

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 13th April, 2011.

Present: Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey, G. Crossley, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington, J. Knight and P. Rooksby. Mrs. Fowler, a member of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES:** No apologies.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr. Knight declared an interest in Planning Application P11/E0536.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th March, 2011, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - None
5. **OPEN FORUM**
Mrs. Fowler informed members of the neighbours' objections to planning application P11/E0536.
6. **PLANNING**
 - a) **Applications** as follows confirmed/discussed:
 - P11/E0536** Single and two storey extensions, and front porch, at 3 Plowden Park, A.R., for Mr. and Mrs. P. Brine. This application is circulating amongst members of the Planning Committee.
 - P11/E0244** Change of use of approximately 6 acres of pasture land to form a second cricket pitch to the north of the existing cricket ground at Land adjacent to Aston Rowant Cricket Club, Chinnor Road, A.R. *Planning Permission granted.*
 - b) **Decision of S.O.D.C.**
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 - c) Demolition of wall at Malvern Cottage, Brook Street, Kingston Blount, has been reported to S.O.D.C.
 - d) Letter from S.O.D.C. Planning Services re Submission of South Oxfordshire Core Strategy is circulating.
 - e) Letter from resident re Application P11/E0064 and response from the Parish Council has been dealt with.
7. **FINANCE**
 - a) The following payments were noted:

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Clerk – February salary		
Roman Cart – skip	147.00	
Mike Henson Publications Ltd. (website)	120.00	
Natalie Nash – litter picking	48.00	
Nicholsons – trees for play area	577.88	
Playsafety Ltd. – safety inspection, play area	95.18	
B.L. Wilson – travel, postage, Broadband, sundries.	205.00	
P. Gibbons – expenses	10.00	
 - b) The following payments were approved

P. Hetherington – travel expenses	20.80	
Clerk – March salary		
B & Q, Aylesbury - items for play area maintenance	162.94	
O.A.L.C. – annual subscription	151.21	
Nicholsons – play area	105.00	
B.L. Wilson – Gift vouchers, village litter pick	20.00	
M.K. Watts – March grass cutting	120.00	
B.L. Wilson – travel	19.24	
Mike Henson Presentations Ltd. – website	19.18	
B.L. Wilson – printer ink	28.85	
J. Knight (reimbursement for salt bin payment)	128.77	
 - c) Receipts as follows were noted

Walks Books	20.00
Barclays Saver Account – Interest	0.63
Chinnor Parish Council for Walks Books	20.00
d) The current financial situation as at 31st March 2011	
Barclays Bank – Community Account	13158.34
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5084.77
National Savings	10895.26
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(4688.25)
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(518.50)
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(3510.80)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Ditches Sinking Fund	(880.00)
Trees, Footpaths & Environmental Fund	(7832.39}
VAS Maintenance SF	(2000.00)
Cash	7.00
e) Quote of £240.00 from Complete Weed Control was approved.	
f) It was agreed not to re-subscribe to Rural Services Network.	
g) A letter of support for grant application for Aston Rowant Church Annex Project, was agreed..	
h) An invoice for £490.00 is to be sent to O.C.C. re Moors Path renovation.	
i) It was agreed to make a donation of £50.00 to the R.B.L. for Poppy Wreath.	

8. HIGHWAYS

It was noted Mr. M. Bowler has retired from the Highways Department, O.C.C. Cllr. Gibbons expressed thanks for Mr. Bowler's help and advice.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS – No report.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST

a) Cllr. Crossley will raise the matter of copies of minutes, etc. at the Committee meeting in May.

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – No report.

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES – Report will be given at the Parish Assembly.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Sainsbury's re proposed new Sainsbury's at Thame Cattle Market - .Noted.

b) 'Chilterns Buildings Design Guide' and 'The Making of the Chilterns Landscape' booklets from The Chilterns Conservation Board. – To be circulated.

c) Publications from N.A.L.C. – To be circulated.

d) Crowell Parish

The proposal that Crowell should join with Aston Rowant Parish was discussed. It was agreed the Clerk should contact S.O.D.C. for information regarding the number of extra councillors there would be if Crowell joined; how much extra precept would be received; also for a definitive map of Crowell Parish boundary.

14 WEBSITE

a) Updating contract – document from Mike Henson. It was noted the council continues with Plan K re expenses, etc.

b) website content was discussed.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - These will be given at the Parish Assembly.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 11th May, 2011, at Kingston Blount Village Hall. This will be the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

Clerk to the Council