

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chair – Stephen Brook
Councillors – James, Burge, Belcher, Anderson, and Leighton

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from the RFO and Cllrs Mann and Hoddinott.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Monday 1st December 2014 and Thursday 18th December 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2014 should be signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Burge seconded by Cllr Belcher and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2014 should be signed.

4 Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated that she and Cllr Burge had not written an article about the Conservation Areas for the newsletter yet but hoped to meet to do so this month.

Action – Cllr Burge and the Clerk to write article on conservations areas

She confirmed she had circulated the risk register and equal opportunities policy in draft and this would be discussed later in the agenda.

The Clerk confirmed she had put in requests for the precept (£21,388) and the grass cutting grants.

The Clerk stated she had officially complained to EON re. the lack of contact from David Mooney regarding the streetlight on Blacksmiths Hill. EON failed to respond and were chased, however a quote has now come in and will be discussed under maintenance.

Action – Clerk to continue to pursue EON

5 Finance, to include donations

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/01/15) should be formally approved.

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/02/15) should be signed.

It was agreed that donations as follows should be made and cheques should be issued by the RFO immediately.

St Michaels Church - £350
Thames Valley Air Ambulance - £200

The 2015/16 budget would be agreed at the next meeting when the RFO is present

6 Risk and risk assessment to include review of risk register

Cllr Anderson stated he felt the pavement on Charlton Road was particularly dangerous and pot holed. It was agreed that we would wait until Gigaclear's plans were known for their trenches – as to repair it now would seem inappropriate.

The Chair checked everyone had received the draft document as circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed that this would be discussed next month.

7 Adoption of Equal Opportunities policy

The Chair checked everyone had received the draft document as circulated by the Clerk. There were no comments or suggestions for amendments. This was agreed and will be formally adopted next month.

8 Parking, Highways and Transport , to include discussion re. parking in Church car park

The Chair suggested that given the ongoing damage to the Village Green in front of The Cartwright Hotel that The Green should be fenced off with 'dragons teeth'. However as this would have some impact on available parking it was also suggested and agreed that:

- The PCC should be approached about the possibility of residents parking in the Church car park for an annual fee - for say 4-6 cars.
- That the residents of Aynho Court should be encourage to use their own garages and car parking areas and not to park by The Village Green.
- Subject to the views of the PCC notice would be given via the village Newsletter of intent to fence The Village Green

Action Clerk to draft article for the newsletter outlining proposals

Cllr Anderson stated how well the parking solution on the Glebe has worked. He stated it may be worth extending this area at some point in the future.

The Chair stated he felt a quote should be acquired for a speed activated sign in the village to be deployed on the eastern approach to the village as there is a suitable street light which could provide the power. It was suggested that there is more of a problem with speeding from the western entrance to the village on the Banbury Road. This may require a solar panel operated street light. Cllr Leighton has the details for a company who are in the process of quoting and the Chair has passed on another company.

It was agreed that Clerk would contact highways to ask for data on speeding through the village.

Action – Clerk to obtain speeding data and Cllr Leighton quotes for speed activated signs.

9 Maintenance - to include dog fouling

Cllr Anderson stated that he felt that dog fouling in the village is becoming a serious issue. In particular there are a number of incidents of residents failing to clear up after their dogs on the Black Path. The Clerk stated that she had received an email from Mrs Anderson requesting the dog bin on the sports field drive was removed.

After some discussion it was agreed that:

- The playing field dog bin would be relocated to the western end of the Black Path by the Butts Close entrance.
- Two signs would be installed either end of the black path reminding owners of their responsibilities.
- Cllr Anderson suggested we could include free 'dog' bags for collection of dog waste with the a message on them encouraging

- Items should be placed in newsletter and on web site to encourage greater responsibility among dog owners.
- Outline of above plan to be included in next newsletter.

Action - Clerk to write an article for newsletter, Cllr Anderson to devise 'insert' for newsletter.

Cllr Burge stated she now had a quote to move the streetlight on Blacksmiths Hill which is affecting the sleep of the resident. The quote is for £380 plus VAT. Although the streetlight is on the residents property and the change is requested by them the Chair proposed the resident should pay for the work to be done but via the PC so the resident will not have to pay the VAT which was agreed.

It was agreed the Village Spring Clean would take place on Saturday 28 March 2015 at 10am.

10 Recreational Matters – Playground, sports field, park club draw and A.S.R.A

Cllr Anderson requested that the Park Club draw is drawn at the monthly PC meeting – thus giving visibility and independence to the draw. This was agreed.

The Clerk drew the token - No 170. This belongs to Mr and Mrs Anderson.

11 Communications, to include Gigaclear

The Chair stated that Gigaclear would tell the PC the intended plan of work as soon as it was published so that the PC could object/comment if required.

Cllr Leighton suggested that companies should be able to pay to advertise their business on the Village website. Three levels are proposed– banners and contacts with a click through (approximately £25), a mini page within the website (£40-60), and a larger page whereby we integrate 4 or 6 companies into the website and allow them to tweet etc through our page (approximately £125). The sums raised are expected to cover the annual costs of the site and permit limited further development.

Action – Cllr Leighton

It was mentioned that the Village newsletter also takes paid advertising. The Chair undertook to speak to the PCC Treasurer to see if there would be any concerns.

Action – Chair

12 Defibrillator

The Clerk stated that she had received a donation for £10 toward the defibrillator which will be passed to the RFO. The accompanying letter would be sent Amanda Limb so she can thank the donor.

As at 29 January - £2920 had been raised (Donations - £1218 and Winter Lunch Club £1702). It is likely that at least £500 more will be raised by the Winter Lunch Club. Additionally we could apply to the Heart Foundation Charity for a grant and from the New Home Bonus. As such it is expected sufficient funds will be raised for two defibrillators.

It was agreed that:

- Cllr Anderson would take the lead for the PC on the procurement and installation of the defibrillators.
- Aynho PC should use the Community Heartbeat Charity for the procurement and installation and we should register with them immediately.
- Procurement of the first defibrillator should start immediately and should be sited on the Village Hall.
- Cllr Anderson is authorised to make the initial payments as required.

13 Meetings and Conferences

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

The Clerk confirmed that the next Ward Meeting would be held in Aynho on 20th July. The Chair stated that some thought should be given to who the speaker should be.

The Chair stated he had been to a briefing at RAF Croughton. In six years' time the base in terms of personnel is expected to be about three times bigger. There will be open days for people to have a look around to be told about the increased size.

It was suggested that the base should be invited as one of the speakers at the next Ward Meeting.

Action: Clerk to invite CO Croughton

14 Correspondence

No correspondence of note has been received.

15 Any Other Business

The was no other business.

16 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 2nd March 2015

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.40