

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 26th March 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

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

Apologies

Frankie Evans, PCSO Rob Gee.

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2013

Agreed but with 1 amendment to those present at that meeting (Lorna Coates omitted). To be altered & signed next meeting (May).

District Council reports

T.G informed the meeting that FoDDC had received an award for "Best Improved Council" & is now 1st class.

The proposed wind turbine application is still waiting to go into Planning.

There are plans to introduce traffic calming measures through Lydney town centre.

M.W. raised the following matters: The FoDDC is planning to improve the economic structure of the area as a whole; & that the new police commissioner is devising a 5 year plan covering all aspects of policing.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Church yard shed removal

The Chairman asked that this item be struck from the agenda & that the Council seeks alternative storage for sand & or grit for use in the Winter.

Millennium Wood

Still pending. M.B & K.B to meet with Robert Frankton on 10th April.

General roads / pavements issues

It was reported that the weeding of the High Street pavements had finally been done. K.B. is to check as to what other works if any will be achieved with the £5000 windfall.

Emergency plan

Pending.

Parking issue, Millbrook Green

A.J. has approached the van owner to ask that he parks more considerately in future. This item once again highlights the problems caused by the lack of parking in the village. The clerk will chase the Street wardens to ask for their help with this issue.

Allotments

A.J. has visited the allotments sites to ascertain the level of required maintenance which he is happy to undertake, & will charge for at an hourly rate (TBA). M.B. wants this matter to be fully dealt with as it takes up valuable time! K.B. to chase up outstanding allotment agreements.

New Business:

AGM date

To be confirmed as either Friday 3rd May or Friday 10th. Clerk to make all necessary arrangements.

Charitable Donations

The following charities have been allocated donations: SARA, The Victoria Centre, FoD CAB, Dial-A-Ride, Memorial Chapel Fund, (£50 to each), Memorial Garden Fund (£30), and Friends of Bathurst Pool (£200). Other donations may be issued in the future depending on available funding.

Dog waste bin, Milling Crescent

The clerk will contact Merlin Waste services asking them to quote to place a waste bin for dog owners to use in the Milling Crescent area, following several complaints about this matter. K.B. will also ask if the company supplies free bags for residents to use.

Portfolio reports;

Roads: It was suggested that when contacting Glos. Highways with regard to the appalling conditions of the roads, the P/C stresses the danger to the public which arises from such conditions. The threat of legal action can sometimes be enough to galvanise the slowest of companies into action!

Footpath, the Gables/ garden

Complaints had been received regarding excess water spoiling access to & enjoyment of the public Right of Way in this garden. L.C will speak to the home owners with regard to this matter as it is unlikely come under the Parish Council remit.

Hedge, Mill Brook Green

The clerk had received a complaint regarding the matter of Mr Bishop's hedge overhanging the path & of his failure to remove detritus when he does cut the hedge. However, A.J & J. O'D had both visited the site recently & reported that there was no problem at the current time. A.J. & M.B. will both keep an eye on this issue & report back as necessary in the future. K.B. will investigate the law pertaining to hedges/ maintenance etc.

Electric fences

C.N. asked that LPE be approached regarding the matter of electric fences causing problems for people using some of the paths in the area of the Stockwell lane milking sheds. These fences are obstructive to users. K.B will contact Gavin Green in the first instance.

Parking problems

Both L.C. & C.N. raised the potentially hazardous issue of vehicles being badly parked in Chapel Hill, Orchard Close & Cross Farm Close, meaning that in the event of an emergency there would be limited access to both areas. K.B will ask the Street wardens for advice.

Correspondence

Items from #8666 to #8673 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Planning

M.B. raised the issue of possible problems with the planning application at the Warren with regard to the edge of the road in the area, due to the planned changes.

K.B. to send the FoDDC Planning link to S.N.

Finances

Current account **£1,113.10**

Deposit account **£7,482.71**

Payments made:

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

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Feb / March)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– *Expenses	£30.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Dec '12- Jan '13)	£210.00
GAPTC	– Annual subs	£152.93
FoDDC	– Green Bin licence (2013-'14)	£52.00

Payments Received

None

Next meeting: 28th May 2013 at 7pm

Meeting closed 8.30p.m.