

## AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Chair – Stephen Brook

Councillors – Hoddinott, Anderson, Leighton, Shuckburgh, James, Mann, Belcher and Burge

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

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

#### 3. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Monday 2nd December 2013 and Monday 16th December 2013

It was proposed by Cllr Shuckburgh, seconded by Cllr Belcher and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013 should be signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Burge, seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 should be signed subject to the following amendments –

The final Aynho PC comments, which were submitted to SNC, to be attached and not Cllr Burge's draft.

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

The Clerk stated she was still investigating re. the steps in Station Yard. This action was carried over..  
*Action – Clerk to continue looking into the steps in Station yard*

The Clerk enquired whether the work requested of Mr Masey (weed killing and to sort out the Dragon's Teeth on the green) had been completed? It had not so the Clerk will chase this up.  
*Action – Clerk to remind Mr Masey re. work in the village*

The Clerk confirmed she had submitted the precept request to SNC

The Chair asked if the meeting had been set up with Colin Wicks to discuss the closure of Green Lane. It had not so the Clerk will set this up.  
*Action – Clerk to set up meeting with Colin Wicks re. Green Lane closure*

#### 5. Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/02/14) should be approved and signed.

The RFO stated he has closed the 14 day account as it pays less interest than the current account.

It was agreed that the donations to charities would be discussed at the March Meeting.

*Action - RFO*

Cllr Burge handed donations over to the RFO for the Playground fund.

## **6. Risk and risk assessment**

The Clerk stated that she had received an e mail re an Ivy bush on Black path which was impinging on a villagers fence and potentially causing damage. It was agreed that this would be added to Mr Masey's work list.

*Action – Clerk to request the Mr Masey also removes the ivy bush from Green Lane*

It was reported that the footpath along side the Glebe (the left as you walk towards Croughton) is unusable in rain. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact MGWSP about this to see what should be done.

It was also reported that the Roundtown footpath was badly in need of cleaning which was causing it to be slippery. It was agreed that this should also be reported to MGWSP.

*Action – Clerk to report footpaths to MGWSP*

## **7. Parking, Highways and Transport - to include discussion re. Speedwatch**

The Chair stated that he had received the draft decision report on the double yellow lines on the Charlton Road. One objection has been received by the District Council. It was agreed that the PC would respond 'We note the objections however the PC supports the proposal. We would ask that no pole mounted signs are used'.

*Action – Clerk to send comments to MGWSP for inclusion*

Cllr Shuckburgh reported that he would look into the Speedwatch project and report back.

Cllr Hoddinott reported that the gravel for The Glebe had been ordered but it was necessary to wait until the weather improved. It was agreed that this update would be put into the newsletter.

*Action – Cllr Hoddinott to write parking update for newsletter*

It was reported that the bollards on the traffic island near college fields was currently very hard to see in the dark. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Highway authority to look at the bollards to see if they can be lit up or at least cleaned.

*Action – Clerk to contact highways re. bollards*

## **8. Maintenance**

It was agreed that the Village Spring Clean would be on 29<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk will publicise this and book all the relevant equipment.

## **9. Recreational Matters – to include Playground, sports field and A.S.R.A**

Cllr Burge reported that she had met with the supplier for the new playground equipment. They will be sending Cllr Burge the final plan. It seems likely that the installation will happen in April – May.

## **10. Farming and Footpaths**

Cllr Belcher reported that footpaths are all fine but very wet!

The Clerk enquired whether a farm walk would be arranged this year? It was agreed that the walk would not take place this year.

Cllr Belcher reported that there had been fuel thefts in the area. It was agreed that a warning would go into the newsletter.

## **11. Village Plan 2014 – 2019**

The Chair reported that he had looked into using Survey Monkey to put the survey online and collating the results. It was agreed that this was a good idea. It will cost £24 per month. It is likely a 2 -3 month subscription would be needed. Discussion also took place on the distribution of the Survey and allocation of households for members to distribute the survey to. The Chair will finalise the survey for distribution by the end of the month.

## **12. Village Hall meeting**

Cllr Burge attended the meeting in December, but nobody attended in January. It was agreed that Cllr Mann would attend the next meeting. The Clerk has distributed the new rota for 2014.

## **13. Communications - including web discussion**

Cllr Leighton gave his report on ideas for the website (attached).

It was agreed that the first step would be to put Lawrence (who currently manages the website) in touch with Cllr Leighton.

## **14. Meetings and Conferences**

It was reported that the ward meeting had taken place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## **15. Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received this month  
Letter from The Canal and River Trust  
SNC Settlements and Development Management Local Plan.

## **16. Any Other Business**

Cllr Anderson requested that a notice about dog fouling should be put into the newsletter.  
Cllr Belcher stated the Christmas Tree lights will need servicing before next year.  
Cllr Shuckburgh stated that there were concerns within the village re. the number of firework displays at Aynhoe Park. It was agreed that the Chair would speak to the house about this.  
*Action – Chair to discuss volume and frequency of fireworks with Aynhoe Park House*  
Cllr Mann had queries re. future development of the village. The Chair passed him the West Northants Joint Planning Unit.

## **17. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014**

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.35