

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 14th April, 2010, at Kingston Blount Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey, G. Crossley, Peter Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington and J. Knight. Roger Belson, County Councillor; Dorothy Brown, District Councillor; Mrs. Farrell, the Headteacher of Aston Rowant School; Jo Gent, representative from A.R. Play Area Committee; Lesley Golder, representative from Aston Rowant Charities; Susan Greenhalgh, representative from Parish Notes; Mr. R. Holt, representative of Hillwerke Trust Committee, Mrs L. Martins of Hillock Gardens Committee, Mr. P. Lambert on behalf of Aston Rowant School House Educational Trust, PCSO Diana and Brenda Wilson, Clerk., plus a further 11 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr. P. Rooksby

Mr. Peter Gibbons, Chairman of the Parish Council, welcomed those present to the Meeting.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April, 2009**, were approved and signed.
2. **Matters Arising from those minutes**
No matters arising.
3. **Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council** given by Cllr. Gibbons.
4. **Reports from the Chairman of the Planning Committee of the Parish Council**
given by Cllr. Beechey:
 - a) Planning .
5. **Statement of Parish Council Accounts to 31st March 2010** presented by the Clerk
6. **Report from the County Councillor Mr. Roger Belson** – attached.
C/Cllr. Belson confirmed planning permission for an incinerator in the County was awaited.
7. **Report from the District Councillor Mrs. Dorothy brown** – attached.
8. **Report from Aston Rowant School** given by the Headteacher – attached.
- 9 **Reports from other organisations within the parish**
 - a) **Footpaths and Amenities Group** given by Mr. Peter Hetherington, Chairman;..
 - b) **Hillwerke Trust Committee** read by Mr. R. Holt.
 - c) **Hillock Gardens Committee** read by Mrs. Lavinia Martins.
 - d) **Play Area Committee** by Mrs. Jo Gent, Chairperson..
 - e) **Aston Rowant Charities** report by Mrs. Lesley Golder.
 - i) Mrs. Golder stated that Mrs. A. Murray has agreed the Charities should be wound up and records passed to the Parish Council.
 - f) **Parish Notes** report by Susan Greenhalgh. It was noted the Notes are

now self-financing and no financial contribution from the Parish Council was needed for the coming year. A sinking fund for the Notes is still held by the Council.

- g) **Aston Rowant Churchyard Group** report by Cllr. Julian Knight.
- h) **Aston Rowant School House Education Trust** report read by Mr. Peter Lambert.

10. Open Forum

- a) It was stated the walk in the wood in Church Lane is beautiful as a result of the work which has been done there.
- b) A request was made that when the Moors Path is resurfaced, care should be taken with the snowdrops and daffodils along the edge of the path.
- c) Details of a project were given involving plans to encourage people to use Aston Rowant church as a meeting place for the benefit of all. It was planned to provide a kitchen area. Some grants have been received towards the cost, which will be approximately £100,000.00. An Open Day to be held on Saturday, 17th April, to view the plans.
- d) Mrs. Farrell informed the meeting the school had a website.
- e) A question was asked about reducing the reliance on cars. Cllr. Hetherington said this will be discussed by FAAG, and invited the questioner to attend the next FAAG meeting. Cllr. Beechey suggested ORCC be contacted.
- f) Mrs. Alex Green thanked the Parish Council for their work and said the whole Parish continues to look well cared for.

Cllr. Beechey thanked Cllr. Peter Gibbons for his enthusiasm and leadership.

**Peter Gibbons,
Chairman,
Aston Rowant Parish Council.**