

Aylburton Parish Council

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

Present

Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.) (Chair), Colin Newman (C.N.), Simon Newman (S.N), Jane O'Donnell J.O'D), Andy Jones (A.J.), (Councillors); Karen Blackwell (K.B.), clerk. Marion Winship (M.W), Terry Glastonbury (T.G.),District.

Apologies

Lorna Coates (L.C.), Frankie Evans (F.E)

Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2012

Agreed and signed as a true record.

District councillor reports:

M.W told the meeting that she had been elected on to the police & crime panel. A report on this panel (as provided by T.G.) will be distributed to all councillors in due course.

The number of households applying to have green bin licences has far exceeded expectation (8000 expected, more than 15000 already issued) & the idea of an extra collection round has been raised at District level.

Parking charges are believed to be raising £700 per day in Lydney alone.

Broadband has arrived in the area...but not in Aylburton or Alvington!

Matters arising from the minutes:

Church yard shed removal

M.B. still researching replacement shed / sheds. Will obtain quotes from local companies.

Two Rivers Housing Survey (Deferred from Dec 2011)

Deadline for completion has passed.

Millennium Wood

K.B. still waiting to hear from the solicitors for LPE regarding this matter.

Allotments review

A draft contract was examined & rejected! M.B. will attempt another one & K.B. will continue to research the national average cost / size etc of allotments. With regards to the water supply as requested by some allotment holders C.N. reminded the meeting that LPE has its own water supply which could possibly be utilised to serve the Kear's Moor site at least. The clerk will raise this question when she contacts LPE on this & other issues.

Green bin licences: 2 green bin licences had been received for use in the Church yard.

The Milling Brook Green bench has been removed by Councillor Bloomfield.

New Business:

Private water supply meeting. This had been attended by S.N. & many other village residents. 74 residences receive this water supply in the village. The environmental department of the FoDDC wishes to update the system & a further public meeting will be held at a later date.

Two Rivers Housing. The council had received notification of a proposal to demolish the garages behind Millbrook Green & redevelop the area as housing. This has caused much consternation in the village & A.J. has written to Two Rivers to enlighten them as to why their proposal will meet with such strong objections.. The clerk will also add the voice of the P/C in the form of a strongly worded letter stressing the need for parking in the village rather than new housing, as demonstrated by the Parish Plan.

Furthermore it appears that Two Rivers are responsible for keeping the brook clear although there is some doubt as to the validity of this statement. Ray Woodward has kindly agreed to help maintain the brook as it borders his property. A.J. had also offered to do the same.

Emergency Plan. The clerk had been asked to provide the FoDDC with a copy of the P/C's Emergency Plan. M.W. will forward a copy of the Alvington plan which we can use to base that of Aylburton on.

New Code of Conduct. M.B. proposed that the Council adopted the new Code of Conduct as per the FoDDC recommendations & the motion was voted upon & carried.
A copy of the new code will be distributed to all Councillors at the next meeting.

Footpaths. Many of the local footpaths are in very poor condition rendering them virtually impassable in places, especially across LPE land. The clerk will contact Peter Maunder of the Footpaths Agency to request assistance in getting the paths cleared & usable again.

Daniel Wilce is once again our main PCSO contact for the area.

High street weeds. S.N. raised the matter of weeds growing out of the pavement along parts of the High Street. The clerk will ask Glos Highways to attend to this. M.B. will write to Brian Watkins, who is once more the main point of contact for the P/C, regarding this & many other concerning issues relating to the condition of the roads & pavements within the village. Furthermore C.N. asked about the Upper Common & Church road, Chapel Hill etc as there are many overgrown hedges which may present problems for road users. The clerk will endeavour to discover how frequently these are meant to be cut back & where responsibility for doing so lies, i.e. is it Highways or individual households?

Sandford road banks. A.J. would like the condition of the high banks along Sandford road to be brought to the attention of LPE, as the erosion which they have suffered over the recent bad winters again may present a danger to road users.

Winter plan. M.B. confirmed that the owner of Aylburton Lodge has a small tractor & is willing to assist with salt spreading during the winter months.

Portfolio reports;

Nothing to report at this time.

Correspondence:

Items from #8611 to #8621 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Finances: Current account **£2391.90** Deposit account **£9,480.79**

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Apr/May 2012)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses, postage, Review AGM Ad, stationery.	£40.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Feb/Mar 2012)	£210.00
Aylburton Village club	– Hall Rental (back-dated)	£280.00
Jubilee Expenses	– Insurance	£132.50
John Ridley	– Jubilee Mugs	£338.94
M. Bloomfield	– Expenses, (Petrol & Bridge toll, Plaque for seat)	£96.25
R. Morgan	– Invoice # 36	£194.00
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FoDDC	– Green bin licences, Church yard	£52.00

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (June / July 2012)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses, postage (Audit)	£6.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (June/ July 2012)	£210.00
FoDDC	– Election expenses	£150.00
Moore Stephens	– Audit fee	£162.00
M. Blackwell	– Website hosting & maintenance, estimate	£250.00

Payments Received

Allotment rents	£181.00
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Next meeting due to be held on Tuesday 25th September 2012 at 7pm to be rescheduled as K.B. away. New date to be arranged by clerk & circulated to all councillors asap.

Meeting closed at 8.10p.m