

# ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.**

**Present:** Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey, G. Crossley, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington, J. Knight and P. Rooksby.

1. **APOLOGIES:** D/Cllr. D. Brown and C/Cllr. R. Belson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr. G. Crossley declared an interest in item 9.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - None
5. **OPEN FORUM** – No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**

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

**P11/E1816** Erection of two log cabins and one shed (for Umpire) to be used temporarily for 3 years while extension to pavilion is completed, at AR Cricket Club, A.R., for Mr. C. Wraight. *Should be approved.*

**P11/E1887** Removal of rear conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension at 10 Icknield Close, K.B. for Mr. and Mrs. T. Head. *Should be approved.*

**P11/E2005** Agricultural grain storage building at Hill Farm, Christmas Common Road, Stokenchurch, for Mr. Robert Holmes.

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

**P11/E1495** Single storey front extension, 2 storey rear extension, single storey garage/store, as amended, at Hester Cottage, High Street, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*

The Council noted S.O.D.C. has approved this application in spite of the Parish Council's opinion that it should be refused. It was agreed Cllr. Knight will draft a letter to S.O.D.C. outlining the Council's views.

**P11/E1515** Two storey side extension and garage extension at 10 The Rise, K.B. *Planning Permission refused.*

**P11/E1556** Three replacement dwellings at 1-3 Hope Lodge, Parkwood Stud, A.R. *Planning Permission granted.*

c) Letter from Sainsburys re proposed new foodstore at the Cattle Market site in Thame was discussed. It was agreed to return the questionnaire stating the Parish Council was against the proposed new development of the Cattle Market site.

d) The returning of planning applications to the Clerk was discussed. A note is to be put in the diary when an application has to be returned. A scanned copy of S.O.D.C. decision sheets is to be forwarded to Cllr. Beechey.

## 7. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk – October salary		
Jill Beechey – Acting Clerk		
Simon Coulon – Spring planting	103.31	
Playsafety Ltd. – annual inspection of play area	97.20	
P. Gibbons – travel to and photocopying at History Centre	24.88	
Simon Coulon – Autumn planting	93.25	
P. Gibbons - 2 snow shovels	9.98	

b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – November salary		
P. Rooksby – meeting expenses	14.35	
B.G. Hutton – repairs, Play Area	613.60	
P. Gibbons – travel to S.O.D.C. Offices	15.66	
S.L.C.C. – annual subscription	72.20	
Mh-p Upload Trustees Ad	18.00	

c) Receipts as follows were noted

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Play Area – Christmas Fair	582.00
S.O.D.C. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Cleaning payment	195.46
Lambert Arms Hotel for Walks books	40.00

d) The current financial situation as at 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2011:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	8183.89
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5086.03
National Savings	10895.26
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(6035.41)
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(1866.50)
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(3856.75)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(2913.74)
VAS Maintenance S. Fund	(1000.00)
Cash	11.96

- e) The proposed Budget for 2012/2013 and a letter from J. Knight re A.R. church were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. Gibbons, seconded by Cllr. Rooksby, that £462 be transferred from the VAS maintenance Fund to the grant to Aston Rowant churchyard to help with the cost of work on trees and hedges. Voting on this proposal was: For – 4, Against 1 (Cllr. Hetherington); Abstentions – 1. It was proposed by Cllr. Hetherington, seconded by Cllr. Beechey, that the Budget for 2012/2013, with a precept of £17,000.00. be approved; the proposal was agreed.
- f) Grass cutting AR, KB and Chalford – not discussed.
- g) The Clerk is to reply to a letter from Thame & District CAB stating a grant to that organisation which is included in the budget for the year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2012, will be sent to them in April.

## 8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Cllr. Beechey was unable to attend the M40 Chilterns Environmental Group AGM due to illness.
- b) Letter from O.C.C. re Service 275 (Oxford-High Wycombe) was noted.

## 9. HILLOCK GARDENS

- a) Trustees of Poors Hillock was discussed. At the moment two persons have expressed an interest in becoming Trustees. **Cllr. Crossley declared an interest.**
- b) Registration of Hillock Gardens was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. Hetherington and seconded by Cllr. Knight that the Parish Council should complete the registration and also arrange for insurance for the Trustees for the first year and new leases for tenants. The proposal was carried unanimously. £2000.00 has been allocated for these expenses. **Cllr. Crossley declared an interest.**

## 10. HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) Cllr. Crossley stated repairs are needed for the roof; there is a committee meeting arranged for after Christmas.

## 11. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

- a) In response to a letter from the Parish Council requesting a contribution towards the cost of improvements to AR7, a letter containing a cheque for £300.00 has been received from the school.

## 12. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Payment of £7.49 for wine for M and S Coulon as thanks for work on the tubs was approved.
- b) The cost of using Coxwell surface on a portion of the Moors path is being looked into.

## 13 CORRESPONDENCE as follows was noted:

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- a) Letter and CD from Bucks. C.C. re Bucks. Minerals & Waste Core Strategy Development Plan.
- b) High Sheriff's Awards – It was agreed to put Cllr. Hetherington's name forward in view of his work in many areas of village life. Another person is also being considered.
- c) The Clerk magazine, November 2011
- d) ORCC Annual Review 2010-2011
- e) Annual Review of the Chilterns Conservation Board 2010/2011
- f) 'Chiltern News' December 2011 issue.
- g) Lord Williams's School Community Action Morning – Cllr. Rooksby is to attend.
- h) Letter from Watlington Parish Council re Triathlon.

**14 WEBSITE** – no report.

**15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

A report has been received from District Councillor Brown.

**16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman**

- a) Standing Orders – not discussed.
- b) Cllr. Crossley gave details of an attempted break-in in Kingston Blount.
- c) Jill Beechey and the Clerk thanked the Parish Councillors for their hospitality at the Christmas lunch.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.**

**CHAIRMAN**