

## AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion**

Present: Chair - Burge  
Councillors – Leighton, James, Anderson, Mann, Reynolds and Dean

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO), 11 members of the public

#### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Brook

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

There were declarations of interest from Cllr Burge and Cllr Reynolds for S/2017/1459/FUL, Demolition of three existing storage units to build a three bay oak garage with storage to upper floor with office facilities, Wensden Field House, Charlton Road, Aynho, OX17 3AL and From Cllr Dean for S/2017/1622/FUL, Replacement windows with an alternative Upvc window which looks exactly like a timber window, Swallows House, Little Lane, Aynho, OX17 3BJ.

All signed the declaration of interest book and Cllr Reynolds left the room when his planning application was discussed.

#### **3 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

It was proposed by Cllr Dean, seconded by Cllr Anderson and therefore agreed that the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> June would be signed subject to the addition that Cllr Brook was the Chair at that meeting.

#### **4 Matters arising not on the Agenda**

The Clerk reported that Peter Tustain had been engaged as the village handyman and that she and Cllr Brook had met with him. She requested that if anyone spots something they feel needs doing they report it to her so she can ask Peter.

She has also asked the footpath warden about the footpath to Souldern and has a footpath report that she will circulate and attach to these minutes.

#### **11 Recreational Matters – to include, Playground, sports field and Aynho Active, policy on fees for use of Pavilion**

*This item was moved up the agenda as most members of the public had attended to hear about this matter*

The Chair checked that everyone had seen Cllr Brook's email re. the fee structure for the Pavilion. She explained that the fees would be discussed with members of the public and a fee policy would be agreed on in the September meeting, with implementation from October 1<sup>st</sup>.

*The Chair suspended standing orders.*

Keith Mcllellan stated he felt this was a reasonable approach and encouraged Anita, who sells the teas at the Health Walks to be allowed to be included in this discussion.

An inquiry was made as to whether the future of the pavilion would be published in the future. The Chair stated that she did not envisage the use of the pavilion changing in the future. It was made clear that the Park Club draw did not cover the upkeep of the pavilion. The upkeep is paid for via the precept, rents and other contributions.

*The Chair restored standing orders*

The Park Club draw was made for July AND August. Numbers 183 and 84 were drawn.

## **5 Finance, to include discussion on staff wages**

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Dean and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached report (RW/07/17) should be formally approved.

The Chair checked that everyone had seen Cllr Brook's email re pay scales. It was agreed that the Clerk and the RFO would be paid at SCP 26, backdated to April 2017. It was agreed that going forward in February of each year the RFO and Clerk would have a review where pay and performance was discussed.

## **6 Planning –**

S/2017/1459/FUL, Demolition of three existing storage units to build a three bay oak garage with storage to upper floor with office facilities, Wensden Field House, Charlton Road, Aynho, OX17 3AL

After hearing the report from Cllr Brook, which he had sent in, it was agreed that Aynho PC fully support the proposed replacement building. Not only will it visually look more attractive than the current prefab buildings it will blend in with the refurbished house as well. Whilst it is acknowledged the building is on 2 levels it will be screened by the existing hedge and is not thought to cause any harm to the surrounding views.

S/2017/1555/FUL, Single storey side extension, 15 The Glebe, Aynho, OX17 3AZ

After hearing the report from the Chair it was agreed that this would be approved in full.

S/2017/1622/FUL, Replacement windows with an alternative Upvc window which looks exactly like a timber window, Swallows House, Little Lane, Aynho, OX17 3BJ

After hearing the report from the Chair it was agreed that this application would be approved in full.

The RFO stated that houses on the Glebe had been contacted re. Replacement front doors by SN Homes.

The Chair stated that the windows had been changed on 25 The Glebe however, they are not thought to be much better. It was agreed that the Chair will look into this.

## **7 Risk and risk assessment**

There was nothing to report on this matter.

## **8 Website**

Cllr Leighton reported that the website was doing very well. He would like to spend some money improving the back-up capability and some extra work on plug ins. Cllr Leighton suspects it will cost no more than £200. It was agreed that this money should be spent. It was agreed that a note in the newsletter asking if any coders are in the village that would like to take this on.

## **9 Parking, Highways and Transport**

Cllr Leighton reported that the residents' sticker scheme had gone live.

There has been no negative feedback from the Church re. the car park.

## **10 Maintenance, to include street lights, removal of sycamore tree on Charlton Road verge opposite Butts Close**

Cllr Dean reported that he had sent round data and quotations on the streetlights. These vary greatly. We do not know the cost of the instillation of them. It was agreed that the initial 5 would be replaced at first. It was agreed that examples of the lamps should be seen 'in the flesh'.

It was agreed that the sycamore tree (which is not entirely a tree) should be removed. James Belcher has agreed to remove this for a fee of £200. It was agreed that Acreman should be asked to quote to remove this.

*Action – Clerk to ask Acreman for a quote to remove tree  
Action – Cllr Reynolds to speak to James Belcher re. tree removal*

The Chair stated that the quote for the playground gates from Playground facilities is £1055 excluding VAT. As several quotes have been received it was agreed that this quote would be taken up.

It was noted that some of the dog mess signs are missing. It was agreed that Peter would be asked to put more up.

*Action – Clerk to ask Peter to put more dog mess signs up*

## **12 Farming and Footpaths**

The footpath report has been received and has been attached to these minutes.

## **13 Communications**

It was agreed that the following would be put into the newsletter

- Note about the residents' permits
- Rules about parking on verges and near junctions
- Advert for website person

## **14 Meetings and Conferences**

The Clerk reminded that everyone that the ward meeting would be in Croughton on 17<sup>th</sup> July. The agenda will follow.

It was agreed that at the next Village Hall Committee meeting their pricing structure will be brought up.

## **15 Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received this month –

- Clerks and Councils Direct

## **16 Village of the Year**

It was reported that Aynho has been shortlisted and that a meeting would take place with the producers on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Anderson stated that the bells in the church were worth mentioning as apparently they are very rare.

**17 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (if needed), Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 20.48