

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 1st April 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

Councillors: Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.) (Chair), Colin Newman (C.N.), Andy Jones (A.J.) Lorna Coates (L.C.), Simon Newman (S.N.). Clerk: Karen Blackwell (K.B.)
Also present: John Harrison.

Apologies

Jane O'Donnell, Frankie Evans, Terry Glastonbury, Marion Winship (District).

Minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2014

Agreed & signed as accurate.

District Council reports

None available at this meeting but it was confirmed that Robert Mellor had been appointed as Inspector for the Wind Turbine application.

Matters arising from the minutes:

The Gables / footpath

No further action to be taken (at the request of the house-holder).

Grass Cutting

It was agreed to ask Ray Woodward to take on the grass-cutting contract for the village. K.B. will ask Ray to put a formal quote in writing to the Council, & to check on all insurances etc.

Overgrown bank / gulleys & drains / Sandford Road tree

There had been no progress at all in these matters. K.B. will ask Brian Watkins, yet again, to offer some assurance that the village has not been forgotten. Furthermore, the stone wall in the village High Street is collapsing & requires remedial work.

Gas line

John Harrison is liaising with Wales & West Utilities regarding the possibility of a gas line being placed in the village. Lord Bledisloe has indicated that he would not be averse to the siting of a pipe-line providing certain criteria were met. M.B. will devise a questionnaire to be issued to all residents to ascertain the need for a gas line to be laid in the village. No idea of cost involved is yet available.

Notice Board in village hall

John Ridley informed the clerk that the village club had decided that the single board in the hall is sufficient for all to use, thus no new board will be placed.

Highways issues

The non-working flashing speed sign at the entrance to the village has gone to be fixed.

M.B. had attended a meeting of the scrutiny committee which had reported on the number of accidents on the A48.

Berkeley site meeting

M.B. had also attended this meeting but has decided not to in future as he feels they are largely a waste of time.

New Business:

ADPD

M.B. to e-mail his findings to the clerk. No further update at this time.

AGM date

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Friday 9th May. Clerk to make usual arrangements for publicity / hall booking etc.

Church yard, various

Mr John Court had contacted the Council regarding the safety of trees in the church yard & the condition of the path, which he feels to be potentially hazardous to attendees due to the growth of moss. Andy Jones will look into these matters & deal with as appropriate. He will also ask a tree surgeon he knows to evaluate the danger posed by the trees & report back to the Council.

Milling Crescent

A.J. had been approached by a resident of Milling Crescent asking for help with some anti-social behaviour issues, the problems being caused by recent additions to the Crescent. The police have been called but seem unwilling or unable to act on the complaints received, & the clerk will attempt to find out why this is so. Councillor Alan Preest has also been approached for help by residents.

Bollard, top of the Old Road

The concrete post (at the top of the Old Road, near the junction with Sandford Road) has at some point been damaged & K.B. will request that Lydney Park Estate make good the damage or replace the bollard.

Furthermore L.C. asks that the Estate office be made aware of the problems caused by the amount of mud on the roads left by farm vehicles, & the clerk will attempt to discover if LPE has any obligation to clean the roads.

Correspondence:

#8737– 8749 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Planning:	Marstan, Wesley Close 31 High Street Oakwood Cottage, Upper Common	Alterations / extension Extension Extension
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Finances:	Current account £2795.33	Deposit account £6487.01
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Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Dec / Jan)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Dec / Jan)	£210.00

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Feb / March)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Feb / March)	£210.00
Village Club	– Annual Hall Rental	£70.00
GAPTC	– Renewal Subs	£154.64
FoDDC	– Green bin licence renewal (at Church)	£56.00
Lydney Park Estate	– Allotments land rental	£225.00

Payments Received:

FoDDC	– Litter Remit	£630.00
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The meeting closed at 8.40pm.