

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chair – Stephen Brook

Councillors – Hoddinott, Anderson, Leighton, Shuckburgh, James, Mann, Belcher and Burge

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

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 4th November 2013

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2013 should be signed.

4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she had not yet written to Railtrack re. the steps in Station Yard. This action was carried over..

Action – Clerk to write to Railtrack re. steps in Station yard

The Clerk has arranged with Mr Masey to do the weed killing and to sort out the Dragon's Teeth on the green. He has not yet completed the work however so the Clerk will chase him up on this.

Action – Clerk to remind Mr Masey re. work in the village

She has spoken to the tree warden re. the trees behind Yew Tree Cottage as has Cllr Burge.

The Clerk stated she had requested a visit at Green Lane with Colin Wicks of MGWSP. He had called and left a message and the Clerk has returned the call. However she has not yet managed to speak to him so will continue to try to arrange the meeting.

The consultation for the Yellow Lines on Charlton Road has gone ahead and the Clerk advertised this as much as she could. She has also placed a note in the newsletter re. the bird scarers.

5. Finance – look at 2014/15 budget

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/12/13) should be approved and signed.

The RFO produced the second draft of the budget for 2014/15. It was agreed that there were a few more changes needed and that the final version would be presented in January.

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Shuckburgh and therefore agreed that the precept should be increased by 5%. This amount will be £21050.40

It was agreed that the situation with the Co-Op bank should be monitored.

6. Planning –

S/2013/1549/FUL, Single storey rear extension, loft conversion and replacement windows, 25 The Glebe, Aynho

It was agreed after hearing Cllr Shuckburgh's report that the application should be supported in principal although there are concerns that the rear extension is too long and will cut out a significant amount of light to the neighbours.

Cllr Burge stated that the application for 7 The Square has been rejected by SNC.

7. Risk and risk assessment

Cllr Burge stated she has looked at the raised walkway on Blacksmith's Hill needs repair. It was agreed Cllr Burge would report this via Street Doctor.

Action - Cllr Burge to report the raised walkway on Blacksmith's Hill to Street Doctor

Cllr Belcher stated the footpath on Charlton Road was in disrepair. It was agreed that Cllr Belcher would report this via Street Doctor.

Action – Cllr Belcher to report the footpath on Charlton Road to Street Doctor

It was commented that there was a red van for sale on the corner of Portway and The Croughton Road. It was agreed that this was causing somewhat of an obstruction and it should be reported to Highways.

Action – Clerk to report red van to Highways

8. Parking, Highways and Transport - to include discussion re. Speedwatch

Cllr Hoddinott reported that the Parking areas in the Glebe needed to be seeded but this would be most effective in the Spring. It was agreed that sand on the area may help. It was agreed that Cllr Hoddinott would look into this.

Cllr Mann asked if gravel would work on the area? Cllr Hoddinott stated that he had suggested this previously but it had been agreed at the time that grass was preferable.

Cllr Shuckburgh reported he had met with Helen Howard. She had made some helpful suggestions and will be meeting with Cllr Shuckburgh in the near future.

The Clerk stated that she had received confirmation of the village's participation in Speedwatch in 2014. This will go ahead in August 2014. Before this goes ahead training of volunteers will be necessary. Cllr Shuckburgh will be speaking to Northants Police on this.

Action – Cllr Shuckburgh to discuss Speedwatch with Northants Police.

9. Maintenance

There was nothing to report on this matter

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

Cllr Burge stated that she was waiting for a final quote on the playground equipment. She stated that she was minded to recommend Playground Facilities who are a local company. Roughly £2.5K more money is needed to achieve the money needed.

Cllr Burge asked if APC were happy to put in an order. It was agreed that this ought to go ahead.

Action – Cllr Burge to put in order for playground equipment

11. Farming and Footpaths

There was nothing to report on this item.

12. Village Plan 2014 – 2019

There was nothing to report on this item.

13. Village Hall meeting

The Clerk reminded Cllr Burge that it was her turn to attend the Village Hall Committee meeting

14. Communications

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

APC's contribution of the Christmas tree

15. Meetings and Conferences

The Clerk gave out the list of meetings in 2014 (attached)

She also pointed out the Ward Meeting in Aynho on 27th January 2014.

It was stated that an extra meeting would be needed to discuss the Aynhoe Park planning application. Monday 16th December was proposed.

16. Correspondence

The following has been received

Letter from Speedwatch

17. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

18. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6th January 2014 (if needed), Monday 3rd February 2014

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.20