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Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 3rd February 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

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

Apologies

Marion Winship

Previous Minutes

F.E. requested that the previous minutes be amended to show that the item regarding the FoDDC financial support for the badger cull had been misrecorded. K.B. to do this.

District Council reports

None available at this meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Church yard trees etc

It was agreed to go ahead with the work as per the quote received (£600) from Ray Woodward.

Bollards

C.N. would like to form a voluntary group to undertake some of the repair & maintenance work in the village. K.B. is to confirm insurance details & post notices around the village to publicise the group & M.B. will arrange to place an item in the Ducktown Echo.

Defibrillator

S.N. stated that the money for such an item may be raised by holding fund-raising activities & collections in the village. The cost is between £1200 - £2000 & the Village Club is to be approached for help with raising this sum. Concerns as to vandalism / incorrect use etc were also raised as was the issue of placement.

Sandford Road / road closure

M.B. reported that Sandford Road had yet to be cleared up after the recent A48 road-works, with more due to start imminently. Once again assurances had been given by both Amey & Glos Highways but these were taken with a large pinch of salt. Amey won the contract for road maintenance by offering the cheapest price, but uses very large equipment to carry out the work, thus causing unprecedented amounts of damage.

M.B. may attend a further Transport forum at a future date should one be held.

Garden Club / planting

Waiting to arrange a meeting with all parties concerned.

Dog bin / Milling Crescent

Pending a response from Merlin Waste as to the viability of moving this bin to Upper Common.

Salt storage

As C.N. will be moving soon it is vital to find alternative storage. C.N. will approach John Court for help, K.B. will ask John Ridley.

Upper Common stone walls

C.N. had met with Gavin Green of LPE to discuss this matter. Gavin has agreed to clear the area. C.N. feels that the wall itself poses very little threat to those using the Common. It was agreed to leave this matter for now unless John Openshaw (AUCA) wishes to take it further.

New Business:

Local Elections

K.B. to place notices around the village at the appropriate time, M.B. to put item in Echo.

Maplefield / T.P.O

John Harrison asked the Council to consider supporting an application for a TPO to be placed on the Maple tree which gives its name to an area of the village. The tree is in a sorry state & John & other residents feel it would be a shame to lose the tree completely, thus may seek to have a TPO placed which would protect it. K.B. to inform LPE of this possibility, J.H. to also approach LPE before taking this to FoDDC.

Recycling bins

The new owners of the Cross Inn have asked that the recycling bins be removed from the car-park. A new site is required & A.J. offered to ask Ian at the George for his assistance. If this is not acceptable, L.C. suggests a site be found on the playing field.

Portfolio reports

It was agreed to abandon these for the present.

Surface water, Chapel Hill

A.J. reported that surface water on Chapel Hill continues to prove a problem, especially in cold weather when it turns to ice. This has long been a contentious issue with no one party agreeing to admit responsibility. The road needs to be re-surfaced at the very least.

Planning

C.N. raised concerns as to the matter of the proposed development at the Cascade factory site, where LPE plans to erect 3 houses.

F.E. is liaising with the Planning dept. at FoDDC regarding Ashton Gale & the deadline had been extended to 14th Feb.

High Trees, Sandford Road. The erection of a double garage with integrated log store elicited no comments from the Council. K.B. will inform the Planning dept. of this.

Victoria Centre, donation

A letter had been received thanking the P/C for its donation to the Victoria centre.

Correspondence:

#8801 onwards & e-mail items, dealt with as appropriate.

Finances: **Current account £3151.56** **Deposit account £6490.27**

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Oct / Nov)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses	£20.34
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Oct / Nov)	£210.00
AUCA	– Grant, part 2	£375.00
The Victoria Centre	– Donation	£75.00
A. Jones	– Allotments & Brook clearing	£75.00

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Dec / Jan)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Dec / Jan)	£210.00
Merlin Waste Management	– Nov / Dec / Jan	£47.46
Whitehouse Press Ltd	– Invoice # 021244	£150.00
Village Hall Committee	– Hall Rental	£60.00

Payments Received:

Wayleave		£6.49
FoDDC	– Litter remit	£630.00

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 24th March