

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

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

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

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Shuckburgh.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **3. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, to include Receipt of Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 should be signed subject to the following amendments – The date was incorrect and Cllr Burge's name was omitted in point 3.

The Chair signed the declaration of acceptance of office

### **4. Matters arising not on the Agenda**

The Clerk stated she had started to seek alternative quotes for the work to be done in the village and had emailed Mr Masey to let him know this.

The Clerk stated she had spoken to Helen Howard about arrows on the road at Second Crossing but once again had received a negative response. She stated that County Cllr Sawbridge had also spoken to Helen Howard about this road so she would continue dialogue in this way.

*Action – Clerk to speak to County Cllr Sawbridge about the road safety issues.*

She had recommended that the raised footpath was reported to Street Doctor but that the careful handling of it should be stated. The Clerk confirmed she had done this.

The Clerk stated she had still not heard back from eon re. Streetlight 22 but she was continuing to chase this.

*Action – Clerk to chase eon re. streetlight 22*

The Clerk confirmed she had received a response from Anglia Water re. the sewage smell in the Square and its environs. Unfortunately it was the same answer as was always received with access to the dosing plant being blamed. It was agreed that a formal letter would be sent by the Chairman to point out that this response was not acceptable as a solution is never found.

*Action – Clerk draft letter to Thames Water*

The Clerk stated she had not yet looked at the planning conditions imposed on Wensden Buildings. . It was agreed that this would be carried forward.

*Action – Clerk to look planning conditions on all the Wensden Building applications*

## **5. Finance, to include review and approval of the Annual Return**

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/05/14) should be signed.

The RFO presented the Annual Return for checking and signature.

The Chair read out the Annual Governance Statement for 2013/14 and Aynho Parish Council agreed it. The RFO confirmed that all previous actions from the internal and external audits reports relating to the 2012/13 accounts had been actioned. It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the Chair and Clerk should sign this document.

The Chair expressed his thanks to the RFO for his work throughout the year.

## **6. Insurance renewal**

The Clerk confirmed she had informed Zurich and Came and Company that Came and Company's quote was being accepted.

## **7. Planning – S/2014/0663/FUL, Single storey extension to rear and conversion of existing loft space to bedroom with ensuite (Retrospective), 3 Bowmens Lea, Aynho**

After hearing Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that the following response would be sent – Aynho Parish Council support this application in full.

Cllr Shuckburgh has visited one of the two residents who were currently building large shed like structures in their gardens. Cartwright Gardens has been resolved amicably between neighbours. It was not known whether the other resident had been contacted. The Clerk will speak to Cllr Shuckburgh.

*Action – Clerk to ask Cllr Shuckburgh for an update*

The Chair stated that formal approval has not yet gone through for the Aynhoe Corner application and that it is expected it will be 3 or 4 months before permission is finally given. The delay is to allow SNC and the applicant to agree certain conditions of approval.

## **8. Risk and risk assessment**

Cllr Burge stated that the high footpath on Holloway was rather slippery. It was agreed that the Clerk would add this to the work to be done.

*Action – Clerk to add this to the list of jobs for the handy man*

## **9. Parking, Highways and Transport**

Cllr Hoddinott reported that the grass was growing back up in the parking area on The Glebe.

The Clerk stated that Cllr Shuckburgh had raised concerns re. the work Western Power were about to start on Roundtown.

*Action – Clerk to contact Mandy Lumb at SNC to check what advice they gave to Western Power last year.*

Cllr Anderson commented that there seemed to be an increase in people parking on the pavements.

## **10. Maintenance**

## **11. Recreational Matters – to include use of tennis courts, Playground, sports field and A.S.R.A**

The Clerk stated she had asked both Croughton and Evenley about how they managed their public facilities. They have not yet responded.

## **12. Farming and Footpaths**

There was nothing to report on this item.

## **13. Village Plan 2014 – 2019**

The Chair stated he would pull together the main themes that emerged from the village survey for the next meeting.

*Action: Chairman*

## **14. Village Hall meeting**

It was confirmed that Cllr Leighton had attended the Village Hall meeting. Concerns had been raised about the paying of the peppercorn rent to Elizabeth Cartwright-Higgnet. The Clerk confirmed that this had in fact been due last year and had been paid accordingly. She has confirmed this to the Chair of the Village Hall committee.

The Clerk stated it was Cllr Belcher's to turn to attend the June meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk would remind him.

*Action – Clerk to remind Cllr Belcher that it is his turn to attend the Village Hall Committee meeting.*

## **15. Communications**

It was agreed that next month a formal discussion re. the village website would take place. Cll

*Action – Cllr Leighton to forward links to the shortlisted suppliers and for all members to look before the next meeting. Clerk to put website on July agenda*

It was agreed the following would be placed in the newsletter –

- Playground opening

## **16. Meetings and Conferences**

There is nothing to report on this item.

## **17. Correspondence**

The following has been received this month –

CAB Annual Report

## **18. Any Other Business**

Cllr Burge has asked County Cllr Sawbridge for money from his empowerment fund. He is going to apply for some money towards the swings.

Cllr Mann asked when the double yellow lines would be put in on Charlton Road. The Clerk stated she would ask MGWSP.

*Action – Clerk to speak to MGWSP re. the date for the yellow lines.*

Cllr Anderson asked if we could purchase some signs to discourage dog fouling. The Clerk will investigate this.

*Action – Clerk to investigate dog signs*

## **19. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 20.51