

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 10th February 2010.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. J.Knight.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr.Rooksby – Planning Application for Upper Chalford Cottage.
Cllr.Armitage – Planning Appeals, 6 Dashwood Court, AR.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th January 2010 were approved and Signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
5. **OPEN FORUM** – Matthew Day informed the Council regarding the plans for his property and sought advice from Councillors on how to proceed.
6. **PLANNING**
 - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:
 - PO0/E1375** Extensions to the existing bungalow to add an upper floor and single storey side and rear extensions at Briarwood, Pleck Lane, KB for Mr.Josef. Should be approved.
 - PO9/E1359** Minor demolition of existing external walls and roofs to accommodate single storey rear extension at Home Farm House, The Green, AR, for Mr.James Williams. Should be approved.
 - PO9/E1380/LD** Use of building as dwelling house and use of land as residential Cartilage at Icknield Nurseries, Kingston Stert, for Mrs.Tanya D’Onofrio. The Council supports this application and confirms the information contained therein is, to its knowledge accurate.
 - APP/Q3115/D/10/2120293** Appeal – Introduction of single roof light to rear of elevation at 6 Dashwood Court, AR. For Mr.and Mrs.Thackeray.
 - APP/Q3115/D/10/2120296** Appeal – Installation of two conservation roof lights to rear elevation at 6 Dashwood Court, AR.
 - APP/Q3115/D/10/2120300** Alteration to roof to rear elevation to introduce window at 6 Dashwood Court, AR.
 - APP/P10/E0025** Convert part of the garage into a home/study with associated alterations including new back door and the addition of a solar light/tunnel/dome. For Mr and Mrs Bernstein, Old Stocks, The Green, AR. Should be approved.
 - APP/P10/E0086** Two-storey extension to the rear of Upper Chalford Cottage, Chalford. For Mr and Mrs Lambert. Pending clarification of the footpath AR13.
 - APP/P10/E0143/CA** Demolition of garage and associate works for Mr.Butler, The Gables, Pleck Lane, KB. Circulating.
 - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** as follows were noted:
 - APP/P09/E1296** Two-storey rear extension together with the removal of outbuildings at Oxford Lodge, London Road, Lewknor. Should be refused.

- c) Green Infrastructure Strategy Consultation from S.O.D.C.Circulating.
- d) Letter from Legal and Democratic Services, S.O.D.C. re Referral of planning applications to the planning committee. To be circulated. Cllr.Beechey expressed his concern that once again more power is being given to the Officers and not the elected representatives.
- e) Proposed Gypsy Site A.40. The Chairman updated members regarding this.
- f) Correspondence and e-mail from Lucy Murfett at SODC advising that we would be consulted at all times on the Gypsy Site Consultation.
- g) Re: Planning Applications. Cllr.Gibbons proposed, Cllr.Hetherington Seconded and it was unanimously agreed that all planning applications should firstly always be given to the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

7. FINANCE

- a) The following payments to be noted:

	£	p
Clerk – salary December		
W.M.Nairn – Maintenance of tubs x 5 in December	60	00
Ridgeway Woodlands – Church Lane tree works	471	50
Hillwerke Recreational Trust – hire of hall	135	50
- b) The following payments were approved.

Safe and Sound Playgrounds	3946	80
Sow N Sow – Maintenance of Tubs – January	60	00
Parchment – Re-print of Walks booklets	395	40
Oxfordshire Playing Fields Assn.Sub.	32	00
S.O.D.C. Dog Bin emptying	411	93
Chiltern Conservation Conference fee	15	00
- c) Receipts as follows to be noted:

Walks Booklets	16	00
S.O.D.C.Street Cleansing payment	195	24
- d) The current financial situation :

Barclays Bank – Community Account		
Barclays Bank Business Premium Account		
National Savings	10,491.	42
Village Hall Sinking Fund		
Play Area Sinking Fund		
Play Area Sinking Fund – Capital	(1858.	70)
Cash	10.	21
- e) Notification of Hillwerke Trust
Increased hire charges for KB Village Hall as from January 2010 noted.
- f) Parish Council web site. It was unanimously decided that we would go Ahead with this by confirming our intent and taking the benefit of the introductory offer. Cllr.Armitage was requested to deal with this. Regarding the content this is awaiting the Clerk’s survey and contact with other local parishes.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Fly-tipping Information Pack from Oxfordshire Waste Partnership.

- b) Dog Fouling Signs – The Chairman reported that he had collected Twelve “Clean Up or Pay Up” signs from SODC. The KB Councillors and the Aston Rowant Councillors to liaise together for the best positioning sites and also confirm the type of post to be used so that the correct brackets can be obtained. When this has been done the Chairman will arrange to have them erected.
- c) A copy letter from three local landowners to Johnathan Beale, Countryside Services, OCC regarding the surfaces of Icknield Way and Church Lane. Cllr.Hetherington to contact Johnathan Beale to ascertain his response. Letter to be circulated.
- d) Letter from S.O.D.C. regarding Dog Bin collections. To be circulated.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS

10. HILLWERKE TRUST

11. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

12. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Cllr.Hetherington to represent the Council at the Chiltern Area Conference on the 25th February 2010.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Health News Oxfordshire – NHS issue 4. Circulated.
- b) ORCC Review Autumn/Winter 2009 – Issue 6. Circulated.
- c) The Clerk – January 2010. Circulated.
- d) Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2010. Circulated.
- e) Barclays Bank re invoice factoring for Safe and Sound Playgrounds. The Clerk has responded.
- f) Make A Connection Community Lead Planning Event. To be Circulated.
- g) ORCC 90th Birthday Event. To be circulated.
- h) Oxford Brookes University. Re Parish Notes Newsletter. To be circulated.

14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

None given.

15. OTHER URGENT MATTERS

**16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 10th MARCH 2010
AT KINGSTON BLOUNT VILLAGE HALL AT 7-45 P.M.**

11.02.2010

Aston Rowant Parish Council.

Jill Beechey

**Acting Clerk to the
Council.**