

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd June 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.), Frankie Evans (F.E.), Clerk: Karen Blackwell (K.B.), Marion Winship (District).

Apologies

None received

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Agreed & signed as accurate.

District Council reports

Marion told the Council that the charges for car-parking in Lydney are to be reduced i.e. more time allowed for same price. It is hoped that this will help to regenerate the local towns & economy. An annual parking pass will also be available at sometime in the future.

Matters arising from the minutes:

General Highways issues

There will be a meeting on 21st July giving people the chance to meet with Amey, the recently appointed contractor for highways issues. MB will try to attend.

Gas line

MB has compiled a draft questionnaire regarding this matter. MW suggests asking the local Press to publicise the idea. KB to check with GRCC to see if any funding may be available.

Church yard trees etc

AJ has done some clearing in the Church yard & has asked a contact to examine the large tree which is potentially causing problems. He has reported back that the necessary removal of the tree would involve the use of a crane, closing the road, & great expense on behalf of the Council. AJ will approach his contact once more to request a full quote for the work needed. MB is concerned as to the legal obligation of protecting the grave stones etc, & the fact that the Church yard is in a Conservation area. He will look into this matter & report back at the next meeting.

ADPD

No update as yet, although the matter will probably go to Cabinet in July, thus more news may be expected after this.

Milling Crescent

This issue will be struck from the agenda as it is now a Police matter, with an Officer being assigned to the case.

Bollard, top of the Old Road

KB to contact Gavin Green at LPE to discuss this & the issue of mud on the roads.

New Business:

Chairmanship

Following the resignation of Councillor Jane O'Donnell & the Chairman's wish to step down, it was agreed to publicise the need for people to come forward & join the Council. The clerk will complete the necessary paperwork & procedures, after which if no election is called it will be possible to co-opt a new member.

Charitable donations

It was agreed to give £100 to the Royal British Legion in honour of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Lorna Coates is to devise a framework of poppies which will be placed on the Memorial Hall. It was also agreed to give £30 to the Memorial Garden fund in recognition of the work done by Lorna & others.

All other requests for donations will be decided at the end of the current financial year, depending on bank reserves.

Milling Crescent grassed area

This needs cutting again & the clerk will contact Ray Woodward & ask him to do the work.

Furthermore K.B. will formalise the contract with Ray, so that all areas in his remit are clearly defined.

Dogs on Playing field

Despite signs requesting that dogs are kept on leads on the field, a recent incident in which a little girl was injured by a loose dog has highlighted the need for more strict measures to be enforced. It was agreed to contact the Village Hall committee in the first instance to see how this matter may proceed.

Salt storage

A.J. will organise the storage of the bags of salt, with some going to Ray Woodward, & John Ridley, & others amongst the village.

Upper Common allotments site

Following Bill Baker's decision to relinquish his plots on this site the P/C must decide whether to retain the land or ask LPE to reclaim it. Initially the clerk will contact Lydney Town Council to suggest that people on its waiting list consider coming to Aylburton for an allotment. A.J. has agreed to maintain the site until such time as a final decision is made.

A.J. has received a quote to replace the gate at the site for £240. Agreed to go ahead with this.

Fly tipping

A.J. reported that a number of toilets had been left in the area of the Milling brook garages. K.B. to inform Two Rivers & ask them to deal with this matter.

Correspondence:

#8751– 8764 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Planning: Stockwell Lane, Cow byre & hard-standing. No Comments.

Finances: Current account **£9116.11** Deposit account **£6487.82**

Payments made:

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
Merlin Waste Management	– New bin, Milling Crescent	£173.56
Whitehouse Press Printers	– Ducktown Echo	£150.00
Simply Gardens (Grass cutting)	– April, 2 cuts	£440.00

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Apr / May)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses, postage & Review AGM advert	£33.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Apr / May)	£210.00
A. Jones	– Church yard / allotments clearing	£60.00
AUCA	– Grant, 1 st installment	£375.00
Lydney Town Council	– Cemetery upkeep	£200.00
Simply Gardens	– 2 x Grass cutting, May	£440.00

Payments Received:

FoDDC	– Precept	£8,000.00
Allotment rents		£193.00

Next meeting: Tuesday 22nd July 2014 at 7pm to include a presentation by Horizon concerning the proposals for Oldbury.