

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 8th April 2015.

Present: Cllrs. A. Green, G. Crossley, M. Day, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington, J.Knight & C/Cllr D. Wilmshurst

APOLOGIES: None

- 1) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – *None*
- 2) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th march 2015, were approved and signed.**
- 3) **MATTERS ARISING** – *None.*
- 4) **OPEN FORUM** – *5 members of the public were present – Brian Hutton, Lynne French, Mike Gorton, Sheila Reynolds & Peter Tinson.*
- 5) **PLANNING**
 - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:

P15/S0779/FUL for development work at the following location: Mill Lane Chinnor. The application is for: Erection of 71 dwellings (C3 use) and creation of new public open space; the realignment of Mill Lane to create a new junction with Thame Road; the creation of a vehicular access from the realigned Mill Lane; the delivery of a new car parking facility; public open space; surface water drainage; landscaping; and other ancillary works. - *No assessment has been made of the additional traffic on the individual application or the cumulative effect of this application and others. The proposal is that this should be refused.*
 - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** as follows were noted:

P14/S1247/HH - The Folly, Chalford, Chinnor, OX39 4NQ (Appeal) – Demolition of existing lean-to extension and rear conservatory. Erection of a new two storey extension. - Appeal Dismissed - *Noted*

P15/S0051/FUL Retention of two cabins to be used temporarily for 3 years. (See previous permission P11/E1816) at Aston Rowant Cricket Club, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant, OX49 5ST – Granted - *Noted*

P15/S0265/HH Erection of two storey front, side and rear extensions, single storey side extension and pitched roof over front porch at Mead House, Aston Rowant Road, Aston Rowant, OX49 5SN – Granted - *Noted*
 - c) **Speed Survey** – *The results from the speed survey show the average volume count as 3700 each way per 24 hours. The average speed opposite Ickniel Close is 35mph, opposite the Old Chapel is 29mph and opposite Kingston Hill is 40.5 mph. Cllr. M. Day will interpret the results and produce a report which will be passed to Chinnor Parish Council, recommending a method of traffic calming. The concern is there is a lot of traffic going up Kingston Hill. Sheila Reynolds asked about the possibility of assessing the types of vehicles and it was agreed that this could be a future consideration. A chicane entering the village from Aston Rowant to slow down traffic was also discussed. Cllr. Day will try and get some free advice but it may be necessary to pay for professional advice or an engineer.*
 - d) **CEMEX Appeal** – *Cllr. Day has submitted a report to the Inspector and will be registering to speak at the meeting.*

6) FINANCE

- a) The following payments were noted:

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Clerk February Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)		69.40
Alice Surman (Litter)		24.76
S Johns (Postage – April 14 to February 15)		29.17
S Johns (Mileage – April 14 to March 15)		93.60
S Johns (Print Cartridges & Stationery)		45.00
P Gibbons – Mileage for 2031 Local Plan Presentation		26.00
George Stevens		50.00
Mh-p website hosting		72.00
- b) The following payments were approved:

Clerk March Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)		78.00
Alice Surman (Litter)		24.76
Spirehouse Properties		164.58
Oxfordshire County Council (Speed Survey)		360.00
Annual OALC Subscription (2015/2016)		151.68
Annual ORCC Membership		50.00
SODC (Dog Bin Emptying)		175.81

George Stevens (Invoice received after the agenda was produced)	170.00
MK Watts (Invoice received after the agenda was produced)	120.00
c) Receipts as follows were noted:	
Interest (Barclays Saver account)	0.13
d) The current financial situation as at 30 th March 2015:	
Barclays Bank – Community Account	7483.97
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	1089.48
National Savings	11141.06
Village Hall Reserve fund	(1230)
Play Area Reserve Fund	(5190)
Parish Notes Reserve Fund	(1000)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Reserve Fund	(2105)
Cash	1.19
e) Budget 2014/2015 – v11 March 2015 – <i>Noted</i>	
f) Clerk Wage Review – <i>A 2.3% rise in salary for the Clerk and the Litter Picker were agreed.</i>	

8) HIGHWAYS

- a) M40 Group – *Cllr. Rooksby reported that the change of Government may impact the work that has been carried out to date. The point was raised that nothing is proposed in the area at Junction 6 of the M40. Noise mapping has been suggested but this is very expensive. The M40 Group have been in discussions and it has been suggested that the rubber surface in the tarmac that has been used between Junction 7 - 8 to reduce traffic noise could be extended to Junction 6 and perhaps solar panels (presumably funded by the Government) could be installed to help fund this. No decisions on this can be made until after the election.*
- b) The No 40 Bus update – *Cllr. Crossley reported that the bus will continue, though it is not yet clear who the Contractor will be or for how long.*

9) POORS HILLOCK CHARITY – None - *Noted*

10) HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) Play equipment Proposal – *The parish Council have received a proposal for additional play equipment to be installed inside and outside of the existing play area. Cllr. Hetherington commented that he was surprised that no grant has been applied for. A decision has been referred to May as there is no mention on the proposal of how the equipment will be maintained, managed or insured. Whilst the Parish Council welcomes the concept and the benefits to the local community, the Clerk is to write to The Hillwerke Trust, requesting that they come along to the next meeting of the new Council with a more detailed proposal to discuss.*

11) ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – None - *Noted*

12) FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Report from Cllr. Hetherington – *Cllr. Hetherington reported that the first cut has been carried out by the new contractor.*

13) CORRESPONDENCE – None - *Noted*

14) WEBSITE

- a) Item for amendment on the website – *A link to the new Hillwerke Trust Website can be added if it is ready.*

15) REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None - noted

16) OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman – None - *Noted*

17) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 13th May 2015 (Annual Parish Council Meeting) at Kingston Blount Village Hall at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN