

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 22nd July 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

Councillors: Maurice Bloomfield (M.B.) (Chair), Colin Newman (C.N.), Lorna Coates (L.C.), Frankie Evans (F.E.), John Harrison (J.H.). Clerk: Karen Blackwell (K.B.)

Also present: Diana Deans & John Gilbert, Horizon.

Members of the public present: Simon Rutherford, David Adams, Colin Meadows, Carol Bendall, John Rogers, John Ridley, Rowan Hill, Brian Reeves

Apologies

Andy Jones (A.J.), Simon Newman (S.N.), Marion Winship.

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 2014

Agreed & signed as accurate.

Horizon Presentation

Diana Dean & John Gilbert attended the meeting in order to give a brief outline of the plan to develop the Oldbury site in terms of a new nuclear facility. It was generally felt that the exercise was largely a waste of time as too few details were provided by Horizon to be of any real use. However, it must be reiterated that the plan is in its very early stages & it is to be hoped that more detailed data will be made available should the matter progress. KB will request that the company keeps the Council informed & also provides an artist's impression of the development, which it had failed to do. This will be published in the Ducktown Echo & placed on the Council website when available.

District Council reports

No District Councillors attended the meeting. However, F.E. told those present that the ADPD has now gone to Public Consultation for a period of 8 weeks.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Co-Option of new Councillor

It was agreed to Co-opt John Harrison on to the Council. All members are very grateful to John for stepping up to the job!

General Highways issues

M.B. had attended a meeting in Gloucester at which he was told that there is a huge back-log of work to be done & no money with which to do it! The new contractor, Amey, will concentrate for the foreseeable future on maintenance issues with no new works being scheduled at all. Maintenance work gangs have been increased & there has been an attempt to improve communications between all relevant parties to facilitate improved efficiency.

The grass verges are now only to be cut on an annual basis BUT the contractor will pay the P/C 8p per square metre for interim cuts.

It is now necessary to contact the contractor using the 0800 number provided rather than liaising with Brian Watkins, regarding any problems, so that all complaints can be officially logged & dealt with.

Gas line

This matter is ongoing & J.H. will provide the Council with a break-down of likely costs once he hears back from British Gas.

Church yard trees etc

K.B had approached Ray Woodward to carry out some essential clearing in the Church yard & was awaiting a reply at the time of the meeting. Should Ray be unable to do it M.B offered to do the necessary work.

With regard to the gravestones these are generally the responsibility of relatives but M.B. feels that morally at least the P/C does have some obligations regarding safety etc

A.J. will be asked to obtain a formal quote for the proposed tree work in the Church yard.

Bollard, top of the Old Road

This has now been replaced.

New Business:

Footpaths

C.N. reported that the footpaths in the Mead Lane area are once again very over-grown. The Clerk is to contact LPE or Amey (with whom the responsibility for PROWs now rests) & ask that this matter be attended to.

Dog waste, Milling Crescent

L.C. reported that despite the provision of a dog waste bin this area is still suffering from a problem with dog mess on the paths. K.B. will approach the Street Wardens to ask for help.

Planning query

The clerk was asked to contact the Planning department at FoDDC regarding the large garage-like building which has appeared in the garden of a village property.

Correspondence:

#8765– 8778 were reviewed & dealt with as appropriate.

Planning: Rose Cottage, High Street Tree felling
 The Warren Barn erection & rebuilding of annexe.

Finances: Current account **£7627.60** Deposit account **£6487.82**

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Apr / May)	£200.00
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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

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (June/July)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (June/July)	£210.00
A. Jones	– Church yard / allotments clearing	£60.00
Simply Gardens	– 2 x Grass cutting, July	£440.00
Whitehouse Press Ltd	– Ducktown Echo	£150.00
Merlin Waste Management	– Milling Crescent bin	£20.34

Payments Received:

FoDDC	– Litter remit	£630.00
Allotment rents		£38.00

Next meeting: Tuesday 25th November 2014 at 7pm