

## AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on Monday 29th April 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Chair – Leslie Leighton  
Councillors – Anderson, Brook, Burge, Dean, James, Moroney, and Reynolds

In Attendance: Chris Wilson (Clerk), Roger Wertheimer (RFO) and 31 members of the public.

#### **1. Introduction and Welcome by Chairman, Cllr. Leslie Leighton**

The Chairman welcomed the public present and introduced the current councillors.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were accepted from John Townsend (District Councillor), Rebecca Breese (County Councillor), Jen Harrison (PCSO) and Keith McClellan (Public).

#### **3. To approve the minutes of Annual Village Meeting 2018**

No issues were raised by public and therefore proposed by Cllr. Burge and seconded by Cllr. Dean.

#### **4. Matters arising from the minutes**

None.

#### **5. Brief Reports**

##### **i. Chairman's Annual Report 2018/2019**

The Chair referred to the recently circulated Annual Village Report (AVR), reported that Aynho Parish Council (APC) has 9 places for councillors, 8 were currently filled and had one casual vacancy. The Chair reported the following major projects:

- Streetlighting
- Aynho Active, current investment in resources
- Community matters/wellbeing
- Bus – weekly service
- Parking – use of church car park as an overflow
- Highways – been using the SWARCO for 3 years collecting data, the Safer Roads team have also visited and collected their own data, the possibility of another SWARCO purchase for ~£5000 - £6000 (grant funded)
- Speedwatch – the meeting discussed, the general feeling was that speeds are slower than pre-traffic calming, little interest to run Speedwatch.

##### **ii. Cllr. John Townsend, South Northants Council** Apologies received, written report in AVR.

##### **iii. Cllr. Rebecca Breese, Northamptonshire County Council** Apologies received, written report in AVR.

- iv. Northants Police & Crime Commissioner or representative  
Apologies received, written report in AVR.

## 6. Aynho Parish Council Updates

### i. Street Lighting Upgrade and funding

Cllr. Brook introduced a series of slides (see attachment) and reported current electric costs for 37 lights is £1900 per annum, the new LED versions would cut costs by 85% and give a more consistent style across the village. Cllr. Brook reported the light in Skittle Alley had already been replaced and fully funded by South Northants New Homes Bonus grant.

Q. Light on The Hill, is it being replaced?

A. Yes

Q. Light at The Wharf, is it being replaced?

A. Yes

Q. Is there a reduction in light late at night?

A. Yes

Q. The light on Bowmens Lea is hidden in the tree.

A. Yes, work to cut the tree back has been arranged before replacement.

### ii. Aynho Active – facilities and development plan

Cllr. Moroney introduced a series of slides (see attachment) and reported a boot brush had been purchased for walkers and footballers and general booking had increased since middle room had been decorated. Six 'boot camp' training sessions had been organised for free on consecutive Sunday mornings.

The August 2018 Car Boot had been successful, for 2019 funds needed to be maximised via food/drink and hopefully a bouncy castle would be present where AA would receive 20% funds.

The Park Club Draw, currently paying £82 as monthly prize, up £20 from 2018.

The AA village identified areas residents liked to be developed:

- Outdoor exercise equipment, funded by Waitrose (Green Tokens)
- Tennis table
- Football wall, funded by Tesco (Bags for Life) and SNC New Homes Bonus grant.
- Movie night, Amby reported a contact that could organise and would discuss with Cllr. Moroney.

### iii. Community Matters

#### 1. Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS)

Cllr. Anderson introduced a series of slides (see attachment) and reported a survey had been delivered with the AVR. There was a discussion on creating a database of residents, vulnerabilities and GDPR compliance. The GNS scheme is more formal/official form of something that happens between neighbours currently, help could be:

- Internet access/form filling
- Befriending

- Signposting, pointing residents to areas/agencies for help
- Increased community spirit, helping people is good for you

## 2. Aynho Watch

Cllr. Moroney reported the issues of 'Nottingham knockers'/cold calling, the use of signs at the doorstep was discussed, does it signpost and vulnerable household? Cold callers ignore a generic sticker (e.g., police/neighbourhood watch), an Aynho 'branded' sticker might be better.

Q. Why can't we have signs on the entrance to the village?

Q. Doesn't facebook groups cover this?

A. It doesn't cover non-facebook residents.

Kay Anderson, at a recent crime meeting at Charlton with the PCSO, police want residents to report sighting of Nottingham knockers, the PCSO was going to visit the Fete and Maytime in the square.

## iv. Village Maintenance – general maintenance and grass mowing

The Chair reported tenders for the grass cutting contract had been sent out, the new contractor (Continental Landscapes) had returned a good figure, they use up to date equipment. The Chair reported Peter Tustain was busy with general maintenance/weedkilling etc. The Chair noted that residents should be mindful of their own gardens overhanging paths and to keep frontages tidy. The Chair reported 20+ people from US air base Croughton had attended and helped with Keep Aynho Beautiful.

Q. Wall outside of The Glebe collapsed.

A. Clerk confirmed Grand Union had been notified.

Q. Why has only half sports field been cut?

Q. Can the land at rear of The Butts (Portway) have stones put on to prevent parking?

A. Highways were against this, small signs could help.

Q. Metal A-frames for roadworks/diversion signs left around the village.

A. Clerk to report.

## 7. Resolutions from the Village

No questions were raised.

The Chair thanked the villagers and Councillors for their attendance. The Chair also thanks Cllr. Brook for his time as Chairman.

The meeting closed at 9:08pm