

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7th October 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chair – Stephen Brook

Councillors – Hoddinott, Mann, Shuckburgh, Burge and Anderson

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr James and Cllr Belcher

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 2nd September and 9th September 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Shuckburgh and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2013 should be signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Mann and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2013 should be signed subject to the following amendments –

The date is incorrect on the minutes

The line 'and did not take part in the formal discussion on the planning application' to be added to item 2.

4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk confirmed she had booked a skip for the village clean up and would be making posters to advertise it. She has also forwarded the links to report fly tipping and for Street Doctor to all councillors.

She reported she had asked PSCO Cochrane for the number of reported accidents on the Charlton Road but it is not information he has. He has suggested writing to the Central Accident Bureau in Northampton which she will do.

Action – Clerk to write to the Central Accident Bureau in Northampton to ask for info on the number of accidents on Charlton Road

The Clerk confirmed she had forwarded the email from a resident to Cllr Hoddinott and booked the Chair onto the NCALC AGM as requested.

The Chair stated he had spoken to the owner of the Yew tree on The Square. It has been confirmed that this tree is safe but there is a concern re. the trees to the rear of the property. These will be reported to SNC by the **Clerk.**

Action – Clerk to report trees at the rear of the property to SNC

The Chair confirmed there is a New Homes Levy grant available for Aynho. This will be discussed in item 10.

The Chair stated he had met with the travellers who had now moved on. It was commented on that the layby had been left rather untidy possibly by the other caravan that was not linked to the woodcutters. The Chair asked if CTU inspected sites when vacated. The Clerk stated she would investigate this.

5. Finance – Adoption of financial regs and first look at 2014/15 budget

It was proposed by Cllr Hoddinott and seconded by Cllr Shuckburgh that the cheques listed on the attached financial report should be agreed and signed (RW/09/13).

The RFO stated the audit was now completed and had passed.

It was proposed by Cllr Burge and seconded by Cllr Hoddinott that the new Financial Regulations should be signed and adopted. These are attached to these minutes.

The RFO stated he had not yet produced a first draft of the 2014/15 budget. The Chair stated he would meet with the RFO to discuss this in order to have it prepared for the November meeting.

Action – Chair to meet with RFO

6. Planning –

S/2013/1208/FUL, Proposed internal & external works to enable the change of use of garden building to artisanal bakery and part of main house for holding events (weddings etc) and part of the main house from B1 to C3, Aynhoe Park House, Aynhoe Park, Aynho

Change of use of part of the main house for holding events (weddings, parties etc.) and change of use of part of the house to Spa (Retrospective). Change of use of part of the main house from B1 (offices) to C3 (residential) including 7 self contained apartments. Change of use of garden building to an artisanal bakery.

S/2013/1209/LBC, Proposed internal & external works to enable the change of use of garden room and part of main house, Aynhoe Park House, Aynhoe Park, Aynho

After hearing Cllr Burge's report which is attached to these minutes it was agreed that the applications would be supported with the following comments –

- APC are concerned however that traffic both for events at the house and for casual access to the bakery requires clear signage to parking onsite.
- There is also a need for signage within the house to show people where to go when they have entered the house.
- Pedestrian access also needs to be clear as it is too dangerous to enter at the corner of Roundtown
- APC would also like to have sight of any signage before it is finalised

The Clerk reported that another planning application had been received. It was agreed that this would be discussed at an extraordinary meeting on 14th October 2013 at 6.15.

Action – Clerk to set up an extraordinary meeting on 14th October 2013 at 6.15

Cllr Burge stated that she has been approached by a resident who wants to put up a new fence which will back onto Black Path. The fence currently sits on top of a wall and he wishes to put the fence on the outside of the wall so the wall would then sit in his garden meaning he would take a certain amount of land that he does not own.

It was agreed that he would be told that the PC would recommend that he rebuilds the boundary within the existing footprint of his property.

Action – Cllr Burge to tell resident that the PC would recommend that he rebuilds the boundary within the existing footprint of his property.

7. Risk and risk assessment

Lord Boswell has emailed the Clerk asking for investigation into a set of steps at Aynho Wharf. It was agreed that the owners of Station Yard would be contacted as they are the likely owners of the steps which are in disrepair.

Action – Clerk to contact the owners of Station Yard to ask them to look into getting the steps repaired and made safe.

The Clerk reported that a villager had reported that the smaller footpath over the green outside was repeatedly being blocked and would benefit from having dragons teeth as had been erected by the wider path. It was agreed that this would be looked at in the future.

It was reported that there were a great deal of weeds at various points in the village. It was agreed that Mr Macey would be asked to deal with these.

Action – Clerk to ask Mr Macey to kill the weeds within the village

Cllr Hoddinott reported that the potholes in School End had been reported.

8. Parking, Highways and Transport

The Clerk reported that she had received a proposal to extend the 30mph speed limit in the village further back along the Charlton Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should acknowledge the notice.

Action – Clerk to write to MGWSP to acknowledge the notice and to request a 40mph limit from Second Crossing due to the entrances to the allotments and the sports field

Cllr Shuckburgh stated that people seemed to be parking on the verge opposite Roundtown in front of the dragons teeth. Roundtown is now at full capacity and there seems to be even more cars attempting to park in the vicinity. It was agreed that Cllr Shuckburgh would get together with residents and discuss parking solutions with the Church and the owners of Friars Well. Helen Howard's contact details will also be forwarded to Cllr Shuckburgh.

Action – Clerk to forward Helen Howard's contact details to Cllr Shuckburgh

The Clerk reported she had received an email from a resident with a proposal for the Charlton Road. This has been forwarded to The Chair and Cllr Hoddinott. The proposal suggests that a weight limit of 7.5 tonne is set on to the Charlton Road. It was thought that this already existed. The weight limit cannot be much reduced as it would prevent tractors and buses using the road.

It was agreed that the email would be responded to stating APC would wait for the yellow lines would be put in and then look at how this has improved (or otherwise) the road.

A letter has been received from Community Speedwatch inviting APC to take part. Cllr Shuckburgh stated he would look into this.

Action – Cllr Shuckburgh to respond to Community Speedwatch

9. Maintenance

There is nothing further to report on this item.

10. Recreational Matters – to include Playground, sports field and A.S.R.A

Cllr Burge reported that she has accepted the Viridor grant.

The Chair reported that there was a grant available to apply for of approximately £2000 as a result of the New Homes Levy. This could be used towards the playground or towards interactive speed signs.

11. Farming and Footpaths

There was nothing to report in this item.

12. Village Plan 2014 – 2019

The Chair reported that he had sent out the previous survey to everyone.

He stated that he has had a meeting of the sub-group and that there was an opportunity to buy information about the village from ACRE for £85. It was agreed this was a good idea.

The Chair requested that the Clerk organise a rota for the Aynho Community Weekend so that Councillors can be available.

13. Communications

There was nothing specific for the newsletter this month.

14. Meetings and Conferences

The Clerk reported that the Ward meeting in January would take place on 27th January in Aynho. It was suggested that someone from the Northants Big Idea Broadband would be a good speaker.

15. Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received this month –

- Clerks and Councils Direct
- LCR
- NCALC E update

16. Any Other Business

Cllr Mann stated that he felt the layby on the way into the village, specifically the travellers. There is nothing PC can do and it is solely in the hands of the County Traveller Unit.

Cllr Anderson stated that he felt we should ask for a bin to be placed in the layby at Second Crossing.

Action – Clerk to request bin to be placed in the layby at Second Crossing

17. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 4th November 2013

This was agreed.

The meeting ended at 21.29