

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.30pm at Aynho Village Hall

Present: Chairman – Colin Macklin

Councillors: Parkes, Hoddinott, and Belcher

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Amby Hitchcox (RFO) and 0 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Burge, Anderson, Brook and Mann

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Belcher stated that his land was adjacent to the planning application on the agenda. As such he signed the declaration of interest book.

3. Approval of cheques

It was proposed by Cllr Parkes and seconded by Cllr Hoddinott that the cheques listed on report AH/12/12 should be agreed and signed.

The RFO stated that she had spoken to an individual who may be interested in taking over as RFO. She will meet with him this week and if he is still interested he will need to be interviewed for the role. It was agreed that either Cllr Brook or James should interview with the Chair.

The RFO also distributed the ASRA quarterly report and an example of how a quarterly budget would look.

4. Speedwatch

The Chair reported that a letter had been received advising that Speedwatch would be starting up again. However going forward there would be a charge of £450 + VAT and there would be a minimum of 10 volunteers required. This fee includes training, high vis jackets, use of the equipment and the Police will write warning letters to offenders.

Previously Aynho took part in this when it was free and the Chair fears if we did not take part it may reflect badly on the village. However, some of the previous volunteers are weary of the scheme and would not want to participate again.

It was felt that as the meeting was an extraordinary meeting it was difficult to make a decision about spending this amount of money. The general feel was that there were better ways to spend the money. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and state APC were unable to make the decision until 4th February. The letter should also state that Adderbury and Croughton appear to have a much greater police presence in terms of speed vans and that speeding in Aynho was increasingly bad.

Action – Clerk to write and state APC were unable to make the decision until 4th February. The letter should also state that Adderbury and Croughton appear to have a much greater police presence in terms of speed vans and that speeding in Aynho was increasingly bad and that the previous work put in by the village does not seem to have made a great deal of difference.

5. Planning matters;

S/2012/1533/FUL, Mobile Home to be used as ancillary living accommodation, Brickyard Cottage, Aynho Wharf, Aynho

It was stated that the only difference between this application and the previous one was that the location of the mobile home had been moved from the back garden to the front.

It was agreed after hearing Cllr Burge's report that this application would be opposed with the following comments – 'APC oppose this application on the grounds that it forms a precedent for development of area, it is an inappropriate scale of development and aesthetically it is not in keeping with the vernacular'.

It was also reported that the chimney at School End had been approved with no conditions and that the other chimneys on neighbouring houses were red brick.

6. Parking in village

The Chair reported that the parking group had met on 8th December as per the attached report (AA/08/12/12).

It had been suggested that the Glebe could be skimmed and hard core put down by local people. The issue with this is that APC do not own the verge.

The major issue with this area is that there is a shallow gas pipe in this area. It would cost £500 to have this located and this is a precondition of any work being done. Helen Howard has also stated that she would only recommend this work be done if it was carried out to NCC standards and by NCC contractors. The estimate for this work is £10,000 - £12,000. The money could be raised through a loan but there are many factors that go along with this.

It was agreed that Cllr Parkes should get a quote for dragons teeth all along the edge of The Glebe to prevent people parking there.

Action - Cllr Parkes to get a quote for dragons teeth all along the edge of The Glebe to prevent people parking there

Cllr Anderson has stated that he is not able to carry on as the lead on the parking group. The Chair asked that someone else volunteer to take over. It was agreed that decisions about this could not be agreed at an extraordinary meeting but that it was vital that decisions should be made and action taken.

Action – Clerk to add parking to the February meeting

The RFO stated she can get a quote for vinyl stickers for cars.

Action - RFO to get a quote for vinyl stickers for cars.

7. Maintenance, including street lighting and noticeboards

It was reported that Streetlight 11 had been replaced but it was incredibly bright and not at all in keeping with the conservation area. Cllr Parkes is meeting with eon to discuss this. Cllr Parkes asked what the budget was in terms of replacing more mercury vapour lanterns. The RFO stated there was £400 in the current budget and £1000 in 2013/14. It was agreed that Cllr Parkes would speak to eon about ordering new replacements.

Action – Cllr Parkes to speak to eon about replacement lanterns

Cllr Parkes stated that the cost of moving the noticeboard in the Cartwright Hotel would be £20 - £30. He stated that he felt that board should be moved to the Hall wall and a new one placed in the arch at the Cartwright. It was discussed whether there should be one board that is Parish Council and one that is for village societies. It was agreed that a new board should be ordered at a cost of £589.12.

Action – Clerk to order new noticeboard in dark oak

8. Any other business (at the discretion of the Chair)

Cllr Parkes stated that the Post Office are only charged £5 per session as opposed to £10 as the Village Hall subsidise it by £5 per session (£5 a week). The Hall committee feel that the Parish Council should pay the £5 per session. It was agreed that the PC were happy to pay this.

Cllr Hoddinott stated that the waste collection will be changing this year. There seems there will be more bins and Cllr Hoddinott stated that this needs to be looked at. It was suggested that it should be discussed at the Ward Meeting next week.

Action – Refuse collection to be discussed at ward meeting

Kay Anderson has requested authorisation to spend approximately £200 on a dishwasher for the Pavilion. As the café grows in popularity it is becoming increasingly hard to wash up by hand. In addition a dish washer would clean items to a higher quality. It was decided that this should be approved.

The meeting closed at 21.19