

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 25th May 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

Mike Praker (M.P.), Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.), Alan Edwards (A.E.), Kath Harris (K.H.) Simon Newman (S.N.), Jane O'Donnell (J.O'D.), Frankie Evans (F.E.) (Councillors), Karen Blackwell (K.B.) (Clerk) Terry Glastonbury (T.G.) (District Councillor)

Apologies

Marion Winship.

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2010.

Agreed and signed as a true record.

District councillor reports:

Vehicle Activated Sign

It was confirmed that the VAS is now up & working, although the Highways Agency seemed unaware of this development!

Salt / grit bins

The Highways Agency is keen to reduce the number of salt or grit bins allocated to the area. It argues that there have been repeated problems with refilling the bins during bad weather as well as thefts of both bins & contents. However salt will still be provided in 20 kilo bags for the Parish council to distribute as necessary. In due course the Highways Agency will visit each area to ascertain individual needs.

The Tack footpath

Lydney Town Council has agreed to the footpath being open for 42 weeks of the year but closed to walkers during the breeding season. The Parish Council is not bound to accept this decision but a challenge would in all likelihood take many months, if not years, to be heard.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Parish Plan

M.B. recommends that the council prioritises the development of the website & the newsletter as per the findings of the Parish Plan. Once these are up & running the council will be in a better position to devote more resources to other actions.

M.B. also confirmed that he will claim the second part of the grant available to help offset the costs so far accrued.

M.P. thanked M.B. for his continued hard work on this project.

Parish Patch

Still with the solicitor.

Village notice boards

The clerk will contact Tudor Rose carpentry to order another notice board to be go outside the school on the wall. This one will be approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of those previously made for the council. The clerk will request that the carpenter liaise with Nicky Ford as to its positioning.

Church yard trees / maintenance

K.B. will contact Darren Self of Abbey Tree Services again in order to ascertain why the work agreed has not yet been completed.

Surface water / street lights / footpath / subsidence

An e-mail & a letter had been received by the clerk in response to her letter listing a series of problems within the village. Brian Watkins of the Highways Agency assures the council that each of the issues raised will be dealt with in the near future. We can only hope so!

Copies of all correspondence are available to view.

Millennium Wood

The clerk has still not received any response from LPE regarding the transfer of this land to the Parish Council. A further attempt will be made as this matter has now been ongoing for a year.

M.B. suggests that the wood features in the first issue of the newsletter in order that public awareness of its use is raised.

Charitable donations

The following charities were agreed upon as recipients for donations this year:

Friends of Bathurst Pool, £300. S.A.R.A, £50. FoD CAB, £50. The Victoria centre, £25. Dial-A-Ride, £25. Other donations to different groups may be made at a later date with the Village Club & Hall committee being of priority.

