

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 13th May 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors – Macklin, Parkes, Brook, Hoddinott, James, Mann, Burge and Belcher

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 1 members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman for 2013/14

It was proposed by Cllr James, and seconded by Cllr Burge that Cllr Brook should be elected Chair. A vote was taken and Cllr Brook was unanimously voted in.

2. Receipt of Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Brook signed the declaration of acceptance of office which was witnessed by the Clerk.

3. Election of Vice Chairman for 2013/14

It was proposed by Cllr Macklin, and seconded by Cllr James that Cllr Burge should be elected Vice Chair. A vote was taken and Cllr Burge was unanimously voted in.

4. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Anderson.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

6. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 8th April 2013.

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Parkes and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2013 should be signed subject to the follow amendments –

Cllr Brook is listed as being both absent and present. He was in fact absent.

The Clerk stated she had again, omitted the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 19th March from the agenda for which she apologised profusely. It was agreed that this would be approved next month.

7. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Chair enquired when Cllr Macklin would be resigning from APC. Cllr Macklin stated he would be resigning immediately.

The Chair wished to record the Council's appreciation for Cllr Macklin's service on the Council.

The Clerk stated she had written to Building Control twice about the wall of 6 The Square who had responded stating the wall was not dangerous.

The Clerk stated she had heard back at last from SNC and they had confirmed that the tree at the end of Portway had been inspected and was due to have the dead wood taken out and was inspected annually.

She stated she had asked for an alternative quote for the smaller stickers. This was not yet back.

It was confirmed that Cllr Belcher had discussed the bird scarers at the AVM.

Cllr Belcher has also confirmed that the owner of the damaged wall on Croughton Road is Mrs Cartwright-Hignett and that she is aware of the damage.

The Clerk stated she had written to Amanda Limb thanking her for running the Winter Lunch Club.

She has not yet asked for the bills to be redirected to the RFO's house but will do so as they arrive.

Action – Clerk to arrange for bills to be redirected to the RFO's house

8. Resignation of Councillors

Cllr Macklin stated that he was resigning with effect from the end of tonight's meeting and would write to the Clerk to that effect.

It was agreed the Clerk would seek SNC permission to advertise the vacancy.

Action – Clerk to contact SNC and advertise vacancy for Councillor

Cllr Belcher stated he finds it difficult to attend or offer extra help due to his work commitments. The Chair stated that his role was appreciated as farming representation was important. Cllr Belcher agreed that he would wait and see how the process of recruiting new councillors went before making a decision.

9. Appointment of new officers

It was agreed that the Clerk would inform SNC of the vacancy on the Council immediately.

It was agreed that at the next meeting the roles of each Councillor would be reviewed. The Chair requested the Clerk send him a list outlining the roles that each Councillor currently undertakes.

Action – Clerk to send list to Chair detailing the Councillors' roles

Action – Councillors' roles to go onto agenda in June

10. Co-option of Councillors

This had been covered in item 8.

11. Finance

It was proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Parkes that the cheques listed on the attached financial report should be agreed and signed (RW/04/13).

The Chair requested that he was added as a signatory to the APC bank account.

The RFO enquired as to whether he needed permission to move money between the two APC accounts. It was agreed that he did not.

12. Village Hall rent to Mrs Cartwright Hignett

The Clerk stated that the peppercorn rent on the Village Hall was payable in June to cover the next 5 years. This amounts to five guineas which is £5.25. This was included in the monthly financial report.

13. Planning –

S/2013/0527/TCA

1 x Sycamore (879) Fell, 1 x English Oak (882) fell, 4 x English Oak (892, 893, 896, 897), Remove deadwood, 1 x Hybrid Black Poplar (915) Fell, 1 x Poplar (919) remove fallen tree, & 1 x Medlar (922) Fell

Friars Well, Roundtown

This application is for information only

S/2013/0551/FUL

Single storey extension to rear of property to create kitchen/diner conversion of loft to create master bedroom and en-suite

3 Bowmens Lea

After hearing The Chair's report it was agreed that the application should be supported with the proviso that the materials used in the extension should match the original.

14. Risk and risk assessment

There was nothing to report. The risk areas will need to be looked at with the departure of Cllr Macklin.

15. Grass cutting tender

Cllr Parkes reported that the applicant that had provided the lower quote had carried out a trial mow of the village. The standard was not felt to be on a par with that which we were used to. A meeting was held with this applicant who stated he had under quoted in his tender and in fact he would need to charge more.

It was agreed that M Dempsey would be awarded the tender.

The Clerk will inform Mr Dempsey and would consult with Cllr Parkes with regards the wording of the contract.

Action – Clerk to inform Mr Dempsey that he has been awarded the contract
Action – Clerk to meet with Cllr Parkes to write contract to be forwarded to the Chair
Action – Clerk to write to edge to edge to state they have not been successful

16. Highways and Transport, to include street lights

Cllr Parkes reported that the light on 1 Little Lane was a temporary measure and that it is yellow which was not popular. Cllr Parkes has spoken to the residents that have complained and explained this to them.

Cllr Parkes reported that he had met with Helen Howard and discussed Croughton Corner. Helen Howard stated that she had looked at the accident reports and there has only been one minor collision there in the past years and therefore NCC were not willing to make any alteration to the junction. It was commented on that the bollards there are regularly knocked over. Cllr Parkes stated he was chasing constantly to get fixed.

The 30 MPH sign on Charlton Road is going to be moved further towards Charlton. The parking on Charlton Road was also discussed. The parking officers are awaiting a report.

A bid has been submitted to get the carriageway on the Charlton Road repaired and it is hoped that this will be successful. Cllr Parkes stated that he felt it was important that villagers complained about the roads. It was suggested that the County Council should be regularly written to with regards this.

The bollards at College Fields are also being repaired but Cllr Parkes is again, having to chase this repeatedly.

17. Parking

Cllr Hoddinott reported that he had ordered the sample of the parking material and he would be installing it soon. When it was down members of the council can go and look to see it will be suitable for The Glebe.

Cllr Hoddinott has contacted the individuals who had said they would help with the labour for the parking area and warned them we would soon be calling on them.

He stated that he had witnessed people blocking off the footpath across the green outside the Cartwright Hotel and that maybe two dragons teeth could be placed here to prevent them blocking this access.

It was agreed that Cllr Parkes would get a price for this and bring it to the next meeting.

Action – Cllr Parkes to get quote for two dragon's teeth on the edge of the path on the green.

Cllr Mann stated he was still very concerned about the parking hazards on the Charlton Road. Cllr Parkes reiterated that the County Council was waiting for reports from the parking officers.

The question of white lines in the Glebe to demark the spaces. It was agreed that this would be considered after the matting had been put in.

18. New Homes Bonus Consultation

Cllr Macklin reported that he had looked at this consultation but it was not relevant to Aynho.

He has also looked at the New Homes Levy paper. He has made a submission which shows the lack of investment in Aynho. In order to get the maximum benefit from this a structured Parish Plan needs to be in place.

The proposal largely replaces the section 106 and with not much scope for development in the village it is of limited relevance to us at this time.

19. Playground Funding Application to Viridor

Cllr Burge reported that she had filled in the grant application for Viridor. It has been based on the Wicksteed quote. The total cost excluding VAT £46,617. A 10% land fill tax has to be accounted for plus a 2% ENTRUST levy. The total amount APC would therefore be applying for is £37,591 against a total cost including VAT of £55,941.

It was proposed by Cllr Macklin, seconded by Cllr Hoddinott and passed by a majority that the funding should be applied for.

20. Recreational Matters – to include Playground, sports field and A.S.R.A plus date of history walk

It has been proposed that either the 8th or 29th of September would be best for the History Walk. It was agreed that Peter Cole should be contacted.

Action – Clerk to contact Peter Cole re. date of History Walk

21. Farming and Footpaths

There was nothing to report on this.

22. Village Hall Committee

The Clerk stated that he had received the minutes of the most recent meeting which Cllr Anderson had attended. They will be attached to these minutes.

She stated she had made a rota for attendance and distributed it.

23. Village Needs Analysis Project Plan

Cllr Macklin stated that it was generally felt that a village survey should be carried out.

The Chair stated that he felt the survey done previously was robust and should therefore be basically used again with amendments.

Cllr Macklin felt the work should be completed by the AVM in 2014.

The Chair stated this would be discussed at a later date.

24. Maintenance

Cllr Parkes reported that the Square would be tidied up in time for Maytime in the Square on Saturday.

There is also a need for weed killing in the village

25. Communications

It was agreed that the following should be put into the newsletter –

- Change of appointment in the Council
- Street Doctor process
- Issues with bins
- Casual vacancy
- Reminder about bonfires

26. Meetings and Conferences

It was agreed that the AVM had gone well with about 27 people attending from the village.

It was agreed that the Chair would attend the West Northants Parish Forum.

27. Correspondence

Correspondence received this month includes – a letter re. bus shelters, a disc from Aylesbury Vale Council re. their plan strategy and Clerks and Councils Direct

The Clerk stated she had received an e mail from a resident re. bonfires. It was agreed a friendly reminder in the newsletter would be relevant at this stage.

Action – Clerk to write about bonfires in the newsletter.

28. Any Other Business (at the Discretion of the Chair)

Cllr Mann asked if there was anything APC should be doing re. HS2. The Chair stated that at this time the only thing that APC could do was keep a watching brief.

Cllr Macklin thanked the members of the Council for all their help and support during his time on the Council.

29. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 3rd June 2013

This was approved.

The meeting closed at 21.44