

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Burge.

2. Declarations of Interest

The were no declarations of interest

3. Co-option of Council members

The Chair introduced Mr Julian Maddocks-Born who then outlined why he would like to become a Parish Councillor. A vote was taken and Cllr Maddocks-Born was co-opted as a member of the PC.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2015

It was proposed by Cllr James seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2015.

5 Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she had not yet requested the New Model Standing Orders from NCALC but will do for July.

Action – Clerk to order New Model Standing Orders from NCALC

She also reported that she was in the process of responding to both emails; parking issues from a resident at Aynho Court & details of Adam for Mrs Anderson.

Action – Clerk

The Clerk reported she had not added the Asset Register to the agenda but will do for July

Action – Clerk to add review of asset register to July agenda

The Chair stated he had received a phone call from James Perkins assuring him he had been obliged to seek planning permission for a change of use for the land acquired to the front of Aynhoe Park.

6 Finance

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/06/15) should be formally approved – The cheque for the 'Dog Waste' bags was to held back by the RFO until delivery had been confirmed by the Clerk

Action – Clerk to inform RFO when delivery had been made

It was reported that the internal audit had taken place and that it would appear that no issues are likely to arise.

7 Risk and risk assessment

It was agreed that the risk areas would be looked at next month due to the new Council members.

Cllr Anderson stated he felt it was worth reminding the village that there were several places where the pathways were a little uneven due to the work Gigaclear is undertaking. The Chairman would include in the newsletter update.

8 Parking, Highways and Transport

Cllr Leighton handed out a table summarising the options and costs for three speed sign providers. Cllr Leighton presented the information he had gathered on the vehicle activated speed signs. It was proposed that Cllr Leighton should find out if leasing a machine was an option.

Action – Cllr Leighton to enquire about the leasing options for the signs

It was also agreed that if leasing were not an option Swarco seem to be the best supplier. Cllr Leighton will bring a formal quote to the July meeting so a final decision can be made. Cllr Leighton was also going to ensure that the data being collected from the Charlton Road speed monitoring device installed by NCC Highways is available for the July meeting.

Action – Cllr Leighton to approach Swarco for a formal quote and NCC for speed data

The Chair stated he thought it would be worth approaching SNC about the New Homes Bonus grant to fund the purchase.

Action – Clerk to enquire with SNC as to how to go about applying for grant money and the process

Action – Clerk to ask Came and Company for information about getting the speed signs insured

The Chair stated he had been keeping his eyes open in other villages as to a suitable style for posts to put around the village green. He asked the Council to do the same and to photograph any suitable examples.

Action – Councillors to look out for suitable styles of post to put around the village green

9 Maintenance

Cllr Maddocks-Born stated he would be very happy to take on maintenance as his area of special interest in the Parish Council. He stated that in due course he would like to help organise some self help maintenance volunteer groups.

The Chair stated he had received a report of a wall that was down on the Charlton Road but he did not know exactly where. He requested that if anyone spotted where the wall was to report back.

Action – location of where the wall is collapsed on Charlton Road to be reported

The Chair stated he would like to know who owned the wall along the front of The Glebe. It was agreed that SN Homes should be contacted to see if they had any information on this.

Action – Clerk to contact SN Homes to find out if they had any information on who owns and is therefore responsible for its upkeep

10 Recreational Matters – to include, Playground, sports field, the Park Club draw and A.S.R.A

The Park Club draw was made. Number 70 was drawn.

It was reported that the Biodiversity Group would like to apply for a grant for a Community Orchard. It was agreed that the PC were happy to sign this off for them

Action – Clerk to inform Biodiversity that she was happy to sign off on the grant

It was also reported that the Biodiversity Group would like a grant to pay towards a bat listening evening. It was agreed that Cllr Anderson would speak to the group to see what they would like to do.

Action – Cllr Anderson to speak to the Biodiversity Group about what they would like to do with the money and how it should be paid

11 Farming and Footpaths

The Clerk reported she had had a conversation with Rights of Way at MGWSP. A compliant had been made about a stile on one of the footpaths. A resident had complained a dog could not fit through. The Clerk has provided pictures to Rights of Way who felt there was not an issue with the stile. The Clerk has passed on the details of the Rights of Way officer to the resident should they wish to discuss it further.

12 Communications, to include Gigaclear

The Chair stated that the works were progressing to plan and that in the last month there had only been one complaint made to the clerk and that in the main there had been a number of positive comments made about the works.

There is a minor issue with the way the verges are being reinstated as they contain a number of stones that are preventing mowing. It was agreed that Mr Dempsey could be involved in the final sign off so he can check the verge has been made good. The Chairman stated he would provide an update on the village website and in the newsletter.

Action: Chair

Cllr Leighton reported that the website had now been up and going for almost 12 months. It was currently costing approximately £350 per annum. It was agreed that the domain names would be renewed for 3 years. It was also agreed that Cllr Leighton was authorised to spend up to £450 for the 2015/16 FY. If he expects to exceed this total he will need to request additional funding.

It was agreed the following items should be added to the newsletter –

A reminder that the children's play area is for under 12s only.

13 Defibrillator

It was reported that the defibrillator was now in place.

Cllr Anderson stated he had filled the form in on it so that the Community Heartbeat Trust can register it for the village. When it is registered an information sheet will be produced and delivered to the households in the village. Details about the defibrillator will also be posted on the village website:

Action: Cllr Anderson

Cllr Anderson recommended the PC take out Gold Membership with Community Heartbeat Trust as this covered everything that could be needed, including a village training session. This will cost approximately £276 per annum. This was agreed.

14 Meetings and Conferences

It was reported that the ward meeting would be held in Aynho on 20th July. It was agreed that the head of planning at SNC would be invited and would be the main speaker.

Action: Chair

Cllr Anderson agreed he would go to the next Village Hall meeting.

15 Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received this month –

NCALC EUupdate

16 Any Other Business

There was no other business

17 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 6th July 2015

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.19