

## AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

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

In Attendance: Hayley Prinsloo (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 2 members of the public

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

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mann and Cllr James

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

There were no declarations of interest

#### **3 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Mon 4 December 2017 & Mon 8 January 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr Reynolds, seconded by Cllr Dean and therefore agreed that the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 would be signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Burge, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and therefore agreed that the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 would be signed

#### **4 Co-option of new councillor**

The Chair invited Rachel Moroney to address the members on becoming a Parish Councillor. After hearing her statement it was agreed that Rachel Moroney would be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council.

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

- Dog waste stickers for normal waste bins had been ordered by the previous clerk – but have yet to arrive.

Action: Clerk to Monitor.

- Acreman have now completed most of job to remove the Sycamore tree at Butts Close . All that remains is to grind out the stumps.

Action: Chair to Monitor

- Aynho Active are in the process of completing application for the New Home Bonus for works in the Sports Pavilion.

Action: Cllr Moroney

- The Clerk stated that the previous Clerk had given the Parish map to Cllr Anderson

#### **6 Finance**

It was proposed by Cllr Dean, seconded by Cllr Reynolds and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached reports (RW/02/18) should be formally approved.

The Chair reported that the Church Warden had contacted the PC and stated that he felt the arrangement for residents to park in the Church car park was working well and that there were no significant issues. It was agreed that a donation of £100 would be made to Aynho PCC for residents' use of the Church car park towards maintenance of the facility.

Action: RFO

## **7 Risk and risk assessment**

Nothing to report.

## **8 Parking, Highways and Transport**

Cllr Leighton reported the bollards for Aynho Court had been ordered and delivered and they are ready to be installed. It was agreed to ask Peter Tustain to arrange installation.

Action: Chair & Cllr Leighton

Standing orders were suspended so Duncan Lang (1 The Glebe) could address the meeting about the issue of muddy areas to left and right of the entrance to the Glebe where vehicles are parked on the 'grass verge'

He stated that he was concerned that the matting installed by the PC about 3 years ago to help provide a firmer surface was in places breaking up and was not fit for purpose. He proposed that the matting should be removed, the area dug down to a depth of 250mm and the area filled with crushed stone which will result in hard but permeable surface.

The Chair reminded the meeting that in the past the idea of a permanent parking area with a dropped curb was considered too expensive for the PC to afford and that in the current environment NCC would not have funding to assist with improvements.

Considerable discussion followed and it was agreed that:

- The PC was in principle minded to improve the parking area.
- Duncan Lang would further research the proposals in more detail and provide more detailed costings.
- The PC was of the view that the 'parking area' should be bounded with posts to delineate the area and prevent damage to the grass.
- Residents of The Glebe should be consulted and it was further suggested that perhaps residents could provide contribution in the form of fundraising to be matched by PC.
- A grant from the New homes bonus scheme could perhaps contribute.

Cllr Leighton reported that NCC Highways had now installed a post on the Charlton Road, near the junction of The Butts, which would allow the Mobile Vehicle Activation Sign (MVAS) to be mounted in order to collect data on the speeds of vehicles using the road.

Action: Cllr Leighton

## **9 Maintenance**

It was agreed that the PC would ask Peter Tustain to increase the hours he works on village maintenance from 5 to 7 hours per week.

Action: Chair

## **10 Street Lights Upgrade/Replacement**

The Chair reported that at the recent Ward meeting we had learnt that Evenly PC were in the process of obtaining a public loan which would allow the PC to replace all the streetlights with new low energy LED lights. Aynho PC had agreed in December that we should start to replace our lights on a rolling programme over a number of years. Cllr Dean reported that he was in the process of obtaining quotes together with more information re Heritage low LED lighting.

It was agreed that Aynho PC should also investigate replacing all our streetlights as one project with the aid of a Public loan. Sufficient information should be collected in time for the April Village meeting to present the proposals to the residents.

Action: Cllr Dean

## **11 Oxford airport airspace change and consequential changes / increase in air traffic over**

Cllr James had reported to the Chair that Oxford Airport are requesting changes to the airspace which would affect Aynho as part of expansion plans for the airport which could impact the village. Cllr James had offered to review the proposals and submit a draft report for the PC to respond to the consultation.

Action: Cllr James

## **12 Health**

Cllr Anderson stated that he would arrange a Defibrillator training session. He also outlined ideas for a 'Local Health Network' which was supported.

Action: Cllr Anderson

## **13 Recreational Matters – to include, Playground, Sports Field and Aynho Active**

Cllr Burge stated that the playground 'Willow Tunnel' needs some tidying up.

Action: Cllr Burge to discuss with Peter Tustain.

Cllr Moroney raised the issue of the use of the Sport Field facilities, including the Tennis Courts, when they are used for commercial gain. It was agreed the Chair would write to users concerning the new policy.

Action: Chair

Cllr Moroney stated that subs for the Park Club Draw were being, and continue, to be collected for 2018.

Action: Cllr Moroney

#### **14 Farming and Footpaths, to include discussion re. blocking off of fields**

Cllr Anderson reported that he had meet with local farmers about access to 'Former Footpaths'. He has produced a summary and is awaiting feedback from the farm manager at Astrop Farm in order to proceed with a formal notice in the village newsletter.

Action: Cllr Anderson

#### **15 Communications**

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

- The proposal re The Glebe

Action: Clerk

#### **16 Meetings and Conferences, to include feedback from VHC meeting**

The Chair reported that Kay Anderson had proposed a Village 'Exchange' Forum – swap shop which would involve the community. This was supported and it was agreed the PC would meet the Village Hall fees. Cllr Anderson, who agreed to attend the next VHC meeting on 12 Feb 18 stated he would seek to obtain the Village Hall facilities for free.

Action: Cllr Anderson

#### **17 Correspondence**

The following correspondence has been received :Clerks & Councils

#### **18 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 5 March 2018**

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.22.