

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 24th January 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.) (Chair), Jane O'Donnell (J.O'D), Colin Newman (C.N.), Frankie Evans (F.E.), Andy Jones (A.J.), (Councillors); Karen Blackwell (K.B.), clerk.
District Councillors Terry Glastonbury & Marion Winship.
Also present: Kate Wyatt, Community Engagement Officer, FoDDC.

Apologies

Lorna Coates & Simon Newman

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2011.

Agreed and signed as a true record.

Presentation by Kate Wyatt

Kate Wyatt is the Community Engagement Officer for the area & is lead officer for young people's issues. Her main remit involves helping communities to deal effectively with concerns & ongoing issues by advising on actions required & facilitating easier lines of communication between all interested parties.

District councillor reports:

M.W. reported that the panel looking into transport matters has now gone to the scrutiny stage, & that all complaints from parishioners regarding problems with transport are to go through the Parish Council & then onto District, who will have one designated person to deal with such issues.

A new, national police & crime panel is to be devised, with elections for Commissioner of this panel occurring in November of this year.

T.G. informed the meeting that the police stations at Lydney, Coleford & Cinderford are all to close. This obviously leaves a huge gap which is unlikely to be filled by the PIP arrangement which currently stands. Only time will tell the true consequences of such a measure as this.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Chapel Hill / Church road

K.B. still to arrange meeting at Cannop with Sally Godwin to discuss all ongoing issues.

Millbrook seating

New seat to be paid for as per invoice. M.B. to arrange plaque to be made.

Upper Common ditches / problem with bridleway

Miss Brenda Wilkinson of 12 Upper Common had written thanking the Council for its involvement in bringing the matter of the misused bridleway behind her property to a satisfactory conclusion. Peter Maunder of the County Council had indeed expedited the necessary work & the path is now in a much improved condition rendering it safer to use.

With regard to the ditch clearing issue this will be struck from the agenda until a response is forthcoming from AUCA.

Church yard shed & trees

A.J. will remove the shed sited in the church yard at some point in the future.

Milling Crescent path

It was agreed to leave the path for now & re-examine the issue during the growing season, clearing it as & when necessary. Both J.O'D & C.N. state that the path is currently in good repair.

New Business:

Localism Bill: A separate meeting will be arranged to discuss this important legislation & its consequences for the council.

Funds Transfer: It was agreed to transfer £2000 from the deposit to the current account to cover expenditure.

Phone kiosk: A number of glass panels in the phone kiosk are broken thus representing a possible hazard to the public. A.J. offered to remove the broken glass & K.B. is to look into where the responsibility for maintenance of the kiosk now rests.

Millennium Wood: There are some dead trees within the wood. LPE has stated that it will supply new trees but that residents will have to plant these themselves. A map showing the location & ownership of all trees will be requested from LPE.

F.E. suggested that the council plant a tree in celebration of this years Diamond Jubilee. K.B. to approach LPE with this idea.

Portfolio reports;

Amenities & Leisure; Regarding the Diamond Jubilee celebrations K.B will send out a letter asking all local clubs & societies, churches & public houses etc, for their ideas as to how best to commemorate the day.

Roads & Transport; The VAS at the entrance to the village is now working again.

No other portfolio reports at this time.

Planning:

No applications were received.(However, a previous application for development work to be carried out at The Warren has caused the Planning Office some concern with regard to potential problems with the removal of a hedgerow).

Correspondence:

Items from #8569 to #8580 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Finances: Current account **£260.03** Deposit account **£8,479.93**

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Oct / Nov 2011)	£200.00
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
Aylburton School	– Garden fund, donation	£150.00
Maurice Hewitt	– Brook Clearing, invoice # 22	£136.50

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Dec/Jan 2012)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Dec / Jan 2012)	£210.00
Whitehouse Press	– Newsletters / printing	£150.00
Tudor Rose Carpentry	– Bespoke oak seat	£450.00
Lorna Coates	– Expenses, tape measure, allotments	£16.74

Payments Received

Western Power	Wayleave	£5.61
Lloyds Bank	Interest on savings	£1.03

Next meeting Tuesday 27^h March 2012 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.15pm