

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 1 member of the public.

1. Election of Chairman for 2015/16

Cllr Brook was nominated by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Anderson to be Chair of the PC. A vote was taken and Cllr Brook was voted unanimously as Chair.

2. Receipt of Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chair signed the declaration of acceptance of office

3. Election of Vice Chairman for 2015/16

Cllr Burge was nominated by Cllr Anderson and seconded Cllr James to be Vice Chair of the PC. A vote was taken and Cllr Burge was voted unanimously as Vice Chair.

4. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies

5. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Anderson stated that he was a neighbour of S/2015/0836/FUL, Replacement building (B1/B8 use) with parking and associated works, Wensden Buildings, Charlton Road, Aynho

Cllr James stated that he was a neighbour of S/2015/0921/MAF, Change of use of agricultural land to domestic land, laid to grass as a deer park, Aynho Park House, Aynhoe Park, Aynho and S/2015/0871/MAF, Variation of conditions 2 (drawings) to planning application S/2013/1570/MAF (Three new dwellings, new heritage workshop and associated parking, new gated access and landscape works). To allow a revised house layout with attached garage block and an alteration to access gates, Aynhoe Park House, Aynhoe Park, Aynho

As such both signed the Declarations of Interest book.

6. Co-option of Council members

The Chair introduced Jackie Beaumont who would like to become a Parish Councillor. A vote was taken and Cllr Beaumont was co-opted as a member of the PC

The Clerk passed round the Acceptance of Office forms and each PC member signed them.

7. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Burge seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2015 should be signed subject to the following amendments –

Cllr Hoddinott was listed as present AND absent. He was, in fact, absent.

8 Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she had not requested Western Power make good the green as it has been left in good condition.

The Clerk also reported she had not spoken to Helen Howard re. permission to erect speed signs due to the meeting Cllr Leighton had with the vendors of them. This will be discussed under item 12.

9 Finance, to include approval of the 2014/15 accounts

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/05/15) should be formally approved.

The Chair stated that he and Cllr James had met with the RFO on 6th May 2015 to check through the draft Annual Return and associated accounts. They were happy with what they had seen.

The RFO confirmed that the Internal Audit would be taking place on 14th May 2014.

The Clerk stated the Standing Orders should be reviewed and that there had been new ones since the PC's had been adopted. It was agreed that the new model Standing Orders would be reviewed in June.

Action – Standing Orders to be reviewed in June

The RFO presented the Annual Return for 2014/15

The Chair read out the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 and Aynho Parish Council agreed it. The RFO confirmed that all previous actions from the internal and external audits reports relating to the 2013/14 accounts had been actioned. It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the Chair and Clerk should sign this document.

It was agreed that the Asset Register should be reviewed next month.

Action – Asset register to be reviewed in June.

10 Planning

S/2015/0921/MAF, Change of use of agricultural land to domestic land, laid to grass as a deer park, Aynho Park House, Aynhoe Park, Aynho

After hearing Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that the application would be objected to with the following comment 'APC object to this application as there is insufficient information to justify why the change of use is requested, as presumably agricultural land can be used for deer and laid to grass. We are concerned that a change to domestic use would allow the land to be used for corporate, commercial or residential use in the future'.

S/2015/0871/MAF, Variation of conditions 2 (drawings) to planning application S/2013/1570/MAF (Three new dwellings, new heritage workshop and associated parking, new gated access and landscape works). To allow a revised house layout with attached garage block and an alteration to access gates, Aynhoe Park House, Aynhoe Park, Aynho

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

S/2015/0841/FUL, Single storey rear extension, 4 Bowmens Lea, Aynho

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

S/2015/0836/FUL, Replacement building (B1/B8 use) with parking and associated works, Wensden Buildings, Charlton Road, Aynho

After hearing Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that the application would be supported with the following comment

APC support this application on the condition that the building is a suitable shade of green so that it blends in with the surrounding foliage to be decided by SNC. In Addition the area of existing woodland behind the proposed building should remain in agricultural use and no trees, hedges or planting should be cut back or removed to protect the buffer zone between the proposed B1/B3 use and the existing residential properties along the Charlton Rd / Portway

Existing vehicle movements to Wensden Building already regularly fail to comply with existing planning conditions and there is also a history of non-compliance of conditions on this site.

If SNC is minded to approve the application strict vehicle movements in terms of numbers, size, quantity and hours of operation must be imposed as a condition of use. Additionally a condition of use should be that there is no roadside signage permitted.

The Chair stated that an enforcement notice has been issued on 25 The Glebe for them to change the windows and restore the lintels to the original colour.

Cllr Anderson stated there have been complaints from neighbours about the work going on at 25 The Glebe due to the weekend working and the scale of the development. Cllr Anderson will encourage the neighbours to make a complaint to planning.

11 Risk and risk assessment

There was nothing to discuss on this matter.

12 Parking, Highways and Transport

Cllr Leighton stated he had met with Northants CC Highways to look at the potential sites for the vehicle activated speed signs. Cllr's Brook and Anderson had also been present. It has been suggested that one permanent device could be bought to put near Cartwright Gardens and one portable unit that could be moved around the village.

He confirmed the signs would cost approximately £2500 for the permanent and £2900 for the mobile unit.

After discussion it was agreed that initially the mobile device with a data collection modual (£250) should be purchased after some more details about the data collection and viability of positioning had been researched. The likely overall cost would be just under £3500. In addition to this a licence would be required at a cost of approximately £260.

The Chair asked for opinions on the email circulated from a resident of Aynho Court

It was agreed that the Clerk would send a response.

Action – Clerk to respond to email

13 Maintenance

It was suggested that Harry Leigh should asked if he wanted to do some edging off the pathways. Cllr Anderson stated he had done some work for ASRA and he would investigate

It was reported that the Portway sign near the Charlton Road is broken. The Clerk will report this via street doctor.

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

The Park Club draw was made and number 65 was drawn

The Clerk stated she had received a report for Kay Anderson after the latest ASRA meeting.

She stated Mrs Anderson had requested the removal of the dog bin from the field which the Clerk has in hand. She also reports that the aerial runway will need some maintenance work and that she needs a quote from the village maintenance man for some fencing. The Clerk will reply to Mrs Anderson with Adam's details.

Action – Clerk to reply to Mrs Anderson's email

Cllr Burge stated the benches in the playground needed replacing and would take action as required.

Action: Cllr Burge

15 Farming and Footpaths

The Clerk reported she was currently speaking to both the footpath warden and Colin Wicks of MGWSP re. a stile that was causing an issue for dog walkers.

16 Communications, to include Gigaclear

It was generally felt that Gigaclear were generally doing a good job within the village. Cllr Anderson did feel they were dropping a considerable amount of litter and that the barriers they are using are somewhat flimsy. An update had been published on the website and will be included in the June newsletter.

17 Meetings and Conferences

It was felt the Annual Village Meeting had gone well with a good turnout.

18 Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received this month –

Clerks and Councils Direct

19 Any Other Business

Cllr Burge stated she had not heard back from Eon at all about streetlights in the square.

Cllr Anderson stated that Maytime in The Square would be taking place on 16th May.

20 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 1st June 2015

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.52