

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 3 members of the Public.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence. The Chair announced that Cllr Beaumont had tendered her resignation and formally wanted to thank her for her contribution to the Parish Council. The Clerk stated that she would start the process to allow co-option of a new member.

Action: Clerk

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1st December 2015

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Burge and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st December 2015.

4 Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she and the Chair had not drafted a tender notice for the bollards around the village green. It was agreed this would happen ASAP.

Action – Chair and Clerk to draft tender notice

The Clerk confirmed the twisted speed sign had been repaired.

5 Finance, to include external audit changes

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Maddocks–Born and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached reports (RW/01/16 and RW/02/16) should be formally approved.

The Chair stated that there was to be a change of the audit system for 2017/18. Unless we opt out we will automatically be opted in to the national audit system. We could opt out and find our own auditors. It was stated that the fees are likely to be broadly the same as the current ones. It was agreed that APC will remain opted in to the Sector Led Body arrangements for the procurement of external audit as detailed by NCALC in their recent correspondence.

6 Planning –

S/2016/0004/LBC, Listed building consent for internal alterations to bedroom and bathrooms on first and second floors, 3 new conservation roof lights, the repositioning of 1 roof light, new shower room in roof space, conversion of another store room into a bathroom, remove partitioning wall to enlarge bedroom and repositioning of bathroom on first floor, The Grammar House, Croughton Road, Aynho, OX17 3BE

After hearing Cllr Burge's report it was agreed that APC would support this application.

The Chair reported that the application to brick up the College Farm gate has been amended to be filled in with a wooden gate. The gate would not be functional but the design of the gate was to be solid and in the same style as the new gates to the drive. The Chair stated he wrote to the householder of College Farm asking him to meet to further discuss the planted holm oak trees. He had offered to chair a meeting with the neighbours most affected by the planting but the offer had been declined. Mr Gibbs has been told by SNC that the Conservation Area report will not help their case as planning only covers existing trees within a Conservation Area and not newly planted ones.

The Chair stated that the enforcement notice on 25 The Glebe was still outstanding. There are also still some issues surrounding the rendering of the wall at the back. Cllr Burge was leading on this matter.

Action: Cllr Burge

7 Gigaclear

The Chair reported that there was still an outstanding list of works to be done re. verge repair and road repairs. The Chair has emailed to chase up this work.

Action: Chair

Cllr Anderson stated that he felt some sort of plastic gridding should be put down around the cabinet as when vans park there for maintenance it gets churned up.

8 Risk and risk assessment

The Chair stated the chevrons on Wembley Corner have not been replaced. It was agreed that the Clerk will report this urgently.

Action – Clerk to report chevrons on Wembley Corner urgently.

9 Dog fouling

The Chair suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to speak.

The issue of dog fouling is still a problem within the village as some selfish dog owners are not clearing up after their dogs have fouled the paths - particularly on the Black Path. After some discussion it was agreed that there needs to be new signage and possibly notices on the actual pavement. The signs that Keep Britain Tidy recommend were agreed to be very eye catching. It was agreed a budget of £75 would be granted and that the posters should be at least A2. It was also agreed a note should be placed in the newsletter together with a A4 insert making it clear that it is unacceptable for owners not to clear up after their dogs have fouled the paths.

Action – Clerk to investigate Keep Britain Tidy's signs and to purchase if appropriate

Action – Note for newsletter as a specific insert

Action – Cllr Anderson to draft insert for newsletter

Action – Clerk to look into dog wardens

The Chair restored standing orders

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

Cllr Leighton stated that the VAS sign had been delivered and was currently in action on the Charlton Road. Once he had some initial data he will let members see the results. It was agreed that it would be left in this position for a week or so and that it would then be moved to another location.

Action: Cllr Leighton

The Chair stated his thanks to Cllr Leighton for his efforts in procuring the speed sign and getting it installed.

Cllr Leighton went through a report relating to parking (attached). He had used data from the last Village Survey. Cllr Anderson stated that having notices stating 'residents only' may make a difference. Cllr Maddocks-Born stated that The Square was particularly difficult and that ambulances and other emergency vehicles cannot get through. It was discussed that road markings may help this. Cllr Leighton agreed to lead on the Parking issue and stated he was due to meet with Helen Howard from NCC Highways next week

*Action – Clerk to find out how to apply to have road markings in The Square
Action: Cllr Leighton*

Cllr Maddocks-Born stated that he had a quote to have large boulders put around the green for £160. This was seen as a first step to encouraging residents not to park on The Green. A reminder would also be placed in the newsletter.

*Action – Cllr Maddocks-Born to purchase
Action – Clerk to purchase small 'no parking' sign & write notice for newsletter.*

11 Maintenance, to include Streetlight on Blacksmiths Hill and replacement streetlights in conservation area, light in Aynhoe Park car park

Cllr Burge is trying to find out when Eon will be fitting the conservation light on Blacksmiths Hill. She would chase EON.

Action: Cllr Burge

Cllr Maddocks-Born stated the pavements were currently being cleaned and the edging of the footpaths is being carried out.

Cllr James has received a complaint that there is a yellow light in Aynhoe Park's car park which dazzles motorists and also shines into the property opposite.

*Action – Clerk to write to Aynhoe Park
Action – Chair to speak with Mr Perkins*

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

The Park Club draw was made. Number 66 was drawn.

13 Farming and Footpaths

The Clerk stated that the bird scarers would be going off now. It was agreed this would be put into the newsletter.

Action - Clerk

It was agreed that it was a good year to have a farm walk. Cllr Reynolds will discuss with the farmers.

Action – Cllr Reynolds to discuss farm walk with farmers

14 Communications

It was agreed the following should go into the newsletter –

- Parking on grass
- Dog fouling insert
- Note about bird scarers
- Note about VETS scheme

15 Defibrillator and VETS scheme

The Chair stated that a donation of £100 had been given from the Winter Lunch Club. Formal thanks to Amanda Limb were noted.

Cllr Anderson stated he would draft a note about the VETS scheme for the newsletter.

Action: Cllr Anderson

16 Meetings and Conferences

The Chair confirmed that the Ward Meeting had gone ahead in Croughton.

It was agreed that Cllr Anderson would attend the next Village Hall Meeting.

Action: Cllr Anderson

17 Correspondence

The following has been received –

NCALC E-update

18 Any Other Business

It was reported that the fireworks at Aynhoe Park had been earlier than stated and particularly loud recently. It was agreed that the Chair would speak to James Perkins about this.

Action – Chair to speak to James Perkins re. fireworks

19 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 7th March

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.22