

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 11th April, 2012.

Present: Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey, G. Crossley, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington, J. Knight and P. Rooksby. Also present; D/Cllr. D. Brown

1. **APOLOGIES:** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** Cllr. Rooksby declared an interest in 6a) P11/S0223 and P11/E2505 - neighbour
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th February, 2012, were approved and signed. Also minutes of special meeting held on 13th March.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - None
5. **OPEN FORUM** No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**

a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:

P11/E2139 Erection of a pair of two storey 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings with attached garages and a 3-bedroom bungalow incorporating parking and shared vehicular access onto A40 as replacement for 1-3 Hope Lodge, at Parkwood Stud, Aston Park, A.R. **Application withdrawn by the applicant.** Noted.

P11/E2322 Remove existing roof and gable walls and rebuild at steeper pitch to allow for living accommodation in loft area, including dormers to front. Single storey side extension with room in roof area. Single storey rear extension with storage above. At Glenmist, Aston Hill, Lewknor, for Mr. Kevin Roberts. *Should be approved*

P11/E2128 Amendment no. 1 Two storey side extension. New detached garage at 10 The Rise, K.B. for Mr. Guyver. *No strong views.*

P11/E1676/DA Icknield Nurseries, Kingston Stert – *inspector's decision on the appeal.* Noted.

P11/E2457 Removal of rear conservatory, two storey rear extension. Installation of solar P.V. panels, single storey rear extension, new roof over existing garage – **amendment to**

P11/E1887, at 10 Icknield Close, K.B. for Mr. and Mrs. T. Head. *Should be approved.*

P11/S0223 (Listed Building Consent) Construction of a 2.2 meter high garden wall to form a closed walled garden to the rear of the existing main house at Upper Chalford Farm Barns, Chalford for Mr. M. Stockbridge. **Cllr. Rooksby declared an interest.** *Should be approved; but height of wall should be restricted to 2m.*

P11/E2505 Construction of a 2.2 meter high garden wall to form a closed walled garden to the rear of the existing main house at Upper Chalford Farm Barns, Chalford, for Mr. M. Stockbridge. **Cllr. Rooksby declared an interest.** *Should be approved but height of wall should be restricted to 2m.*

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

P11/E2128 Two storey side extension. New detached garage (as amended) at 10 The Rise, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*

P11/E2144 Single storey rear extension at Rose Cottage, Pleck Lane, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*

c) Letter from Planning Services re Mid Examination Publication on Schedule of Main Modifications for South Oxfordshire Submission Core Strategy. (deadline 23rd March) Noted.

d) Boundary dispute, Church Lane, A.R. The Clerk is to reply to a letter received pointing out that boundary disputes are not in the remit of the Parish Council.

7. FINANCE

- a) The following payments were noted:
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| Clerk – salary, January | | |
| Kavan Ring – Playing Field works | 1500.00 | |
- b) The following payments were approved
- Clerk – salary, February and March

S.O.D.C. – dog bin emptying 1/10-31/12/11	85.39
P. Gibbons (Staples) – storage items, and postage	39.96
Lightfoots – professional charges, Poors Hillock, K.B.	1627.00
O.A.L.C. – annual subscription	150.76
Mh-p – Parish Council Hosting	72.00
ORCC – membership form	30.00
HM Revenue & Customs	131.40
B.L. Wilson – travel, post.	84.99
B.L. Wilson – payment towards Broadband	100.00
Cllr. P. Hetherington – travelling expenses	29.90
B. Wilson – paper (cash)	3.49
M.K. Watts – March grounds maintenance	336.00
Lucy Grenville – litter picking	48.64

c) Receipts – none received.

d) The current financial situation as at 28/03/2012

Barclays Bank – Community Account	6915.09
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5087.29
National Savings	10895.26
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(4785.41)
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(1252.90)
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(4438.95)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Poors Hillock Charity Fund	(1500)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(2913.74)
VAS Maintenance Fund	(538)
Jubilee Fund	(1000.00)
Cash	0.98

e) It was agreed to accept a quotation of £420.00 plus VAT for supply and application of approved herbicides of a non toxic, non flammable and non corrosive nature for the control of all weed and grass growth.

f) It was agreed not to make a donation to Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers Oxfordshire.

g) Jubilee - Alex Green gave a report at the Parish Assembly on arrangements to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

h) It was agreed not to make a donation to St. John Ambulance Oxfordshire at work.

i) It was agreed Cllr. Gibbons should ask Mr. Hutton to examine the old Aston Rowant sign and give an estimate of cost of repairs.

j) The Clerk is to write to the Lambert Arms Hotel requesting a donation towards the cost of the flower tubs as happened in the past.

8. HIGHWAYS

a) New Dial-a-Ride Service information leaflets were passed to Cllrs. Crossley and Knight for the Village Hall and Aston Rowant church.

b) It was agreed to request the road at the junction of Brook Street and the Stert Road, Plowden Park, and School Lane, AR, be included in S.O.D.C. Deep Cleansing programme.

c) It was agreed to ask Barry Hutton to clean the white gates on the B4009 in Aston Rowant.

9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY

a) The closure of Aston Rowant Parish Council Hillock Gardens bank account was noted.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

a) It was reported the Parish Council is responsible for the cherry trees on the B4009 in Aston Rowant.

- b) Cllr. Hetherington reported on the conference he had attended and useful contacts made.
- c) A grant of £1299 from the O.C.C. Steward Fund has been awarded for completing the work on the Moors footpath (AR7).
- d) A free gift of planings from O.C.C. has been received for work on Church Lane, with a contribution from Oxfordshire Countryside Services of transport of the planings.
- e) Cllr. Hetherington reported several Parish Councils are working together on the proposed extension of a cycleway in the area.
- f) The Clerk is to write to local stud owners regarding the riding of horses across AR green.

13 CORRESPONDENCE as follows was noted:

- a) Letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission re Electoral Review of Oxfordshire: Final Recommendations. The Clerk is to reply that the Council approves these recommendations.
- b) Letter from ORCC Trading Ltd. Re Best ever oil prices and free memberships.
- c) The Clerk magazine, January 2012.
- d) O.C.C. – draft Equality Policy 2012-2017 consultation.
- e) Letter from S.O.D.C. re Reviews of District Councillor numbers – briefing session 29/2/12.
- f) Rail strategy for Oxfordshire.
- g) Clerks & Councils Direct, January 2012 and March 2012
- h) Chiltern News March 2012
- i) Letter from OCC re Buy With Confidence scheme
- j) Letter from SODC re Electoral Review of South Oxfordshire.
- k) Parish Notes – Cllr. Knight gave an update on the position of the editor. Sue Greenhalgh will continue at present.

14 WEBSITE

- a) It was agreed that Aston Rowant Parish Council will enrol for the loyalty scheme.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

- a) These reports were given at the Parish Assembly.
- b) District Councillor Brown informed the members there will be a meeting with residents of Bakers Piece House re rebuilding the flats; Cllr. Crossley will attend.

16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman No other matters were raised.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 9th May, 2012, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm. This will be the AGM of the Parish Council.

CHAIRMAN