

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Roger Wertheimer (RFO).

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sadie Patamia, Cllr's Maddocks-Born and Beaumont

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Anderson stated he was a neighbour of Wensden Buildings which was to be discussed in planning. As such he signed the register.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6th July and Monday 20th July 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Burge seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July should be signed.

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4 Matters arising not on the Agenda

It was reported that the Clerk had once again chased SNC Homes about ownership of the dry stone walls on The Glebe. She has received an email confirming that SNC Home are responsible for the boundary walls and some land. They have suggested that as SNC homes only has responsibility for 3 properties on The Glebe that the walls should be transferred to the Parish Council and maintained using the precept so that all the residents contributed towards the costs. Before the idea was taken forward it was agreed it would be necessary to see a map detailing the actual land and boundaries for which the PC would take on responsibility. Cllr James stated that the approximate cost of repairing a 2m section of collapsed wall would be about £500.

Action: Clerk to obtain map from SNC Homes-

It was reported that the dog bin was due to be moved in the next day or so.

It was confirmed that the Clerk had put the article on Conservation areas onto the website, as well as a FOI statement.

It was confirmed that the Clerk had spoken to Highways re. the lack of info about the road closure and had passed this on at the time.

It was reported that the Clerk had worked with Cllr Anderson to distribute info re. the poo bags and had confirmed with Mrs Anderson about the work needed on the sports field.

The Clerk has spoken to the footpaths warden about the footpath next to the sports field and had been told it had now been cut back.

It was confirmed the Clerk had had advertised the defibrillator workshop on 1st August.

5 Finance

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/09/15) should be formally approved.

6 Planning –

S/2015/1963/FUL, Proposal Removal of fence and gates and erection of new stone wall, piers and gates. Demolition of existing modern garage extension and erection of replacement 3 bay garage extension, College Farm, Banbury Road, Aynho

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After hearing Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that the following response would be sent –

Support with following comments

The proposed new timber gates should be a natural timber colour and not painted - to remain in keeping with the conservation area.

S/2015/1828/FUL, Replacement (B1 / B8 use) building with parking and associated works, Wensden Buildings, Charlton Road, Aynho

After hearing Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that the following response would be sent –

Object:

The additional height proposed would be out of keeping with the rural surroundings of the site and would create a more dominant industrial building in the open countryside

The proposed blue colour to the portal frame will further increase the dominance of the building within its rural setting and is inappropriate.

If SNC are minded to support which we hope they are not the following needs to be addressed:

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.

APC would also note that the statement provided by the applicant states that the site is within 1km of the main A41 trunk road. This is incorrect. The A41 does not exist in this area. We assume the reference is to the B4100 which is not a trunk road, but the main road within the village. The site is located such that vehicles approaching from the west or south must pass through the narrow village streets. Additionally a condition of use should be that there is no roadside signage permitted

7 Councillors' responsibilities

Councillor's responsibilities were reviewed following the recent change in membership. A draft list of responsibilities and areas of responsibility was discussed. The revised draft list is attached to the minutes for adoption at the next meeting.

Action: Chair

8 Gigaclear

The Chair stated a revised date for the first live connection was now liable to be the end of October/beginning of November. He reported that Boxcom would be retuning shortly to start testing the network and that the Cabinet on the Charlton road should be installed shortly. He also stated that Gigaclear had asked to formally close the bottom of Blacksmith's Hill, following a request from residents, and as such the notices would take about 2 months. This could mean some residents will have a delayed live date. He stated he would publish an update for the website and Newsletter.

Action: Chair

9 Risk and risk assessment

There was nothing to report here.

10 Review of asset register

The RFO presented the new asset register which was a copy the list recently sent to the External Auditors concerning the 2014/15 accounts. Whilst it was acknowledged that the External Auditors were satisfied with the revised list it was felt that a definitive list which only list the actual assets individually once was required. (Currently a number of items are listed more than once). In the absence of the Clerk – it was also felt this list should reflect the insurance valuations as well.

Action: RFO & Clerk

11 Parking, Highways and Transport, to include update on V.A.S.

Cllr Leighton reported that he had forwarded a number of emails on the Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) sign following the recent trial. What was of interest was the data the sign collects which also provides information on the numbers of vehicles, their times and speeds as they pass the sign. Cllr Leighton reported that the data collected by NCC survey from vehicles entering the village on the Charlton Road did show there is an issue with speed.

It was agreed the SWARCO Mobile VAS option would be ordered at a cost of £2854.30 plus VAT. This would be funded in part with money from the New Homes Bonus Grant £750. (Afternote: Cllr Sawbridge has provided a grant of £1500 towards the cost from his County Councillor Fund).

Action: Cllr Leighton

The Chair outlined the costs of using hardwood bollards to prevent cars from parking on the Village Green. A quote from VERSA to include removable posts was £2385. It was agreed this sum was too high and that alternative methods – that still are still in keeping with the conservation area are required.

Action: Chair

12 Maintenance

In Cllr Maddocks-Born's absence it was reported that he had undertaken the following:

Edging has been completed in the village green, the grass triangle at the bottom of Hollow Way/Blacksmiths Hill, Roundtown from the Cartwright down to the first bend, footpaths from the church entrance to the village hall and from the village hall to the bus stop.

Gullies have been cleared around the village green and grass triangle, Roundtown up from the grass triangle to the first bend and all of Hollow Way.

Weeding has taken place in Hollow Way, The Square, Skittle Alley and Blacksmiths Hill.

Ivy has been cut back/removed from the stile at the end of the black path.

Hedge Cutting has taken place in front of the road signs on the Banbury Road, Blacksmiths Hill and Hollow Way round to the B4100

The green bin has been obtained for removal of waste and is now kept at the village hall.

Cllr James confirmed the wall on his property which had collapsed into the footpath leading to Souldern would be repaired within 5 weeks.

Winter Clean Up – It was agreed that the next Village Clean up should take place on 31 October (Afternote: This date was found to be unsuitable and so it has been changed to Saturday 22 November). Notice on website, village newsletter and posters will be required:

Action: Clerk

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

The Park Club Draw was made. Number 185 was drawn.

It was agreed that the Winter Lunch Club (WLC) would once again be funded by the PC. The PC will pay the village hall hire fees (£288) and would that as the WLC is a formal activity of the PC it would be covered by the Council's insurance. Funds raised from the WLC would be donated towards the village War Memorial repair fund. It was further agreed that supporting the WLC in this manner would also be the PC's contribution to the War Memorial fund raising activity currently taking place.

Mrs Anderson had sent an email containing the following information how many more cuts were due on the field.

Action – Clerk to find out how many more cuts the field will have

The aerial runway is fixed. It has a new seat on it and has been tightened. ASRA will pay for this. The two sheds have had new roofs on as they were disintegrating and there are new NO DOG signs on tennis court and all all entrance gates. This actually says no dogs on track and field. Also new sign on tennis court for users.

14 Farming and Footpaths

It was suggested that the footpath report should be added to the website

15 Communications

Following items should be sent in for September newsletter: Gigaclear, Defibrillator Training, Village Clean up.

Action: Clerk

16 Defibrillator

Cllr Anderson stated a further training session would be held on 24th October. He stated he would organise the rota for checking the Defibrillator. Application for the Silver membership with CHT had been now been made and approval was also given for £75 cost of insurance. Approval was also given for Cllr Anderson to apply for membership of the Village Emergency Telephone Scheme (VETS) and the fee. Finally it was agreed that a leaflet should be produced and sent to all residents given basic information on the Defibrillator and to use it to raise awareness. It was agreed it should be a A4 leaflet and that it should not be laminated.

Action: Cllr Anderson

Action: Chair (Leaflet only)

Action – Clerk to advertise training session

17 Meetings and Conferences

The Clerk reminded the PC that the NCALC AGM was on 17th October at The Forum, Towcester with business starting at 10:00 a.m. and ending by 1:00 p.m. It was agreed that the Chair should go.

The Clerk stated she had had an invite from Newbottle PC for new councillors to attend a training session on Saturday 26 September 2015 in Bloxham at a cost of £50 per delegate.

18 Correspondence

This month the following correspondence has been received –

Clerks and Councils Direct

19 Any Other Business

There was no other business

20 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5th October 2015

This was agreed. The Chair made his apologies that that he could not make the next meeting as asked Cllr Burge to be the Chair for the meeting

The meeting closed at 9.45pm