

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Reynolds & Mann

2. Declarations of Interest

The were no declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2016

It was proposed by Cllr Burge, seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st February 2016.

4. Co-option of new councillor

The Chair introduced Mr David Dean who was interested in being co-opted as a new councillor. Mr Dean set out why he was interested in being a councillor.

It was unanimously agreed that David Dean should be co-opted and therefore was.

5. Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she and the Chair had started the tender for the wooden poles on the village green

Action – Chair and Clerk to draft tender notice

The Clerk stated she had a quote for the previously discussed dog posters. They were £25 each but with a minimum order of 10. It was agreed that 10 would be ordered and that half the fee would be paid by ASRA.

Action: Clerk

The notes about dog fouling had gone into the newsletter.

The Clerk reported she had looked into dog wardens and would report back under item 10.

The Clerk confirmed she had placed a notice in the newsletter re. bird scarers.

The Chair reported he had spoken to Aynhoe Park House about the light which signs into drivers eyes as they drive up from the Deddington Junction towards Aynhoe Park. Mr Perkins said he would look at getting the light adjusted. The Chair had raised concerns about fireworks timing and insurance and had received a response. In future Aynhoe Park will give the time window during which the displays would take place. Aynhoe Park had confirmed that they have all the necessary public liability insurances.

6. Finance

It was proposed by Cllr James seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/02/16) should be formally approved.

7. Planning

The Chair reported that the appeal by the owners of 25 The Glebe against the enforcement notice for the windows to be replaced as per the original planning application and for the lintels to be returned to their former dark colour had been rejected. As such the owners had 6 months from 17 Feb 16 to complete the works.

The Chair reported that there are still a number of legal issues to be resolved before building works for the houses at Aynhoe Corner could commence.

An extra planning application has been received. It was agreed a meeting would be held on 17th March 2016. The Clerk will arrange this formally.

8. Gigaclear

The Chair confirmed some of the re-instatement works had begun but still had to be finished. Cllr Anderson stated that there was a propensity for litter to be left when work takes place on the cabinet. Additionally it was felt the cabinet required additional protection from traffic in case it is damaged.

Action: Chair to report to Gigaclear

9. Risk and risk assessment

It was reported that the chevrons on Wembley Corner had not been repaired as of yet. It was agreed this would be reported to Street Doctor.

Action – Clerk to report chevrons to Street Doctor

It was agreed that a reminder about Street Doctor should go into the Newsletter.

Action – Clerk to put reminder re. Street Doctor into the newsletter

It was mentioned that the path on Charlton Road was in a poor state. It was agreed this would also be reported.

Action – Clerk to report Charlton Road footpath to Street Doctor

10. Dog fouling

The Clerk reported that she had looked into dog wardens as requested. She had found that dog mess can be reported online at SNC's website. She wondered if it was worth putting the link on to the website? She also reported that there was a meeting on 18th March at The Forum that she was unable to go to.

Action - Clerk to put link on website and into newsletter

11. Parking and Highways and Transport, to include discussion re. village green

Cllr Leighton reported that the Speed Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) had been returned as there was an intermittent fault but that it was now back with a 12 month warranty. The first report for the 2 weeks it was positioned outside Cartwright Gardens facing traffic entering the village from Croughton were presented. The average speed that cars have gone through is 30.8mph. About 6% of people are offending with the average speeder doing about 38mph but the fastest was 70mph. It was noted the the highest speeds were recorded during the night between midnight and 6 am. It was agreed that data from the VAS would be presented at the Annual Village Meeting.

Action: Cllr Leighton

During the month large stones had been positioned around the Village Green opposite the Cartwright Hotel to deter parking on the Grass as agreed at the last meeting. This use of the stones, as an interim measure, to stop damage to the grass was undertaken as it was an overwhelming view of residents in the last village survey that The Green should be protected. Whilst there was support for the initiative the Clerk also reported she had received 2 emails which oppose the attempt to prevent parking on the Grass including one in which it was alleged a car had been damaged by the stones.

It was discussed that one solution may be to use a slice of The Green for parking. It would require the curb to be dropped and an area to be formally turned into a parking zone. Following discussion with NCC Highways this would involve several thousand pounds of work (greater than the current Annual PC precept) as it would be required to be laid to highway standards. Cllr Leighton reported that he had met with Helen Howard and that the headline message is that there is no money in their budget so anything that was undertaken would have to be paid for by the PC. It was felt residents would not want to see a one per cent increase in the precept to provide the required funds.

In terms of protecting the Green it was felt there were two alternatives: wooden posts which are concreted in or the use of shrubs and vegetation to form a boundary.

*Action: Chair - -Quote for Wooden Posts
Action Cllr Anderson – consider Vegetation/shrubs solution.*

Whilst it was agreed that lack of parking is an issue it was agreed that:

- Cllr Leighton would undertake a short village survey covering the areas of the village where parking is an issue to help better quantify the issue. (Aynho Court, Croughton Road as far as Number 17, Roundtown, The Square, Blacksmith's Hill, Little Lane and Butts Close)

Action: Cllr Leighton

- A meeting should be arranged with representatives from Aynho PCC (Church Car park), Aynho Court Management Committee (Aynho Court), The Cartwright Arms, Chairman Village Hall Committee (Village Hall car Park), Aynho Park and PC to see what management/procedural initiatives could be undertaken to help alleviate the pressure on parking.

Action: Chair

- Approach SNC Homes to see if there are spare garages in The Glebe.

Action: Clerk

It was reported that on a couple of occasions recently cars had been parked at the Entrance to The Square which prevented ambulances from gaining access at night. Cllr Leighton stated he had spoken to NCC Highways about the idea of double yellow lines entering and exiting The Square. The Chair stated that that was maybe a question of educating the residents of The Square/Croughton Road. It was agreed the proposal to apply for double yellow lines would be added to the survey to judge reaction to the idea.

Action: Cllr Leighton

12. Maintenance, to include litter pick in association with national event

The Clerk reported that the grass cutting tender was due for its 3 yearly renewal. It was agreed this would be sent out. However it was felt that a more detailed map showing the areas to be cut and a schedule setting out the standards expected should be drawn up.

Action: Cllrs Burge & Maddocks-Born

It was agreed that the village spring clean should be undertaken on 16th April.

Action – Clerk to post in newsletter and on village web site.

It was reported that the Clerk is looking into the Streetlight Maintenance contract as it was felt that EON were not providing an acceptable service. The Clerk will continue to pursue this.

Action – Clerk to investigate alternative Streetlight maintenance contracts

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

The Park Club draw was made. Numbers 184 and 162 were drawn.

14. Farming and Footpaths, to include Farm Walk 2016

Nothing

15. Communications

It was agreed that the following should be placed into the newsletter –

Reporting dog fouling
Litter pick
Street Doctor reminder
Parking survey
Village meeting

16. Queen's Birthday Celebration

It was suggested that the PC should organise a specific event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Whilst thought to be a good idea it was felt that with other events, such as the Church Fete, a specific event was not required.

17. Defibrillator

Cllr Anderson stated he had only had 2 replies for the VETS scheme as advertised in the newsletter. It was agreed it would be repeated at the Village Meeting.

Action Cllr Anderson

18. Meetings and Conferences

The following was agreed to be discussed at the Village Meeting

Explanation of defibrillator
Speed camera
Parking

Cllr Burge will be attending the Village Hall Committee meeting in March.

19. Correspondence

It was reported that the following correspondence had been received –

20. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

**21. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 4th April 2016,
Monday 18th April 2016 – Annual Village Meeting.**

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.35