

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 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

Also present: John Ridley, Gloria Nicol, parishioners

Apologies

Andrew Blamey.

Previous Minutes

Agreed & signed as true & accurate.

Declarations of Interest

None declared.

District Council reports

No report was made at this meeting.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Adopt-A-Kiosk

This matter is going ahead & the paint to refurbish both kiosks had been received. J.H. & S.L. volunteered to paint the High Street box. AUCA will do the Upper Common one.

John Ridley asked if the High Street box would be used for the defibrillator in the future & was told that this issue was being examined by the Clerk with regard to future costs involved, but that this was the plan.

Allotments / Upper Common orchard

C.N. had a site meeting with Robert Frankton, estate manager at LPE, regarding the proposals for the Upper Common orchard. Photo's were taken & R.F. will report back to Lord Bledisloe. R.W. reiterated the need for all to be done transparently so that both parties are aware of any potential problems. The P/C will await Lord Bledisloe's reply.

R.W. asked that the Clerk send him a copy of the allotments map & list of holders as some plots continue to be under-used & poorly kept.

Sharon Batcock has relinquished her plot on the Kear's Moor site & asked that Merla Middlecote, a Lydney resident, be allowed to continue with it instead as she has been helping Sharon anyway. This motion was passed by the P/C as supply currently outstrips demand. KB to make all necessary arrangements.

Speeding problems

KB had no response from Cllr. Terry Hale. F.E. agreed to follow up on this issue.

Litter Collection

Mark Topping has agreed to take on this job. The salary will be £1260 per annum (paid from a grant given by FoDDC for this purpose). The area to be covered includes all inhabitable areas. A map will be generated for complete clarity.

Stockwell Lane - various

The layby fencing has now been replaced thanks to CN, AB, DB & RW who carried out the work.

The problems regarding access to the business park entrance are as yet unresolved.

Church yard tree

CN asked those present to contact tree surgeons previously discussed in order to formalise quotes for this work.

On a related matter RW asked that DB's hard work on the Church gate be recognised & minuted. Grateful thanks to Dave for a job very well done!

Wind Turbine / Resilience Community fund

S.L. had received an e-mail from Sue Clarke of Resilience. No funding is available as yet but it is hoped that in the future this will change & Aylburton can apply for funding, providing suitable criteria to do so is adhered to.

Emergency Plan

This will be put on to the agenda for the Annual Parish meeting in the hope that it will generate interest & maybe produce some volunteers from the residents.

KB will check with John Ridley regarding the publication date of the next Ducktown Echo, to ensure maximum publicity for the Annual meeting.

Community Heartbeat

Pending: KB to follow up.

New Business:

Solar powered lights at Cross

JH will look into the possibility of the P/C placing solar powered lights around the Cross monument. RW will spray the area to clear the weeds.

Neighbourhood Plan

SL asked if this was a possibility for the P/C to undertake. It had been discussed at past meetings & decided against due to prohibitive costs involved. However, FE announced that new grants are now available to help with the costs & these will be investigated. The District Council is keen to encourage the idea as a Neighbourhood Plan can offer some protection regarding future planning applications etc. The plans cover all aspects of parish life & as such should certainly be implemented if possible.

KB will contact Kate Baugh to seek assistance.

Travellers, Old Road

Complaints had been received regarding travellers once again using the Old Road on which to camp. It seems unlikely that any action will be taken but Nick Baynton, the FoDDC Enforcement Officer, is aware of the problem.

Dog waste bin, Lower Common

KB had received a complaint from a resident on the Lower Common, stating that the area by the Church was a health hazard due to people failing to clean up after their dogs. The resident had asked the wardens for help & they had attended: however, the resident feels that a dog waste bin needs to be placed near the Church to encourage people to use it. KB will price this up.

AUDIT 2015- 2016

This had been completed by the Clerk & brought to the meeting for CN to sign. The Audit will be uploaded to the website in accordance with the new transparency code regulations.

Clerk vacancy

KB to place adverts in the local press & the Ducktown Echo.

Correspondence:

#8870 onwards & e-mail items, dealt with as appropriate.

Planning: No Comments

Finances: Current Account balance £10,580.60

Deposit Account balance £6,494.35

Payments made:

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

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (April / May)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses (postage, allotments bills)	£20.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses (Printer / scanner)	£79.00
M. Topping	– Litter (April / May)	£210.00
LPE	– Timber supply, fencing	£210.00
AUCA	– Grant, pt.1	£475.00

Payments received:

Transparency fund grant	– GAPTC	£605.00
FoDDC	– Precept (pt.1) / Grant	£5940.00
Allotment rents	–	£207.50

Next meeting: Tuesday 26th July 2016, 7p.m. The Methodist Church meeting room.