

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 27th September 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.) (Chair), Simon Newman (S.N.), Lorna Coates (L.C.), Colin Newman (C.N.), Andy Jones (Councillors); Karen Blackwell (K.B.), clerk.
Also present: PCSO's Mary Skinner & Natalie Lang.

Apologies

Jane O'Donnell, (J.O'D), Frankie Evans (F.E.), Marion Winship.

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2011.

Agreed and signed as correct.

Memorial Hall garden

The Chair opened the meeting by thanking Lorna Coates for the hard work put into the Memorial Hall garden. In turn L.C. thanked the council for the donation towards the upkeep of the garden.

District councillor reports:

No District Councillor attended this meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Chapel Hill / Church road /Aylburton to Alvington footpath

Some remedial work has at last been completed on the Aylburton to Alvington footpath but all other matters remain outstanding. K.B. has written once again to Jenny Wilks of Glos. Highways to complain about the lack of progress. A reply is awaited.

Millbrook seating

M.B. had approached Tudor Carpentry to request that they make a seat which Mr John Mills will pay for & provide a fitting epitaph as a memorial to his parents.

A.J. asked that the old seat be removed as soon as possible as it is proving irresistible to local vandals!

Upper Common ditches

Still pending : awaiting a response from AUCA.

Orchard Close parking problems

Although it was hoped that Brian Watkins of Glos. Highways would attend the meeting to discuss all relevant issues he failed to appear. The PCSO's in attendance reiterated the need for Highways to conduct its own assessment of this matter as the police have very few powers in relation to traffic calming measures etc.

Bus Services

K.B. reported that a letter had been received stating that the local bus service was likely to be further reduced in the near future but that as yet no firm details were available.

Alternative Insurance providers

Following the clerk's failed attempts to find a more competitive quote for the annual insurance cover it was agreed to renew with Zurich once again. C.N. suggested that the amount was in fact very reasonable given the level of cover provided.

New Business

Funds Transfer

It was agreed to transfer £2000 from the deposit to the Current account to meet immediate expenses.

Lydney town Council / Cemetery

It was decided to postpone the payment of the contribution to the upkeep of the cemetery until the next meeting.

Church yard shed

John Court of Stockwell Lane had contacted the clerk to request that something be done about the shed at St Mary's church. This is in some disrepair & as far as we know is no longer used. M.B. & A.J. will do a site visit to assess the situation.

Furthermore there is still some concern as to the tree near the Church in terms of its safety. A.J. offered to ask a friend of his to examine the tree & suggest what needs to be done.

Allotments

The allotments on Kear's Moor will be assessed by L.C. & C.N. as part of their Leisure & Amenities Portfolio remit. It is hoped that by instigating a thorough tidy up of the area further allotments may be formed.

The council will also consider issuing allotment holders with agreements regulating the use of the land, length of tenancy etc.

Parish Patch

It has once again been suggested that this land should be rented to a resident of Aylburton rather than (as is currently the case), someone from outside the village. However K.B. stressed that this may be difficult to achieve as the present tenant has occupied the site for many years. An appointment with a local solicitor will be made to ascertain the legal position of all parties.

Milling Crescent path

It had been brought to the attention of the clerk that the path linking Milling Crescent & Millbrook Green is being rendered dangerous to use by the profusion of overhanging brambles. K.B. will write to the resident concerned asking that he remedy the situation promptly.

Stockwell Lane speed signs

C.N. asked that the Council look into the matter of erecting signs advising of the speed limit down Stockwell Lane. K.B. will contact Glos. Highways to request that this be considered.

GAPTC training course

Lorna Coates will attend the next available "Being a Good Councillor" course run by GAPTC. K.B. to book this.

Planning:**Correspondence:**

Items from #8506 to #8538 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Of note: # 8538, Invitation to join the Society of Local Council Clerks. K.B. will investigate this to see whether the Council would benefit from such a membership.

Finances: Current account **£266.10** Deposit account **£10,477.67**

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (June / July 2011)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (April / May 2011)	£210.00
R. Morgan	– Grass cutting, inv# 91	£210.00
Moore Stephens Accountants	– Audit fee	£144.00
AUCA	– Grant (part 1)	£375.00
FoD C.A.B	– Donation	£50.00
S.A.R.A	– Donation	£50.00
Dial-A-Ride	– Donation	£30.00
Victoria Centre	– Donation	£30.00
Memorial Garden Fund	– Donation	£30.00
Great Oaks Hospice	– Donation	£30.00
Methodist Chapel fund	– Donation	£30.00
R. Morgan	– Grass cutting, inv# 96	£210.00

Authorisations required:

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A. Jones	– Litter collection (Aug/Sept 2011)	£210.00
R. Morgan	– Grass cutting, inv# 91	£210.00
Lydney Town Council	– Cemetery upkeep contribution	£150.00
AUCA	– Grant part 2	£375.00

Next meeting Tuesday 22nd November 2011 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.45pm