

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 9th February, 2011.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. G. Crossley (hospital appointment) and J. Knight (on holiday):
also D/Cllr. D. Brown and C/Cllr. R. Belson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th January, 2011, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - Cllr. Beechey thanked members for their best wishes.
5. **OPEN FORUM** - Items of interest to member of the public present were discussed under item 12a.
6. **PLANNING**

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

P10/E1930 Two storey extension at 1 Aston Park, A.R., for Mr. A. Summons. *No strong views.*

P10/E1930 – 1 Aston Park, A.R. **amended drawings, for information only.** Noted.

P10/E1932 Conversion of the old barn from a storage area into a dwelling. To include a new floor in the living area, thermal upgrades to the building fabric and other additional alterations. At Copcourt Manor, Thame Road. *Should be approved.*

P11/E0056/LD The use of the outbuilding as an annex to the dwelling house does not constitute development at Icknield Nurseries, Kingston Stert, for Mrs. Tanya D’Onofrio. *A letter of support for Mrs. D’Onofrio. giving information concerning the occupation and use of the land during the last ten years, is to be sent to S.O.D.C.*

P11/E0064 Single and two-storey extensions, and front porch at 3 Plowden Park, A.R. for Mr. and Mrs. P. Brine. *Should be approved.*

P11/E0097 Two storey side extension and single storey garage extension at 10 The Rise, K.B. for Mr. C. Musgrove. *Should be approved.*

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

P10/E 1134/RET Roofing to cover garden area at Kingston Blount Village Hall, Bakers Piece, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*

7. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk – December salary		
Mike Henson Presentations Ltd. – website	17.63	
P. Hetherington – token of thanks to parishioner for her work on flower tubs	6.39	
P. Gibbons – bags of salt for road	23.15	

b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – January salary		
S.O.D.C. – dog hygiene bin emptying	57.09	
Bucks. Recycling Ltd. – skip for allotments	192.00	
The Chilterns Conservation Board – conference fee	13.50	
J. Carter – for litter pick expenses	25.00	

c) Receipts as follows were noted

Interest, National Savings Account	403.84	
A. Murray – donation towards path improvement	500.00	

d) The current financial situation as at 28/01/2011:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	12908.41	
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5082.88	

National Savings		10895.26
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(4810.75)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(599.50)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(4215.65)	
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)	
Ditches Sinking Fund	(880.00)	
Trees & Footpaths Maintenance SF	(1307.70)	
Traffic and Environmental Fund	(5524.69)	
VAS Maintenance SF	(2000.00)	
Cash		6.00

- e) It was agreed not to make a donation to Ryder-Cheshire Volunteers, Oxfordshire.
- f) Cars to school problems and damage to the Village Green surrounds – dealt with under item 12a.
- g) It was agreed not to make a donation to Ronnie’s Journey ‘Step by Step’.
- h) It was agreed not to made a donation to Sue Ryder, Nettlebed Hospice.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Arrangements for the Kingston Blount Street Fayre, 14th May, 2011, were noted. Cllr. Gibbons is to make an official request for £500 from the Fayre towards the cost of footpath repairs in the Parish.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS – No report.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) it was noted the Hall Committee has agreed not to charge for use of the small hall for Parish Council meetings. The Council will pay for hire of the big hall.

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

- a) School’s plan to enlarge its property. Mr. Adam Bernstein, a school Governor, informed the Council that the school is purchasing an adjacent field for use as a playing field.

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) The Moors Path and upgrade of footpath across Aston Rowant Green.
 - i) The quote received from Kavan Ring of £1490.00 for surface improvement works for the Moors footpath, section 1, was approved.
 - ii) Quote for work from the Cricket Field to the School, at a cost of £200-£250 plus cost of plannings at approx £15/tonne, was approved. (Section 2)
 - iii) A quote of £800 for work on verge and supply and installation of oak bollards is to be discussed by Cllr. Gibbons with Cllr. Knight.
 - iv) A quote of £75.00 for work on area opposite Aston Turn was approved. It was also agreed to get drain and pipe blown through.
 - v) The quote of £3890 for work on path across Aston Green (Section 3) was discussed. Cllr. Hetherington is to liaise with O.C.C. on this quotation. Also breakdown of quote to be obtained, and quotes from other sources.
- b) News of the Woods issue 46 Winter 2010/11 – noted.
- c) Report on FAAG meeting was given by Cllr. Hetherington. There is to be a Historical Walk on 5th June.

Regarding the proposed footway between Kingston Blount and Chinnor, John Howell, our local MP, has suggested a loan be obtained from S.O.D.C. D/Cllr. Brown is to be contacted. Cllr Hetherington proposed the footway should continue to the bus stop on the A40 near Lewknor.

Cllr. Hetherington suggested more bulbs should be planted in the Parish. He has asked FAAG members for ideas on environmental improvements. He is to contact Kavan Ring re the bank at The Rise, K.B.

13 CORRESPONDENCE as follows has been circulated and noted:

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct January 2011
- b) Chilterns Buildings Design Awards 2011 – Invitation to nominate schemes
- c) The Clerk January 2011
- d) Electoral Review of Oxfordshire – to be put on agenda of March meeting.
- e) Letter from Continental Landscapes Ltd.
- f) The Playing Field, OPFA Newsletter, Winter 2010/11 and OPFA Annual Report 2009-10.
- g) Letter from John Howell, MP, re access to broadband and mobile phone networks was passed to Cllr. Armitage.
- h) Letter from O.C.C. re Oxfordshire Play Space Survey 2011 – passed to Play Area Cttee.

14 WEBSITE

- a) Updating contract – document from Mike Henson – to be put on agenda of March meeting.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – None received.

16 OTHER MATTERS

- a) Michelle, who is a PCSO in the Parish, will become a Police Constable at the end of July.
- b) Thames Water has agreed to fund a scheme to improve sewage problems in Sydenham.
- c) It was agreed to liaise with Chinnor Parish Council and send another joint letter to O.C.C. re altering SatNav directions for lorries going to Thame.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 9th March, 2011, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN