

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chair – Stephen Brook
Councillors – Burge, Dean, James, Leighton, Mann, Moroney, and Reynolds

In Attendance: Chris Wilson (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Anderson.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Mon 5 March 2018

It was proposed by Cllr. Dean, seconded by Cllr. Moroney and therefore agreed that the minutes of 5th March 2018 would be signed.

4 Matters arising not on the Agenda

- Dog waste stickers: As per March 2018 minutes. Need to check handed over.

Action: Clerk to chase Sadie Patamia (ex-clerk).

- Timber left on Charlton Road: Unmanageable lengths of timber need removing after removal of sycamore.

Action: Clerk to contact Acreman to cut smaller.

- Area of Responsibility Map: As per March 2018 minutes. Review of areas needed.

Action: Chair & Cllr. Burge to discuss.

- 'The good councillor's guide': Cllr. Mann queried Parish's responsibilities (as per March 2018 minutes). Previous clerk had copy/ies.

Action: Clerk to contact ex-Clerk.

5 Finance

- Approval of Monthly Payments

It was proposed by Cllr. James, seconded by Cllr. Reynolds and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached reports (RW/04/18) should be formally approved.

- RFO Roger Wertheimer reported that annual accounts now finalised.

Action: Chair & Cllr. James to meet RFO.

6 Planning

- S/2018/0649/FUL, 3 Blacksmiths Hill, Aynho OX17 3AH: Replacement UPVC windows and doors (part retrospective).
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Objection; as the property falls within the conservation area it is felt that the policy for wooden casement windows in keeping with the current policy should be installed. Although this is housing association property they are front elevation and in a prominent position within the conservation area.
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The Chair changed the Agenda order.

12 Recreational Matters – to include, Playground, sports field and Aynho Active

- Cllr Moroney reported that the New Home Bonus grant which had been applied for the Pavilion refurbishment had been successful and SNC had granted the full amount. She would now get the works commenced. She stated she needed to pass the APC's bank account details to SNC.

Action: RFO to provide to Cllr Moroney APC's Bank Account Details.

- Playground – Cllr. Burge reported that the willow tunnel had grown up and needed general maintenance.

Action: Cllr. Burge to contact Peter Tustain

- Sportsfield – Cllr. Moroney reported that although the new vehicular gate had been approved and purchased, Peter thought the post/s looked rotten and unstable. He had suggested 2 new posts at a cost of supply and fitting of £300. At that cost and it was agreed the works should go ahead.

Action: Cllr. Moroney to contact Peter Tustain

- Sportsfield – The Chair discussed that although the deeds to both the Sportsfield and Playground were both held, neither had been registered with the Land Registry.

Action: Clerk to look into cost/process and report.

- Cllr. Moroney introduced visitor Michael Johnson who has previously raised funds for the Parish Council/Sports projects. He reported:
 - Sports equipment (goal posts, markers etc.) currently in place are at end of their life, this could be replaced at a cost of £260 +VAT. At that cost it was agreed to approve purchase.
 - Michael suggested building a football wall on the sportsfield. A discussion took place on location considering: noise, public footpath, sensitive environment area, need for planning consent.

The Chair and councillors agreed in principle to the football wall however further discussion was required.

Action: Cllr. Moroney and Michael to draw up plans.

- The Park Club Draw was made; #114 drawn.

The Chair returned to Agenda order.

7 Risk and risk assessment

Potholes – it was reported few had appeared on various routes, most had council markings to show acknowledged.

Action: Councillors and residents to use Street Doctor to report.

8 Parking, Highways and Transport

- Bollards for Aynho Court: Now fitted.
- Village Green – The Chair and Councillors discussed that with the success of bollards at Aynho Court could the white stones on green be replaced with similar for continuity of look. After discussion it was agreed that at £12.50 per post it was approved to buy upto 25 posts maximum.
- Little Lane – Cllr. Dean reported that a resident had brought to his attention that cars were blocking the top of the lane, worries over emergency access. It was discussed that it was narrow and mostly pedestrian access only.

Action: Chair and Cllr. Leighton to meet and look at Green.

Action: Leave for Annual Village Meeting

- The Glebe – Mr Lang not present, no update available.
- Charlton Road – Cllr. Mann reported many cars speeding. It was agreed that this may be the case however needed data from the mobile speed display/detector. Cllr. Leighton reported waiting for bracket to fix.

Action: Cllr. Leighton to chase bracket.

9 Maintenance

- Spring Village Clean-up – Cllr. Moroney reminded this was on 22nd April 2018 at the sports pavilion, 10am to 2pm, Cllr. Moroney suggested it be renamed 'Keep Aynho Beautiful'.
- Dog Bin Waste Collection – The Council recently received notification from AH Contracts that the current contract (6 bins emptied fortnightly, cost £57 inc VAT) was to be cancelled due to retirement on ill health. The Clerk had investigated various options and contacted other local Clerks to Kings Sutton/Croughton/Evenley. The Clerk reported a quote from Marcus Young Landscapes Ltd was for a weekly service for £72 inc VAT). The Clerk also had contacted Cherwell District Council and they had offered as a gesture of good will to provide a free service till the end of April 2018 and then charge £1.40 per bin (or £33.40 per month). It was agreed to approve the Cherwell DC quote.

Action: Clerk to contact Cherwell DC.

10 Street Lights Upgrade/Replacement

- Cllr. Dean reported that a sample LED light was due for delivery for the Annual Village Meeting.

11 Health

- Nothing to discuss.

13 Farming and Footpaths

- Cllr. Moroney suggested using an Ordnance Survey map on the Aynho website to give a series of walking routes to avoid residents walking paths without rights of way. The need for a digital licence for mapping was discussed.

Action: Cllr. Moroney to investigate options.

14 Communications

- Nothing to report.

15 Meetings and Conferences

- Annual Village Meeting – Monday 23rd April 2018: Northampton County Councillor Rebecca Breese to attend.

16 Correspondence

- No correspondence.

17 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14 May 2018 at 7:30pm

This was agreed. The meeting closed at 9:06pm