

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO), Rachel Moroney (Aynho Active) and 0 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Anderson and Cllr Burge

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no planning items so no one signed the declaration of interest book.

3 Minutes of the Council Meetings held on Monday 2nd October 2017

It was proposed by Cllr Dean, seconded by Cllr James and therefore agreed that the minutes of 2nd October 2017 would be signed.

4 Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk stated she had asked AH Contracts about poo bag dispensers and was awaiting a response. She will add a query about two additional dog bins to this although it was commented on that there were public bins which could be used for dog waste at the sites suggested.

Action – Clerk to check Dogs Trust and SNC websites for guidance on using normal bins for dog waste and to see if stickers were available to encourage people to use them as such

The Clerk has not yet got any other quotes for the tree work on Charlton Road that is required. She will ask for these immediately.

Action – Clerk to get alternative quotes for tree work

The Clerk has started to look into ordering an information board for the village and will continue to do so.

Action – Clerk to continue to research information board

5 Finance, to include first look at budget for 2018 / 19

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Dean and therefore agreed that the cheques listed on the attached reports (RW/11/17) should be formally approved.

The format of the budget for 2018 / 19 was discussed. The Chair explained how Aynho Active/Sports Field had been incorporated into the budget spreadsheet and that there would be visibility for both income (donations and hire fees) and for expenditure and that at the of each year there would be visibility for the carry forward figure. The format for the budget was approved. The Chair stated he and Cllr

James would work on the draft budget for the December meeting at which the Precept must be decided.

Action: Chair

6 Risk and risk assessment

There was nothing to report.

7 Parking, Highways and Transport

Cllr Leighton reported that the speed sign was about to be moved to Banbury Road. Cllr Leighton stated that he would put a monthly report on the website. He also stated that he would do an article for the newsletter reminding people that anyone can park on the public highway in any position. Cllr Dean stated people were also parking with two wheels on the footpath in certain areas. It was agreed to be a difficult area as space is tight in the village in terms of ambulances.

It was agreed that some slender poles should be erected on the was agreed that Peter should be able to erect these. Cllr Leighton will research suitable posts.

Action – Cllr Leighton to send a link re. posts

8 Maintenance

Cllr Dean reported that he had met with David King form Aynhoe Park. The footpath down to Souldern has now been cleared. James Perkins is looking at the Section 105 to see what his obligation is re. the footpath at the bottom of the deer park.

Action – Clerk to send Section 105 to Cllr Dean for review

The Clerk reported that David Fox will be maintaining the hedge around the sports field.

Action Clerk

The Chair reported that he felt the owners of the properties that back onto Skittle Alley should be asked to trim back the vegetation in their gardens that hang over Skittle Alley.

Action – Clerk to write to residents of Skittle Alley

9 Recreational Matters – to include, Playground and sports field

There was nothing to report on this matter

10 Aynho Active – to include Park Club draw, redecoration of pavilion

The draw was made. Number 47 was drawn.

It was reported that Aynho Active wished to redecorate the Pavilion. Three quotes were produced. It was stated that there was more work being sought than was actually on the quote. It was agreed that a quote for the extra work (tongue in groove around the bottom of the room) should be sought and then the PC can make a decision. It was agreed that in principle A Hawkins would be allocated the work

decorating work with paint donated by Fired Earth. It was agreed that in principle a grant would be sought to assist in the decorating from the New Homes Bonus.

Action – Rachel to get a quote for tongue and groove cladding

It was agreed that installing Gigaclear within the Pavilion should be investigated. The Chair stated a 'pot' has been installed as part of the Gigaclear infrastructure installation.

Action: Chair to contact Gigaclear for any assistance.

11 SNC - Local Plan Part 2

It was agreed that the template provided would be amended and sent in as a response.

Action – Template to be adapted and sent in as a response by Chair

It was commented on that NCC seemed to be in dire financial straits and that a great deal was due to be cut in the future.

It was also commented on that there was money to be claimed from the Transparency Code fund. It was agreed that a submission should be made.

Action – Clerk to submit claim for Transparency Code funding

12 Internet Connection Village Hall

The Chair stated that he felt the internet in the Village Hall was very important. Cllr James stated he had attended that last Village Hall Committee meeting and that they did not see the need for it at all. The Chair has written to the Village Hall Committee and proposed that the PC pay for the internet in return for a halving of the fees the PC are charged for the use of the hall. It was agreed this proposal should be put to the VHC

Action: Chair

13 Christmas tree

The Clerk reported she had asked James Belcher for a quote for a Christmas tree. He had stated he could do this and that the cost would be £40.

It was reported that Cllr Anderson had seen a permanent fir tree planted on a village green recently that was decorated in December each year. The question was raised of a permanent tree on The Village Green for Aynho. The general feeling was a non-native tree in the village green was not a good idea. It was also felt the green was not big enough to support this and that it diminished the act of putting a tree up at Christmas. It was agreed to ask James Belcher to provide the tree.

Action: Clerk

14 Farming and footpaths

There was nothing to report on this item

15 Communications

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

- Note encouraging people to use normal bins when dog waste bins are not available
- Note reminding people that they were allowed to park on the public highway and that there is no reserved parking as such outside individual homes on the public highway.
- General comment about the need for residents to cut back their hedges/shrubs which overgrow onto public footpaths.

16 Meetings and Conferences

It was agreed that the Chair would attend the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

Action: Chair

The Chair reported that he had attended the NCALC AGM in October. It had been reported at it that some Wards are funding PCSOs. It was commented on that we are lucky in Aynho as the local military police often patrol.

17 Correspondence

The following correspondence has been received this month –

- Clerks and Councils Direct

18 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 4th December 2017

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 2110