

**ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL  
AGENDA**

**A meeting of the above Council will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015, at 7.30pm at Kingston Blount Village Hall**

**Summoned to be present:** Cllrs. G. Crossley, M. Day, L. French, P. Gibbons, A. Green (In the Chair), P. Hetherington & P. Tinson. Also to be present; D/Cllr. L. Lloyd / I White and C/Cllr. D. Wilmshurst.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. P. Tinson & P. Gibbons

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

3. **MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October, to be approved and signed.**

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

5. **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

6. **OPEN FORUM**

7. **PLANNING**

a) **Applications** as follows to be confirmed/discussed:

**P15/S3321/HH** Part two-storey, part single storey rear extension. New rear balcony on existing flat roof between main house and adjacent cottage at Vine House, 1 Park Lane, Kingston Blount, OX39 4SL - Should be approved

**P15/S3313/FUL** Demolition of existing cottage and construction of replacement dwelling at The Folly, Chalford, OX39 4NQ – Should be approved

**P15/S3453/HH** Proposed single storey porch extension at 4 Crowell Road, Kingston Blount, Chinnor, OX39 4RT

**P15/S3524/HH** Erection of first floor side and rear extension, front dormer window and front entrance porch at 4 Icknield Close, Kingston Blount, Chinnor, OX39 4RS

b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** as follows to be noted:

**P15/S2929/HH** Erection of a conservatory to the side of the property at Copcourt Farm, Thame Road near Tetsworth, OX9 7DE – Approved

**P15/S3037/HH** New first floor doors and balconies at The Marlins Aston Rowant Road Aston Rowant OX49 5SN – Approved

c) Neighbourhood Plan

d) Open Space Audit Consultation

8. **FINANCE**

a) The following payments to be noted:

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Clerk September Salary	
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	28.40
Alice Surman (Litter)	25.32
Mh-p Internet Ltd	828.00
BDO	120.00
Conference for Ridgeway tourism businesses	10.00
MK Watts	240.00
Complete Weed Control	240.00

a) The following payments to be approved:

Clerk October Salary	
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	28.40
S. Johns (Home working allowance)	200.00
Alice Surman (Litter)	25.32
Green Gardens	40.00
SODC (Dog Bin Emptying)	175.81
George Stevens	280.00
MK Watts	120.00
Hazell & Jefferies	295.00
Mike Eaton (Bulb planting at Fiveways)	215.18
P. Hetherington expenses (Tourism Conference – The Ridgeway)	24.05

b) Receipts as follows to be noted:

Walks Booklets	36.00
SODC (Agency Street Cleansing)	223.82

c) The current financial situation as at 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2015:		
Barclays Bank – Community Account		13942.23
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account		1089.77
National Savings		11141.06
Village Hall Reserve fund	(1230)	
Play Area Reserve Fund	(5714)	
Parish Notes Reserve Fund	(1000)	
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Reserve Fund	(2710)	

Cash 1.19

d) Budget 2015/2016 – v6 October 2015

e) Budget 2016 / 2017

f) Emergency Planning fund application (Cllr. P. Tinson)

g) Council Tax reduction scheme grant (CTRS) – Withdrawn from 2016/2017.

**9. HIGHWAYS**

a) Traffic calming

**10. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY**

**11. HILLWERKE TRUST**

**12. PLAYGROUND**

**13. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL**

a) Report from Cllr. L. French

**14. GRASS CUTTING & GENERAL PARISH MAINTENANCE**

**15. ASTON ROWANT CRICKET CLUB**

a) Report from Cllr. A. Green

**16. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES**

a) Report from Cllr. P. Hetherington

i. Report on FAAG Meeting held on 26 October.

ii. Report on Ridgeway Tourism Conference

iii. Footpath Improvements and Problems

iv. Date of Chinnor Village Centre Christmas Float visit to Kingston Blount and Aston Rowant and request for helpers.

v. Sales of Walks Books.

**17. OTHER MATTERS & WRITTEN REPORTS**

a) M40 CEG Group Annual Meeting

b) Broadband speed since installation of fibre optic

c) SODC Town and Parish Forum (Cllr. A. Green)

d) Subsidised buses and Dial-a-Ride – publication of the consultation findings and accompanying cabinet paper – Cllr. G. Crossley

**18. CLERK'S REPORT – ITEMS NOT NEEDING NOTICE OF DECISIONS**

**19. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Lions Roar Magazine – Autumn 2015

b) Chalk & Trees Magazine Winter 2015/2016

**20. WEBSITE**

a) Item for amendment on the website

**21. OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman**

**22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.30pm.**

**Clerk to the Council**

Ian White and Lynn Lloyd

31st October 2015

### District Council Activities

Lynn has continued her work with Taylor Wimpey and the Parish Council regarding Old Kiln Lakes, the Kiln, Recreation Area and Nature Reserve and progress to completion continues. This has been a long project, but the benefits will be significant once it is completed.

Both Ian and Lynn have been attending workshops, including one on the provision of homes. There is no doubt that as the population continues to grow, more homes need to be built, yet at the same time, most communities want them built elsewhere. The message is that Council has to try and achieve a balance between what Central Government has mandated, and what individual Communities want; most people will agree that their children should have a nice home in which to live, and this inevitably means Communities will grow. The best way to achieve a good outcome is through the Neighbourhood Planning System. If reasonable solutions cannot be agreed, Whitehall will impose a solution that Communities will not like.

At the forefront of everyone's minds has been the disappointing result of the two Appeals in respect of development at the back of Glynswood and Greenwood Meadow. Having attended both Appeals, and read the Inspector's Decision Statements, it is apparent that any opportunity will be used to agree development.

Both Lynn and Ian have been working hard with the District Planners to see what can be done in the light of the other applications and appeals that are in the pipeline and their impact on the District as a whole. Arrangements were made for the Head of Planning at SODC to attend Chinnor Parish Council and explain the options available. It is clear that the Neighbourhood Plan

is a significant tool as Planning Inspectors are obliged to give it the maximum weight in their deliberations. Lynn has been working with the Chinnor Team to accelerate the Plan's development and has pressed District to release the Grant Funding needed. The Parishes that do not yet have a Plan under way are being encouraged to start, so they can benefit from all that a Plan offers.

Ian had two committee meetings this month; Planning and the Licencing Panel. He has also continued with his work in respect of the Police And Crime Commissioner's Panel. There are currently a number of initiatives under way to provide better support and protection; examples of these are focus on Child Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation and the abuse of parents by their children. Her Majesty's Inspector Of Constabularies has recently published his Report placing Thames Valley Police in the top Group for performance in all areas; this is very much due to the work of our Police And Crime Commissioner, Anthony Stansfeld.

We have both attended Parish Council meetings in our Ward to provide as much support as we can, and provide guidance, especially with regard to Planning.

Lynn continues with her busy Cabinet Programme Of Work, and has also continued her work as a Member of the Chiltern Conservation Board to protect this Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There is much more in the detail of what we are doing but in the interests of brevity, that's it for October.

Aston Rowant Parish Council Budget 2015 / 2016

2014/2015 Actual £	Description	2015/16			Current Available Reserves 2015/2016 (Based on Actual figures to date)
		Original £	Actual to October 15	Revised Forecast	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
5,972	Administration	7,550	3,580	7,550	
50	s.137	50	-	50	
0	Maintenance		100	100	
1,382	Capital	255	645	645	
1,934	Grants	1,934	1,934	1,934	
425	Village Hall	-	-	-	1,230
245	Play Area	2,164	1,640	2,164	5,714
0	Parish Notes	-	-	-	1,000
297	Agency Services - Litter	409	177	409	
220	Dog bins emptying	409	147	409	
4,315	Village Grass cutting & maintenance	4,296	2,710	4,296	
218	Subscriptions	338	264	338	
4,954	Trees, footpaths and Envir.S fund	1,800	1,357	1,800	2,710
25	Sundries	100	40	100	
766	Website and publicity	897	690	897	
2,301	VAT		822	584	
<b>23,104</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>20,202</b>	<b>14,106</b>	<b>21,276</b>	
<b>Less INCOME:</b>					
18,100	Precept	19,200	19,200	19,200	
287	CTRS mitigation Grant	287	204	204	
83	National Savings Interest	82	-	82	
0	Bank Account Interest	2	0	2	
437	Grants - Agency Services	437	448	448	
20	Village Hall Rent	20	-	20	
212	Walks Booklet	160	162	160	
500	Other Grants / Donations	-	-	-	
10	Wayleave	10	10	10	
2,260	Trees & Environment	-	-	-	
2,697	VAT Reimbursed	-	-	822	
<b>24,606</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,198</b>	<b>20,024</b>	<b>20,948</b>	
<b>1,502</b>	<b>Net Income [ - Expenditure]</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>328</b>	
<b>18,128</b>	<b>RESERVES B/FWD</b>	<b>19,630</b>	<b>19,630</b>	<b>19,630</b>	
<b>19,630</b>	<b>RESERVES C/FWD</b>	<b>19,626</b>	<b>25,548</b>	<b>19,302</b>	
<b>BANK &amp; CASH POSITION</b>					
7,399	Barclays Current Account	7,399	15,664		
1,089	Barclays Deposit Account	1,089	1,090		
11,141	National Savings	11,141	11,141		
1	Cash	1	1		
<b>19,630</b>			<b>27,895</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>RESERVES</b>					
8,603	GENERAL		14,894	9,617	
1,230	VILLAGE HALL	1,230	1,230	1,230	
5,190	PLAY AREA	7,354	5,714	5,190	
1,000	PARISH NOTES	1,000	1,000	1,000	
2,105	TREES & FOOTPATHS	3,905	2,710	2,265	
18,128				<b>19,302</b>	