

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chair – Stephen Brook
Councillors –Leighton, Burge, Reynolds, James, Mann, and Maddocks-Born

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Beaumont, Leighton and Anderson

2. Declarations of Interest

The were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Maddocks-Born and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015.

4 Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk confirmed info that notices had gone out re. the closures on Blacksmith's Hill

The Clerk showed stated she had not drafted a tender notice for the bollards around the village green. It was agreed the Chair would assist with this.

Action – Chair and Clerk to draft tender notice

5 Finance, to include 2016 / 17 budget, donations and setting of precept

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/12/15) should be formally approved.

The Chairman outlined the draft budget for draft budget for 2016/17 and stated that at the end of the discussion the members would need to agree the precept for 2016/17. It was agreed that the precept should be £21,816.

It was proposed by Cllr Burge, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and agreed that the following donations would be made - £200 to the Thames Valley Air Ambulance and £350 to the Parochial Church Council.

6 Planning –

Update on 25 The Glebe – The enforcement notice is still ongoing but it would seem that the building has been completed. The front verge has been quite damaged by the work and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owners to request they repair this. The wall also looks rather shaky and this will be commented on in the letter.

Action – Clerk to write to the owners of 25 The Glebe to request they restore the verge

Although the work is complete the walls are not all rendered which is not what is stated in the planning permission.

The Chair stated that a reply had been received from the owners of College Farm House in respect of the recent planting of the evergreen oaks. It was agreed that the Chair would try and facilitate a meeting between the owners and the residents who have complained about the planting.

Action: Chair

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APC support this application however we have the following comments – the conservation officer satisfies themselves that the proposed installation of windows to the blind windows will not affect the historical integrity of the property and that any internal alterations are in keeping with the historic layout of the building.

In terms of the gate, which is featured in the conservation report on the village, we would prefer it to remain as it forms an important part of the historical relationship between the house and the village. We believe this was the original entrance to the house. If permission the remove the gate is given then APC would insist that the wall is restored to look identical to the existing wall in terms of finish and colours, the external path area is restored to verge and drop kerb is raised.

7 Gigaclear

The Chair reported that the village had now for the most part gone live and the Village Hall now was live. The Chairman stated he was trying to arrange a meeting with Gigaclear to look at the ‘snagging’ issues’ concerning the reinstatement. It was felt that given the time of year it would be best to wait until the spring for the grass areas which required repair.

8 Risk and risk assessment

The Clerk reported that she had been informed that a villager had had a fall outside number 31 The Glebe. The Chair stated he would look at this when having a walk around with Gigaclear.

Action: Chairman

It was reported that the 30mph sign close by College Fields is twisted. This will be reported to Street Doctor

Action – Clerk to report twisted speed sign to Street Doctor

9 Parking, Highways and Transport, to include update on V.A.S.

Cllr Leighton sent in a report - MVAS has now been ordered - cheque to be sent - likely delivery end January – Cllr Leighton will organise installation and data capture and will canvas others to share change over schedule. The Chair stated that he had asked Cllr Leighton to do a short presentation at the Annual Village Meeting with data captured from both Charlton Rd and Croughton Rd village entrances.

Car parking – Cllr Leighton has some ideas he will share and go into in the New Year.

10 Maintenance, to include Streetlight on Blacksmiths Hill and replacement streetlights in conservation area, road sweeper visit to Aynho, update on village green

The Chair wished to formally thank Cllr Maddocks-Born for all his work he has carried out in the village. Cllr Maddocks-Born reported that he felt a road sweeper ought to visit the village. The Chair stated he ought to speak to Helen Howard.

Cllr Burge stated quotes had been received for conservation lights. Eon's quote is for £1100 per light. It was agreed that one of these should be ordered for Blacksmiths Hill. After this has been erected a decision will be made as to whether two more will be ordered.

The Chair and the Clerk will work together on the tender for posts around the Village Green.

11 Recreational Matters – to include, Playground, sports field, the Park Club draw and A.S.R.A

There was nothing to report on this.

12 Farming and Footpaths

There is nothing to report on this.

13 Communications

It was agreed the following should go into the newsletter –

- A reminder about parking considerately and not on the grass.

14 Defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed the defibrillator was now on the insurance policy. Cllr Mann stated that he wanted to write a report on his thoughts on the best management of the Defibrillator.

Action: Cllr Mann

15 Meetings and Conferences

There was nothing to report on this.

16 Correspondence

The following has been received –

- NCALCS e update
- Report from Northants Constabulary

17 Meeting dates 2016

The meeting dates for 2016 were confirmed

18 Any Other Business

19 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 11th January 2016 (if needed)

Monday 1st February 2016

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.15