

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 10th December 2014.

Present: Cllrs. G. Crossley, M. Day, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington, J Knight & P. Rooksby

APOLOGIES: Cllr. A. Green (Holiday) & D/Cllr. D. Brown

1) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – *None*

2) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th November 2014, were approved and signed.**

3) **MATTERS ARISING** –

- a) High Sheriff of Oxfordshire's annual awards – *Cllr. Gibbons and Cllr. Hetherington have both been nominated by a parishioner and all the Councillors seconded this. Parish Clerk to complete the forms with the Councillors input and the Parishioner who nominated them.*
- b) Defibrillator & awareness training update – *This has now been installed and 16 members of the parish attended the training which was very well received. Parishioners in Aston Rowant have commented that they would like one installed there too. Funds will need to be raised for this to go ahead with support from the community.*

4) **OPEN FORUM** – *3 members of the public was present – D/Cllr Lyn Lloyd, Mr Robert Young & Mr Peter Tinson.*

5) **PLANNING**

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

P14/S3499/FUL Resubmission of planning permission P10/E1932 and P10/E1933/LB). Conversion of the old barn from a storage area into a dwelling. To include a new floor in the living area, thermal upgrade to the building fabric & other additional alternations at Copcourt Manor, Thame Road, Copcourt, OX9 7DE – Should be approved - *Noted*

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P14/S1247/HH Demolition of existing lean-to extension and rear conservatory. Erection of a new two storey extension at The Folly Chalford in the Parish of Aston Rowant, OX39 4NQ – Appeal filed. - *Noted*

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

None – *Noted*

6) **FINANCE**

a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk October Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	73.60	
Ridgeway Woodlands	672.00	
Remembrance Wreath contribution to the British Legion	50.00	
Peter Hetherington (Wild Daffodil bulbs for Fiveways)	40.48	
Buryhook Countryside Management	462.00	
Alice Surman (Litter Picker)	24.76	

b) The following payments were approved:

Clerk November Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	78.20	
Mh-p Internet Ltd (Domaine renewal)	19.18	
AMF Electrical (Defibrillator Installation)	65.00	
Dog Bin Emptying	87.91	
SLCC (Annual Subscription)	103.00	
Ridgeway Woodlands	108.00	
Alice Surman	24.76	
Green Gardens	30.00	
Diane Malley	29.00	

c) Receipts as follows were noted:

Walks Booklets	20.00	
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d) The current financial situation as at 28th November 2014:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	8134.98	
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	1089.06	
National Savings	11058.12	
Village Hall Reserve fund	(1230)	

Play Area Reserve Fund	(5280)
Parish Notes Reserve Fund	(1000)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Reserve Fund	(2270)

Cash

1.19

e) Budget 2014/2015 – v7 November 2014 - *Noted*

8) HIGHWAYS

- a) Parish Bus Service – Update from Cllr. Crossley – *The Service is going to tender next year (Predicted March 2015). No further information currently.*
- b) Kingston Stert Layby – close to the Pumping Station – *The Council considered a complaint from a parishioner that the area by the pumping station may become a layby, thereby encouraging litter. They saw no reason why this should happen and the plans have already been approved.*
- c) Accident Damage to Corner of Pleck Lane and B4009 – Cllr. Gibbons & Cllr. Day met Mark Francis (Senior Traffic Officer for OCC) along with 2 concerned parishioners (as this has now happened numerous times, to see how OCC can help to calm the traffic. Speed bumps were mentioned as well as a white line in the road but there is no budget for this as conditions (eg lighting) would need to be met for the speed bumps. The hedge on the left (travelling from Crowell into Kingston Blount) was also discussed as cars are having to pull in when large vehicles are travelling in the opposite direction and Mark Francis has written to Highways requesting that these be cut back. Since the accident damage, a police speed van has been situated close to the chicane but the camera is facing Crowell. The Parish Clerk is to write to the Chief Constable asking that the camera be alternated both directions in order to deter speeding motorists.

9) POORS HILLOCK CHARITY – None - *Noted*

10) HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) Planting of Acer Maples outside the Village Hall (Split cost between the Parish Council & The Hillwerke Trust) – *Cherry or Maple trees are to be planted outside the Village hall. It is proposed that the cost of these is split between the Parish Council and the Hillwerke Trust. This will be discussed at the next Hillwerke Trust meeting in January.*

11) ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – None - *Noted*

12) FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Report from Cllr. P. Hetherington –
 - i. *Cllr. Hetherington reported that a lot of work has been done at Fiveways Aston Rowant to develop this as a conservation area. The latest includes the removal of old dangerous metal posts and damaged metal fencing. One final short section of boardwalk is to be completed to reduce the risk of slipping on the path. Thanks to Ridgeway Woodlands and parishioner Mike Eaton for their efforts.*
 - ii. *The stream has been dug out by OCC Countryside Services and new pipes put under the Bridleway to reduce the risk of flooding , excessive mud, and damage to the track.*
 - iii. *2 tree surgeons have been organised to fell the dead trees by Aston Rowant School.*
- b) Dog mess – update – Cllr. Gibbons mentioned a scheme whereby large 'glow in the dark' posters are erected around the village which have proven to be a good deterrent for litter and dog fouling. Cllr. Crossley will propose to the Hillwerke Committee that the costs are shared (5 posters for £100). Until this is decided, the Clerk will purchase the chalk spray as discussed at the previous meeting.
- c) Trees and shrubs provided by SSE and planted by the Parish Council at Five Ways Aston Rowant as a Memorial to those from the Parish that gave their lives during the First World War. - *17 tree specimens in total were provided by SSE and it is proposed that a simple board is erected, mentioning the conservation work that has been carried out and dedicating the trees to the parishioners that lost their lives in WWI.*

13) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Chiltern Society Magazine – Winter 2014 - *Noted*

14) WEBSITE

- a) Item for amendment on the website – *None.*

15) REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - *None*

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

17) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 14th January 2015 at Kingston Blount Village Hall at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN