

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd March 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

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 3rd February 2014 and Friday 14th February 2014

It was proposed by Cllr Burge, seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2014 should be signed.

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4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she had received an interim reply from Network Rail re. the steps in Station Yard and that they were looking into them.

The Clerk enquired whether the work requested of Mr Masey (weed killing and to sort out the Dragon's Teeth on the green, removal of bush) had been completed as she had heard from Mrs Masey saying it would be done. It was stated none of the work had been completed.

Action: Cllr Belcher stated that as he knew Mr Massey he would get in contact with him concerning the outstanding works.

The Clerk stated she was yet to hear back from Colin Wicks re. meeting to discuss the closure of Green Lane. It was agreed the matter should not be dropped and pursued.

Action: The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the PC.

She asked to be reminded who she was asking to sort out the small tree / bush on the Croughton Road that was causing an obstruction. It was stated that the bush would be added to Mr Masey's list of work.

The Clerk confirmed she had asked Helen Howard about the cleaning of the footpaths and pavements. Ms Howard has passed the enquiry on to a colleague who is on annual leave currently.

The Clerk confirmed she had passed on APC's comments re. the parking restrictions and had also reported the bollards near College Fields to the Highways Authority. They are investigating and will report back

Action: The Clerk to continue to monitor.

5. Finance, to include donations and insurance renewal

The Chair suspended standing orders so that Les Horley of the village Biodiversity Group could present what the group have spent APC's donation on.

He explained several small projects that the group were interested in including planting on the mound on the Sports Field, children's activities and community composting. Printing also constitutes a great deal of cost for the group.

Standing orders were resumed.

It was proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Anderson that donations would be made as per the financial report (RW/03/14). These would be Warwickshire Air Ambulance £200 and Aynho PCC £350. It was agreed that the Biodiversity Group would be awarded £50 for day to day running but that if there were any specific projects they should return and make a bid for more money.

It was proposed by Cllr Leighton, seconded by Cllr Belcher and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/03/14) should be approved and signed.

The RFO showed a document which he is working on which will show income and expenditure on a monthly basis.

The Clerk stated that APC were reaching the end of the three year insurance deal. It was due for renewal on 1st June which means a decision will need to be made at the May meeting. Zurich will be sending renewal quotes on 1st April so the Clerk will get alternative quotes to look at. This was agreed. It was agreed that Cllr Hoddinott would discuss joint insurance with the Village Hall Committee.

Action – Clerk to obtain insurance quotes

6. Risk and risk assessment, to include wall on Charlton Road

Cllr Hoddinott mentioned that there were three areas on the Charlton Road where the wall had fallen down. He stated that he had been in touch with a company who train people to do dry stone walling. There is a possibility that they would be interested in repairing the wall. Cllr Hoddinott will look into this and report back.

Action: Cllr Hoddinott to persue this

7. Parking, Highways and Transport - to include discussion re. Speedwatch and discussion re. lighting in Station Road layby

The Clerk stated that pledges had started to come in for the Speedwatch programme. The Chair stated he would amend the questions in the Village Survey to take gauge village support for the scheme.

Action: Chair to amend question in survey

Cllr Hoddinott reported he had ordered the gravel for the Glebe and for repairs to the drive on the Sports Field. Hopefully the gravel will be spread on Sunday. Residents affected have been informed of this.

8. Maintenance, to include discussion re. Parish Enhancement Gang

The Clerk stated that ideas for the P.E.G. so far included –

- Repair of the path along the front of the Glebe opposite Cartwright Gardens.
- Paint the fences marking village entry.
- Repair the potholes along the Charlton Road
- Wash all signs in the village.
- Sweep/Clean up roads - Little Lane, The Hill, The Square – Blacksmith's Hill
- Weed kill in the central area

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

Cllr Burge stated the playground work is likely to begin mid to late April. She will write to the residents surrounding the playground to let them know the work will be taking place.

10. Farming and Footpaths

There was nothing to report on this matter other than the fact everywhere is exceptionally wet.

11. Village Plan 2014 – 2019

The Chair went through the distribution plan for the village survey.

The Clerk is happy to input the gathered data into the online version of the survey. The Survey will be distributed from Saturday with a return date of 28th March. The initial results will be discussed at the April meeting.

The Chair also discussed the South Northants Settlements and Development Management Policies Local Plan.

12. Village Hall meeting

The Clerk stated that it was Cllr Hoddinott's turn to attend the Village Hall meeting according to the Rota.

13. Communications

Cllr Leighton stated he had not yet met with Lawrence Wilkinson. He is gathering info from various specialist Parish Council website companies.

Action: Cllr Leighton to meet with Lawrence Wilkinson re. website

He stated that he had heard back the Superfast Broadband group. There are currently no plans for Aynho to get superfast broadband.

It was agreed that a note about the Village Plan would go into the newsletter, as would a note about the playground and the date of the AVM.

Action: Clerk to submit newsletter items

14. Meetings and Conferences, to include agenda for Annual Village Meeting

It was agreed that the Annual Village Meeting on 28th April 2014 should be centred around the results of the village survey.

15. Correspondence

The following has been received.

- Letter from eon re. micro business
- NCALC E-Update
- Info from Northants ACRE

16. Any Other Business

Cllr Hoddinott attended a meeting re. the verge at Station Yard. The verge has been very damaged by cars parking on it.

Cllr Belcher mentioned the dog fouling problem in the village.

17. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 7th April 2014

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.25