

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 29th January 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.) (Chair), Colin Newman (C.N.), Jane O'Donnell (J.O'D.), Frankie Evans (F.E.), Simon Newman (S.N.), Lorna Coates, (Councillors); Karen Blackwell (K.B.), clerk.

Apologies

Andy Jones (A.J.), Marion Winship (M.W.), Terry Glastonbury (T.G.), PCSO Rob Gee.

Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2012

Agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Church yard shed removal

The P/C still needs to find alternative storage facilities for both sandbags & salt. The idea of individual homeowners being approached was mooted.

M.B. noted that the local pavements had not been salted during the recent very cold weather.

The replacement shed for the Church yard remains pending.

Millennium Wood

Still pending. M.B & K.B to arrange meeting with LPE manager.

General roads / pavements issues

K.B had been informed by Brian Thornton of a £5,000 windfall which the P/C could choose to spend as it saw fit on the village roads or pavements as necessary. Various suggestions were made including : A replacement mid-road bollard to assist in crossing,(near to the Church Road junction) ; A safety rail or bollards on the dangerous section of Church Road (where the road is subsiding) ; Yellow lines on Millbrook Green ; Rumble strips on the approach to the village from the Lydney direction ; Pavement maintenance.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Highways or Brian Thornton to request which if any of these jobs would come in under the budget of £5,000 & to perform as many tasks as possible!

Allotment agreements / letters

A further letter is to be sent to Allotment holders hopefully clarifying some of the issues raised. A.J is to do some remedial maintenance work on both sites so that the plots may be properly measured & marked out.

Emergency plan

Although not an essential matter it is good practice for any Parish to have an Emergency plan with details & contact numbers as well as procedures to be followed in the event & a list of "vulnerable" residents. The clerk will contact GRCC for more CD toolkits to assist with the forming of this plan.

Parking issue, Millbrook Green

It was suggested that the PCSO for the area be approached to help with the problem of parking too near to the junction.

New Business:

Wesley Close

Following the recent death of Mr Tyrell his house is now on the market. M.B had approached his son-in-law, Gordon Thomas, to consider changing the access to the playing field, or at least granting access, as part of the house sale. However this is sadly unlikely as Mr Thomas feels it is an integral part of the house & its prospective sale. The P/C will look into Rights of Way law to see if there may be any regress there..

Funds transfer

It was agreed to transfer £1000 from the deposit to the current account to meet expenditure.

Portfolio reports;

Roads: Please see separate item above.

Wind Turbine Application: A site visit had taken place & M.B. reported that this was a very productive meeting. A new committee date for the hearing has yet to be arranged. The FoDDC planning group does not yet have a policy to cover wind turbine applications, & Peter Williams, head of Planning, would like to see a strict criteria for applications, with lots of supporting data, being applied in the future.

Salt bins, Upper Common

F.E. had asked the clerk to ensure that the salt bins on Upper Common were refilled following the recent severe weather. K.B. had passed this on to the Cannop depot who will add it to the list to be done. F.E. went on to thank the P/C on behalf of the Upper Common residents who

were able to salt at least some of the roads this year although they would still like to see more bins placed on the long flat stretch of the road.

K.B to check if Brian Reeves is still the snow plough operator for the Parish.

F.E. also reported that some properties in her area had been affected by a loss of water during the bad weather but was unsure as to which they were or how the Council could help in this matter. She will report back hopefully at the next meeting.

The hedge opposite F.E's house needs cutting & K.B. will ask LPE to do this.

Correspondence:

Items from #8652 to #8665 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Planning

No comments.

Finances: Current account £1,113.10

Deposit account £7,482.71

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Oct / Nov 2012)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses, stamps / phone calls	£20.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Oct / Nov 2012)	£210.00
Lydney Town Council	– Cemetery upkeep donation	£165.00
Francis Law solicitor	– Re. Millennium Wood lease	£60.00
Whitehouse Press Ltd	– Ducktown Echo printing	£208.00

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Dec '12- Jan '13)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Dec '12- Jan '13)	£210.00
Village Club	– Hall rental 2013	£60.00

Payments Received

Western Power Distribution	Wayleave	£5.74
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Next meeting: 26th March 2013 at 7pm

Meeting closed 8.05p.m.