

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on 24th March 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall.

Present

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

Marion Winship (District) , Steph Lord (prospective Councillor)

Apologies

Andy Jones

Previous Minutes

Were agreed as correct & signed for the record.

District Council reports

M.W. told the Council that the FoDDC budget had been approved.

Marion also told those present of a planning application for new housing at Alvington, in Clanna Road behind the Globe Inn. No further details currently available.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Church yard trees etc

The work had been completed by Ray Woodward & all those directly affected were reported as pleased. £600 to be paid as agreed.

Defibrillator

F.E. believes that money for this project may be available in the form of a grant & offered to study the Chancellor's Autumn statement to see if this is in fact the case..

Dog bin / Milling Crescent

It was agreed to retain the bin at its current site following complaints from residents regarding its removal. Another bin will be sourced for the Upper Common.

However, the problem of dog mess on the palying field continues ,although as there are already signs & a waste bin there it is hard to see what else can be done. It is believed that the Street Wardens are aware of the issue & have high-lighted the problem areas. One suggestion is that all dogs are banned from the field, & L.C. asked if a dummy CTV camera could be positioned as a deterrent.

Local Elections

K.B. had placed notices around the village informing residents of the forthcoming elections.

Maurice Bloomfield followed through on his promise to resign at this meeting, & it is likely that the Parish Council will also sadly lose Andy Jones, Simon Newman, & Lorna Coates, all of whom will step down for various reasons. Colin Newman proposed a heartfelt vote of thanks for Maurice Bloomfield's hard work & commitment over the years.

Maplefield / T.P.O

Neither K.B or J.H. had received any response from LPE regarding this matter but would both attempt to contact them again for a resolution.

Recycling bins

The recycling bins are now situated in the car park of the George Inn; grateful thanks go to the landlords.

Voluntary Maintenance group

So far C.N. had received only 1 expression of interest in this project. The notices will remain in place for now in the hope that more people come forward at a later date.

New Business:

AGM date

K.B. will arrange this & organise publicity.

Annual Audit

The Clerk will ensure that this is completed within the legal time-frame & present it for approval at the next meeting (in May).

Wild Boar problem

This issue is now more directly affecting the local area with reports of sightings becoming more frequent. M.B. suggested that the P/C writes to the FoDDC stressing Health & Safety concerns. M.W. informed the meeting that a 6 month report will soon be presented to the Scrutiny committee for appraisal, & also suggested the Forestry Commission be approached for guidance. It may be possible in the future to introduce a by-law prohibiting the feeding of the Boar. M.B. went on to say that it may be worth asking other local Councils to get involved.

Chapel Hill

Once again the road is in poor condition near the bend at Shepherd's Corner. K.B. will contact Highways & Severn Trent.

Grass cutting

It was agreed to ask Ray Woodward to continue cutting the grass / verges etc as the P/C recognises that he does such a good job. It was also decided to ask him to add the small triangular area near the entrance to Milling Crescent to his remit.

Adopt-A-Kiosk

A further opportunity has arisen to adopt the unused kiosk in the village & K.B. will research this. A previous attempt had ended with the realisation that it would prove to be an expensive venture but it is hoped that this time will prove different!

School Funding request

It was decided to put this on hold until the P/C is certain that it has met all of its financial obligations this year. The request will be discussed at a later date pending available funds.

Church yard tree

A.J. will look into getting a formal quote for any necessary work.

Planning

Permission had been denied for a proposed development at the Cascade site. However as the clerk had received NO information about the plans it was decided to ask the planning department why the P/C had not been notified in this case.

10 Milling Crescent : Application for detached dwelling. L.C. to do site visit & report back as there are possible issues regarding parking / access.

Correspondence:

#8812 – 8828 & e-mail items, dealt with as appropriate.

Finances: Current account £2504.10

Deposit account £6490.27

Payments made:

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

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Feb / Mar)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses : Postage / phone	£40.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Feb / Mar)	£210.00
Merlin Waste Management	– Feb / Mar	£27.12
GAPTC	– Annual Subs.	£150.00
LPE	– Allotment land rental	£265.00

Payments Received: None

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th May