

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd November 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.) (Chair), Jane O'Donnell, (J.O'D), Simon Newman (S.N.), Lorna Coates (L.C.), Colin Newman (C.N.), Andy Jones (Councillors); Karen Blackwell (K.B.), clerk. Councillors Terry Glastonbury & Marion Winship.
Also in attendance, PCSO Dan Wilce.

Apologies

Frankie Evans (F.E.)

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2011.

Agreed and signed as correct.

Report from PCSO

Dan Wilce attended the meeting to report on crime statistics for the area & the action which can be taken by residents to minimise the risks to households / gardens etc. Crime figures for the village are generally low & it is believed that the majority of crimes committed are done so by organised groups from outside this area.

With regard to the possibility of having double yellow lines put on Orchard Close there has been no real progress as yet but PCSO Wilce has spoken to Wayne Howells at Cannop who will forward a request for funding, hopefully enabling the work to be done at some point in the future.

There had been problems with a party in The Cross inn leading to the police attending. The owners will be visited by the licensing department & Sara Sleeman to discuss the issue. A.J. reported that when attempting to bring the matter to the attention of the police on the night in question he had no luck using the new 101 number. D.W. promised to look into this.

Reports of a cannabis farm near Heaven's Gate had been received & acted upon by the police. Any further information is to be passed to Dan.

Finally, D.W. brought along some 30mph signs to be placed along Stockwell Lane.

District councillor reports:

M.W. will attend a meeting on 29/11/11 regarding flood risk management on the banks of the Severn & asked that any questions be directed to her to bring up on the behalf of the village.

A panel at District is looking into problems with local transport, in particular the bus service, & the Parish Council can pass comments from parishioners to this panel. There will be a review in 6 months time.

T.G told the meeting that the air quality at the top of Lydney i.e. by the cross has been found to be unsatisfactory following a monitoring exercise.

Parking charges for Forest town car parks are still under review but will be introduced at some point in the near future.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Chapel Hill / Church road

Sally Godwin has been appointed stake holder for the region following the departure of Brian Watkins & it was decided that a meeting should be arranged as soon as possible at which this council could fully air its grievances, in the hope that this may result in some positive action at long last.

Millbrook seating

A new seat is being made. In the meantime A.J. has removed the old one.

Upper Common ditches / problem with bridleway

K.B. has yet to hear from AUCA with regard to taking over the ditch clearing.

T.G informed the council that Peter Maunder of the County Council's Environment department has visited the area to examine (among other things) the problems reported by Matt Harding with the Upper common bridleway. Mr Maunder will arrange to have the necessary work carried out & apparently has requested that the 4x4 driver causing most of the damage desist!

Orchard Close parking problems

Please see PCSO report above.

Allotments

L.C. has undertaken to re-evaluate the allotments (as to size, cost etc) as part of her portfolio remit. A report will follow in due course.

Church yard shed & trees

A.J. had asked a colleague to examine the tree which seems to be causing so much bother. He believes that the tree poses no immediate danger thus it was decided to leave this matter until the date of the next parochial architect's inspection, due in 2014.

The shed sited in the church yard contains an old mower but no-one knows who owns it! M.B. & A.J. will deal with this issue.

Parish Patch

Still with the solicitor.

Milling Crescent path

K.B. had received a letter from Mr Bishop stating that he had arranged for the offending brambles to be cut back as he always does at this time of year apparently. Any residual problem with overgrown plants etc will be dealt with by M.B & A.J.

Lorna Coates stated that she had used the path & found it to be clear but had received complaints about the height of the hedge.

Stockwell Lane speed signs

Please see PCSO report above.

New Business:**Portfolio reports;**

Governance; nothing to report.

Communications; Broadband speed for the area. M.B reports that some funding is available but the need for improvements to the service must be proved. He has completed an on-line survey which he has also placed in the Ducktown Echo & on the website for others to complete if they wish.

Roads & Transport; M.B. will approach LPE with regard to the storage of salt bags to be used in the event of severe weather conditions. Also it has been decided to purchase 2 salt spreaders from Highways. K.B. will look into the cost of doing so.

Furthermore it was reported that sandbags will no longer be delivered to residents. In future these will need to be collected from the Cannop site.

Amenities & Leisure; nothing to report.

Environment; the snow warden for the village is still listed as Alan Edwards! S.N. will change these details with FoDDC.

Remembrance Day

M.B. stated that the wreath placing ceremony at the Memorial hall went well but that in future it may be an idea to publicise the event more, as well as devising a way for the local children to be more involved, perhaps with a poetry or art competition.

Orchard Close salt bin request

M.B will raise this issue among many others with sally Godwin at the planned meeting.

Precept request

After much deliberation it was agreed to request £7000 for the coming year.

Planning:

2 applications were received. No comments were necessary.

Due to problems with the timing of applications being received by the clerk, K.B. will contact the planning office to ask that in future all paperwork be sent direct to a member of the planning committee to ensure that any responses can be made in the allocated time frame.

Millbrook Green bin

A.J. told the meeting that this has disappeared! K.B. is to ask the street wardens or FoDDC where the responsibility for the placing of such bins rests.

Aylburton School garden fund

A letter had been received in which Mrs Amelia Rutherford detailed the aim of the school to improve the allotment / garden (at the back of the Memorial Hall) & the need for funding to help with costs. It was decided to donate £150 to this local & very worthwhile cause.

Correspondence:

Items from #8539 to #8568 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Finances: Current account **£1,435.92**

Deposit account **£8,478.90**

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Aug/Sept 2011)	£200.00
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	

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A. Jones	- Litter collection (Oct / Nov 2011)	£210.00
Lydney Town Council	- Cemetery upkeep contribution *	£150.00
British Legion	- Poppy wreaths x 2	£50.00
R. Morgan	- Grass & Hedge cutting	£135.00
Whitehouse Press	- Newsletters / printing	£150.00

Payments Received

FoDDC	Litter Remit (pt 2)	£630.00
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Next meeting Tuesday 24th January 2012 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm