

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 29th March 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Methodist Church.

Present

Councillors: Colin Newman (C.N.), (Chairman), Frankie Evans (F.E.), Dave Bayliss (D.B), Ray Woodward (R.W.), Steph Lord (S.L.) , John Harrison (J.H), Karen Blackwell, (K.B.), Clerk

Apologies

Andrew Blamey.

Previous Minutes

Agreed & signed as true & accurate.

Declarations of Interest

R.W. re Weed spraying (agenda item).

District Council reports

No report was made at this meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Adopt-A-Kiosk

KB had decided to go ahead with the adoption having been told by BT that the kiosks were marked for removal if no action was taken by the P/C to prevent this. Future use of the kiosks can be decided upon at a later date.

Allotments / Upper Common orchard

A meeting had been held with Robert Frankton, estate manager at LPE, regarding the proposals for the Upper Common orchard. Mr Frankton seemed intent on finding potential problems with the scheme but it is still hoped that it will become reality at some future point. R.W. has said that Gloria Nicholls, a current allotment holder, is interested in the plan & has some knowledge of possible grants / funding etc.

Regarding the actual allotment plots it is obvious that some are still poorly managed & again it is hoped that the new regulations (which will be issued with this year's invoices) will help to resolve this.

As to the possibility of a water supply there is no problem with water pressure to Prospect Farm & this matter needs to be researched more fully.

LPE has intimated that more land could be made available for allotments within the village should the need arise, although it is not clear where this land will be.

Speeding problems

KB had received a letter from Mark Harper MP in response to her query regarding hazardous speeding through the village. Perhaps unsurprisingly it offered no solutions, & indeed implied that as there have been no fatalities due to speed the problem doesn't really exist. Local residents will disagree! R.W. has offered to follow up on this matter.

F.E. suggested that the clerk approach Councillor Terry Hale (Cabinet Community member) to request a mobile radar gun be made available to the village in order to gather evidence.

Emergency Plan meeting date

A provisional date of Tuesday 19th April was agreed upon. K.B. to make all necessary arrangements.

Litter Collection

If no response to the planned recruitment advert is forthcoming C.N. & D.B. have offered to take this job on. K.B. is to check all legal aspects of this potential solution.

Stockwell Lane - various

CN had spoken to Robert Frankton regarding the following issues:

Access to the Business Park; Mr Frankton refused to admit that this was a problem & certainly not a big enough matter to justify any large expenditure ie no new signage, lines on the junction etc. However he has agreed to sent out a memo to all tenants informing them of the strength of local feeling regarding possible dangers.

Layby fencing; LPE refused to accept responsibility for the area but has agreed to supply fencing materials at cost so that repairs can be made.

Wind Turbine / Resilience Community fund

S.L. is still waiting for an e-mail from Sue Clarke of Resilience.

Village signage

K.B. had contacted the relevant agency & been told that cleaning the signs would be added to the next allocation of work to be done in the village.

Painting of Post boxes

K.B. to contact the P.O. to ask if the remaining post boxes can be repainted.

Weed-spraying / pavements

(R.W. had declared an interest in this matter)

It was agreed to accept the quote from Simply Gardens to spray the weeds 3 times per year at a cost of

£130 per time.

New Business:

AGM date

To be arranged for late May or early June. Clerk to make all necessary arrangements, issue invitations etc.

Resignation of Clerk!

After 12 years in the post K.B. announced her intention to resign. The vacancy will be advertised once the year-end events ie Audit & AGMs have taken place. K.B. will remain in the post until a satisfactory candidate has been trained up. Hopefully by September at the latest!! :-) ha ha ha!!

Transparency code grant

K.B. was pleased to report that she had made a successful application to GAPTC & been awarded a grant of £605.00 to assist the P/C in meeting the new Transparency code requirements. This will cover the purchase of a new scanner/ printer as well as training for the future.

Parking problems outside School

If K.B. is unable to get Alan Preest to help with this matter it was suggested that the P/C asks Cannop to supply the bollards needed & for D.B. & R.W. to place them.

U/C allotment area & bin at the Cross

K.B. was asked to request that Biffa empties both these bins on a regular basis. It is unclear whether this is currently part of the Biffa remit but needs to be added if not.

Correspondence:

#8860 onwards & e-mail items, dealt with as appropriate.

Planning:

10 Milling Crescent. Date for comments extended to 4th April due to late delivery to Clerk. **No comments.**

Gallery Cottage, Sandford Road : Re-siting of domestic oil tank.

Ash Cottage, Parawell Lane, Bream : Garage conversion

Finances: Current account £4717.22 Deposit Account £6493.54

Payments made:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Dec / Jan)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses, (Phone / Postage)	£20.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Dec / Jan)	£210.00

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (Feb / Mar)	£200.00
A. Jones	– Litter collection (Feb / Mar)	£210.00
Whitehouse Press	– Ducktown Echo	£150.00
GAPTC	– Annual Subs.	£176.96
Merlin Waste	– Litter collection (Feb / Mar)	£13.56
Lydney park Estate	– Allotments rent	£265.00

Payments Received:

None

Next meeting: Tuesday 24th May 2016, 7p.m. The Methodist Church meeting room

The meeting closed at 8.45pm