

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1st September 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 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Shuckburgh

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Burge declared an interest on planning items S/2014/126/LBC and S/2014/1278/FUL as she is the architect responsible for the plans. She signed the Declaration of Interest book accordingly.
Cllr Mann declared an interest in S/2014/1278/FUL as he is a near neighbour. He signed the Declaration of Interest book accordingly.

3. Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Monday 7th July and Wednesday 30th July 2014

It was proposed by Cllr James seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2014 should be signed.

It was proposed by Cllr James seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2014 should be signed.

4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she had requested Adam Allen to clear the ivy on the Black Path and replace the dragon's teeth.

The Clerk confirmed she had sent a note of thanks to Cllr Sawbridge for the contribution to the Playground.

She had also designed and laminated posters re. dog mess and given them to Mrs Anderson

The Clerk confirmed she the Parish Enhancement Gang had attended. The Chair stated he had met with them. They recommended that Street Doctor is used to clear paths and vegetation back from signs.

The Clerk stated she had not discussed the response to the audit report with the RFO as of yet but will do.

The Chair stated he had written to CE Thames Water re. the sewage smell in Hollow Way. An acknowledgement had been received and the issue is ongoing.

Action: Chairman

The Chair stated he wished to extend APCs thanks to Cllr Burge for all her work over the past two years in bringing the play park to fruition. The project had been a great success and had been cost neutral following the grants and donations.

5. Finance

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/08/14) should be signed.

The RFO reported there were a few points outstanding from the external audit report that were currently being actioned.

Action: Chairman, Clerk & RFO

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW MRS AMANDA LIMB TO SPEAK

6. Defibrillator and fundraising

The Chairman referred members to the attached notes from Mrs Limb that had been circulated prior to the meeting outlining a proposal that the village should buy a Defibrillator from funds raised from the Winter Lunch Club.

Mrs Limb enquired as to whether in view of APC's support she would still be able to have a say in which charities would benefit from the Winter Lunch club. The Chair stated she would and APC will cover her insurance requirements and for 2014/15 the cost of the Village Hall Hire for the Winter Lunch Club. The Village Hall Hire would be reviewed in 2015/16 dependant on the beneficiaries.

Mrs Limb stated she expects to raise about £1400 from the Lunch Club. The total cost of the equipment is likely to be close to £2200 - £2500 (excluding VAT) which includes a locked cabinet- if it is housed in a public location. The recommendation is that the defibrillator is kept in a locked cabinet. When 999 is called a code is given to unlock the cabinet.

The annual running costs which APC would need to cover including the batteries need to be replaced every 4 – 5 years are estimated at less £100 per year on average. Mrs Limb commented that there was also a possibility that a grant may be available from the British Heart Foundation.

The Chair stated that residents would also be asked if they wish to contribute. Additionally APC could apply for New Homes Bonus grant funds to cover the balance. (Currently in excess of £3000 is available).

Cllr Anderson stated he felt having a team of first responders rather than the cabinet would be a better solution. In this scenario the defibrillator is held by first responders who deliver the defibrillator to where it is required in an emergency. It was stated that Kings Sutton use this approach. Cllr Anderson suggested that more information is researched on First Responders and it was agreed this method should be investigated further. Mrs Limb commented that this may affect the grant availability of the BHF grant.

Action: Cllr Anderson

Cllr Burge commented her friend is a first responder and Cllr Burge will speak to her.

*Action – Cllr Burge to speak to friend re. first responders
Action – Clerk to look into the ownership of the village phone box
Action – Clerk to research New Homes Bonus Grant*

APC agreed to support the proposal that Aynho should purchase a defibrillator with funding from the Winter Lunch Club, individual donations and a grant from the New Home Bonus should other grants not be available. It was further agreed that a good target would be to have the defibrillator by the Annual Village Meeting in April 2015.

Mrs Limb was thanked for her work.

STANDING ORDERS WERE RESUMED

7. Planning –

SNC Proposals to remove The Glebe from The Village Conservation Area

The Chair stated that SNC had decided in a review to remove The Glebe from the Conservation Area. After some discussion it was unanimously agreed that the proposal should be resisted.

Action: Chairman

8 Roundtown, Aynho - , Single storey rear extension to existing garage. Re roof in slate to match existing sloped roof and addition of 1 No. roof light. Removal of existing chimney breast in the kitchen and external stack and remove existing loft area to expose the vaulted roof timbers and re point exposed high level stone with lime mortar. Replace existing roof light on the second floor to match internal opening size. Extend ground floor W.C using adjacent cupboard to create a shower room. Re

instate original opening to sitting room from hall and replace the panelling in the sitting room with real wood panelling. Strip back and re plaster using lime mortars to make good previous maintenance repairs. Extend width of existing low wall and fence by 1.8m to allow for a wider and safer access to the rear driveway,

After hearing the Chair's report it was agreed that this application would be supported in full.

Wensden Field House, Charlton Road, Aynho - S/2014/1278/FUL, Two storey extension on south west elevation. Alter roof to form new gable end on north east elevation. New garage with ancillary rooms over.

After hearing The Chair's report it was agreed that the application would be supported in full with the condition that the render is in keeping with the local village stone. The comments submitted to SNC to are to be:

Aynho PC fully supports this application providing the render used is the same colour as the natural stone used on most of the houses in the village. The PC was unanimous in supporting this application is fully aware of the scale of the property. The PC like the design and visually the western elevation will appear to be the same scale of the current property as the width of the house is not being extended.

24 Roundtown, Aynho S/2014/1227/LBC, Hatch in internal attic wall,

After hearing the Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that this application would be supported in full.

The Clerk stated that in his absence Cllr Shuckburgh wanted to raise the matter of the multiplying numbers of A Frame advertising boards springing up around the village. They are making the village look untidy. It was agreed that the planners would be approached to find out what the rules are. The owners of the signs would then be written to.

Action – Clerk to ask planning for rules re. advertising hoards

8. Risk and risk assessment

Cllr James stated that SNC had stated the broken cover near him was the responsibility of BT. It was agreed that the Clerk will report this.

Action – Clerk to report broken man hole cover to BT

Cllr Anderson stated the Black Path needed weed killing. It was agreed that Adam would be asked to do this.

Action – Clerk to ask Adam to weed kill and clear the Black Path.

9. Parking, Highways and Transport , to include Speedwatch and Vehicle activated signs

The Clerk reported that she had several quotes for Vehicle Activated signs forwarded to her by Cllr Shuckburgh. It was agreed that this would be reported back on at the next meeting.

The Clerk reported she had had 2 firm offers of help for the Speedwatch project. Ten are needed. It was agreed that the Clerk would enquire whether people previously trained need to be trained again.

The Clerk stated that in Cllr Shuckburgh's absence he had wished to raise that on the verge at the bottom of blacksmiths hill and Charlton road outside the raised houses is now a regular parking space for two large vehicles, a commercial Van and a car. He feels it seems a shame as it is an eyesore for all cars entering the village, and was keen to know if the PC would like to do anything about this? It was agreed that there was little that could be done about this.

10. Maintenance

The Clerk stated she had received an email about a possible wasp nest on the junction of the Black Path and Butts Close. She has contacted SNC who have said the ownership of the land needs to be ascertained. If it is PC land then it will cost £45 to have the wasps dealt with. It was agreed that this land was SNC's.

Action – Clerk

11. Recreational Matters – to include trees on Sports Field, Playground, sports field, use of sports field and other APC resources and A.S.R.A

The Clerk reported she had received the quote for the tree work from Mrs Anderson. Cllr Belcher was not at the meeting so an additional quote could not be discussed. It was agreed that an additional quote was needed.

It was agreed that a draft policy should be drafted re. the use of the amenities on the sports field.

Action – Clerk to speak to Cllr Shuckburgh re. drafting a policy

12. Communications to include discussion re. website and look at first draft design and Gigaclear proposals

Gigaclear – Ultra Fast Broadband: The Chair stated that Gigaclear were interested in installing fibre optic broadband to all premises in the villages of Crougton and Aynho is 30% of the residents were to sign up. Gigaclear will provide a Fibre to the Property (FTTP) infrastructure which will provide a better solution than BT's current superfast broadband offering. It is possible, subject to demand, that the infrastructure could be installed within 12 months.

As Gigaclear has offered to provide Ultrafast broadband it means that BT is no longer able to qualify for funds from NCC via the BDUK funding programme. At this stage BT had no plans to put in Superfast Broadband until 2017 at the earliest. However BT contacted the Parish Councils and are going to provide an estimate of the subsidy the village would need to raise to pay for BT to install their solution. They are due to provide this estimate within the next 4 weeks.

It was agreed that the Gigaclear offer should be supported. It was agreed that a note should be put in the next newsletter to inform residents.

Action: Chairman

New Village Website: Cllr Leighton presented the first draft of the new website. This was very well received. It was agreed that the website would continue in the vein. It was agreed that a further budgetary sum of £300 would be made available to Cllr Leighton – so taking the total to £600

The Chair expressed his thanks to Cllr Leighton for all his work on the website so far.

It was agreed that the Clerk will invite all the village societies would be invited to an event at the Apricot Rooms in the Cartwright to demonstrate how the website works.

Action – Clerk to invite all the village societies would be invited to an event at the Apricot Rooms in the Cartwright to demonstrate how the website works

13. Meetings and Conferences

The Clerk confirmed she had sent info out on the NCALC AGM in October. She asked who would be going. It was confirmed that The Chair will attend.

Action – Clerk to book the Chair onto the NCALC AGM

14. Correspondence

No correspondence of note has been received this month

15. Any Other Business

There was no other business

16. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6th October 2014

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.35