

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chair – Stephen Brook
Councillors – Leighton, Dean, Mann, Anderson, Maddocks-Born and Burge

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

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies from Cllrs Reynolds and James.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair declared an interest in the planning application. As such he signed the declaration of interest book.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Dean, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2016 should be signed.

4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she continued to work on updating the website to incorporate Transparency Code items

Action: Clerk

The Clerk confirmed she had contacted James Belcher about the hedge trimming but had not heard back. She stated she would contact him again.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk confirmed she had responded re. parking on the verges at Aynho Court. She has received another reply about this which will be discussed in item, 9.

The Chair stated that at the last meeting Amanda Leigh it had been agreed that Amanda Leigh would be one of the PCs Trustees for the Alms Houses for a 4 year term. It was agreed Ted Sutton would also continue for a period of 4 years as the second PC Trustee.

The Clerk has not heard back from the PEG team as to why they did not come to the village. She will chase this up.

Action - Clerk

5. Finance, to include 2017 / 18 budget

It was proposed by Cllr Dean seconded by Cllr Maddocks-Born and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/10/16) should be formally approved.

The RFO presented the budget for 2017/18. The Chair talked through the draft budget and it was agreed be further developed and presented at the December meeting for agreement when the precept would also be set

Action – Chair/RFO

The Chair asked if everyone had read the information circulated by NCALC re. precept capping. NCALC have urged all councils to respond to the technical consultation on precept capping. The Clerk confirmed she had drafted a letter to Andrea Leadsom. The Chair stated he would edit the letter and send it off

Action - Chair

6. Risk and risk assessment

Cllr Anderson stated that part of the wall towards Aynho Corner looks precarious. He stated that he is sure James Perkins has it under control due to the work being carried out.

7. Planning

S/2016/2671/LBC, Orangery to rear, Bortons Farm, 14 Roundtown, Aynho

S/2016/2670/FUL, Orangery to rear, Bortons Farm, 14 Roundtown, Aynho

Cllr Burge chaired this section of the meeting as the Chair had declared an interest in the planning application.

After hearing Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that there were no objections to the application.

The Chair reported the he had spoken to James Perkins. He does intend to continue restoring the walls to the Belcher's farm entrance

The Chair reported he has also spoken to John Townsend about non-compliance of the enforcement notices for 25 The Glebe and asked him to take it up the issues further with SNC Plans.

The Chair has also received photographic evidence from the Owner College Farm that the trees that were poisoned by having holes drilled into the bottom of the trunks and that this had been passed to the police who were still investigating the alleged malicious damage. There is a new planting scheme now been planted.

8. Dog fouling

Cllr Anderson reported that the signs have now been fixed into place. He stated that he has seen two instances recently of people not picking up after their dogs. Both time the dogs were off lead. He suggested that dogs should be kept on leads on Black Path. This was agreed and it will be stated in the net newsletter. The Clerk will check legislation on this matter

Action – note re. dog legislation to be put into newsletter

9. Parking, Highways and Transport

Cllr Mann stated he felt the Charlton Road was still suffering from speeding drivers. He reiterated his belief that speed bumps or some other physical way of reducing speed should be put in place near the entrance to Bowmans Lea. Cllr Mann feels a fatal accident will eventually occur. The VAS has been in situ on the Charlton Rd near Portway for 3 weeks. It was agreed that a new pole to mount the VAS on should be installed at a location midway down the Charlton Road to collect additional data. It was agreed that the data will be used to try to influence Highways. Highways have been spoken to in the past and were not sympathetic. Cllr Leighton believes it will cost approximately £350. It was agreed that Cllr Leighton has authority to spend up to £500 to arrange for this to be erected at a location to be jointly agreed by Cllr Leighton & Mann

Action – Cllr Leighton/Mann to arrange for a new pole for the VAS to be erected on Charlton Road

The Chair reported that he and Cllr Leighton had met with representatives from the Church, the Village Hall, Aynho Court, Aynhoe Park and the Cartwright Arms to investigate procedural ways of improving parking. All organisations had agreed to look and ways in which they could assist. It was hoped that the Cartwright and the Church will communicate re. allowing hotel residents to park there. Aynhoe Park and the Cartwright have been encouraged to ensure guests coming to events are aware of parking issues in the village. The Church car park has spaces but it is very dark. It was agreed that if the Church car park can be better utilised for village use then the PC will pay for lighting to be installed. There is also a potential for spaces within the Village hall to be used if an event is not on. All interested parties will be reporting back.

There was also discussion re. having a residents' parking 'permit'. Similarly the Cartwright could give their residents notes for their cars.

Action – Clerk to investigate a residents' sticker scheme

It was reported that Aynho Court Resident's Association had written to request the PC erect Dragons Teeth similar to the ones on the Glebe along the verge. It was agreed that bollards would be quoted for both here and around the village green.

Cllr Anderson stated that there was scope to set up a local 'Just Park' on the website, whereby people with spaces on their drives could rent them out to people in the village if they had visitors.

10. Maintenance

The Clerk stated she had received a letter from a villager detailing some issues with the raised pathway on The Hill. This was passed to Cllr Maddocks-Born.

Action: Cllr Maddocks-Born

Cllr Maddocks-Born stated that the daffodils had been planted in clumps.

It was agreed that the PC would pay for and erect a Christmas tree on the Green. The Clerk would see if James Belcher was able to assist in the first instance

Action: Clerk

11. Recreational Matters – to include, Playground, sports field, the Park Club draw and A.S.R.A (including the future running of ASRA)

It was reported that a meeting had taken place to discuss the future running of ASRA. The Clerk produced guidance on the forming of a committee. There was no one willing to take on the role of managing the Pavilion and sports field. It was suggested that a volunteer was sought from the village to carry out the janitorial aspects of the job.

Action – Request for a volunteer to be sought from the village to carry out the janitorial aspects of the job.

It was agreed that a further meeting between the Chair, the RFO and Kay Anderson should take place.

Action: Chair

It was also agreed that the theme of the village meeting in 2017 should be 'Village Engagement'.

12. Farming and Footpaths

There was nothing to report.

13. Communications

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

- Article about dog legislation
- Request for a volunteer to take on caretaker duties for the pavilion and Sports Field.

14. Defibrillator

Cllr Mann stated he would be bringing a report on the defibrillator to the February meeting.

Action – Cllr Mann to bring report on defibrillator to the February meeting

Cllr Anderson to check on the annual membership with Community Heartbeat and the next village training session.

Action: Cllr Anderson

15. Meetings and Conferences

It was agreed that Cllr Dean will go to the next Village Hall meeting.

The Chair stated he had attended the NCALC AGM. He stated that the Police Commissioner had spoken and was keen for people to comment on the consultation. Cllr Dean will look at this.

Action – Cllr Dean to look at Police Consultation.

It was also agreed that the PCC will be invited to the next Ward Meeting.

Action – Chair to invite Police Commissioner to Ward Meeting

16. Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received this month –

- Clerks and Councils Direct
- A letter from Hands off the Horton asking the PC to write to the Oxfordshire CCG about the Horton Hospital. It was agreed that Cllr Anderson would respond to the letter.

17. Any Other Business

18. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5th December

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.30