments Received**

FoDDC	- Litter remittance	£630.00
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- **Authorisations required**

K. Blackwell	- Salary (Oct/Nov)	£146.00
A. Jones	- Litter collection (Oct/Nov)	£210.00
GAPTC	- Course fees	£30.00
Whitehouse Press	- Printing for Parish Plan	£327.83
Royal British Legion	- Remembrance Day wreaths	£45.00
Lydney Town Council	- Cemetery upkeep	£150.00
R. Morgan - Inv # 56	- School x 2 @ £15, Church x 2 @ £87, Hedge x 1 @ £25	£229.00

Business concluded 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 27th January 2009 in Aylburton Memorial Hall.