

Aylburton Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Methodist Church.

Present

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

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

Paperwork has been completed. Painting still to be done.

Allotments / Upper Common orchard

As there is no chance of the proposed orchard going ahead, R.W. would like to take on some of the area in question for bee-keeping. It would be preferable to retain the land rather than relinquish it back to LPE.

Mike Gerrish will be asked to rotivate the area, then ray will grass-seed it, making future maintenance easier. R.W. will mow the area free of charge; the P/C will pay for any chemicals etc. needed.

Clerk vacancy

4 possible candidates had been selected from the applicants. KB to make all necessary arrangements, with the date for interviews being set as 18th August.

Church yard tree removal

Due to external constraints this will now be postponed until later in the year.

Speeding problems

KB to again contact Cllr. Terry Hale for advice re. the mobile speed unit.

Solar lights, Cross

J.H. will continue to research this matter but due to technical problems it is unlikely to happen. However, other avenues of maintaining the monument will also be examined & available grants researched. A book written by the late Mrs Woolridge, on the history of the village, will be sought for insight.

R.W. asked that it be recorded that since the P/C has agreed to pay for the weeds around the cross to be sprayed, as well as the bench painted, the whole area looks much better.

New Business:

Charitable donations

It was agreed to make the following donations at this time:

Forest of dean Citizens Advice Bureau, £100

The Victoria Centre, £100

Local Scout / Beaver group (C/O Mark Westwood, leader) £100

All other requests will be re-examined at the end of the financial year depending upon available funds.

Painting of Post boxes

KB to check back with Royal Mail re this request.

Notice board maintenance

KB to ask Tudor Carpentry to quote to re-varnish all notice boards.

Church yard over growth, Orchard Close

Mr Harry Clarke of Orchard Close had e-mailed the Clerk asking that arrangements be made to cut back the offending over growth which is again encroaching on his garden. CN wonders if this needs to be added to a works programme on a regular basis, with the job perhaps going out to tender as RW is so busy with other Parish work. CN will do site visit, review.

Brook clearing

RW pointed out that the brook once again needs clearing. CN told the meeting that he had spoken to the Internal drainage board re this matter. Two Rivers had done the task a couple of years ago & RW offered to contact them again & ask them to repeat the work.

Arising from Annual Parish Meeting:

Although much was discussed at the Annual meeting the following issues should be added to the regular meeting agendas due to their nature:

Drainage / flooding issues, High Street / Chapel Hill / Church Road (Clerk to notify Amey / Alan Preest)

Missing street light, High Street (CN to look into (HA HA HA, LOOK INTO THE LIGHT!!))

Missing speed signage on approach roads joining the A48 / High Street (Clerk, Amey)

Stockwell Lane path maintenance / responsibility; RW has cleared the path & will continue to do so. PAY??

Dog fouling in area / PROWs, increased signage needed.

Correspondence:

#8877 onwards & e-mail items, dealt with as appropriate.

Planning: No Comments

Finances: Current Account balance £7,736.07

Deposit Account balance £6,494.89

Payments made:

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
Simply Gardens	– Inv 2080	£420.00
Merlin Waste Lts	– Inv 2401	£44.07
Simply Gardens	– Inv 2083	£375.00
K. Blackwell	– Expenses (Adverts, vacancy & AGM)	£125.40
Whitehouse Press Lts	– Inv 022666	£225.00

Authorisations required:

K. Blackwell	– Salary (June / July)	£200.00
K. Blackwell	– Website hosting / domain renewal	£112.62
M. Blackwell	– Printer cartridges	£19.99
M. Topping	– Litter (June / July)	£210.00

Payments received:

Rotary Club, FoD	– Donation to defibrillator fund	£300.00
Allotment rents	– W. Kennison	£25.00

Next meeting: Tuesday 27th September, 7p.m. The Methodist Church meeting room