

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 8th February, 2012.

Present: Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey, G. Crossley, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington and P. Rooksby. Also present; D/Cllr. D. Brown 4 members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. J. Knight and C/Cllr. Wilmshurst.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** Cllr. Beechey item - 6a, P11/E2139; Cllr. Crossley – Item 9a; Cllr. Gibbons – item 6c.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th January, 2012, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** None.
5. **OPEN FORUM**

Nicholas Hill from Kingston Blount and David Brown from Aston Rowant addressed the Council on the closure of the Cherry Tree public house in the High Street, Kingston Blount. They wished to look at the possibility of the Parish Council buying the public house from the brewery, which they felt would result in it being an asset for the parish and for the benefit of the community. The premises would then be rented out as a free house and a reasonable level of rent from the tenant would cover the loan repayments. After discussion the Council agreed, without making any commitment, that a group of interested people should carry out some further research into the matter and then come back to the Parish Council with a proposal, which would be considered.

6. PLANNING

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

P11/E2128 Two storey side extension. New detached garage at 10 The Rise, K.B. for Mr. Brian Guyver. *Should be approved.*

P11/E2139 Three replacement dwellings at Parkwood Stud, Aston Park, A.R. for Ms. K. McArdle. Letters from residents were considered. **Cllr. Beechey declared an interest in this application.** *Should be refused*

P11/E2144 Single storey rear extension at Rose Cottage, Pleck Lane, K.B. for Mrs. McQueen. *Should be approved.*

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

P11/E2005 Agricultural grain storage building at Hill Farm, Christmas Common Road, Stokenchurch. *Planning Permission granted.*

P11/2059 Single storey rear extension at Hillside Cottage, Aston Hill, Lewknor. *Planning Permission granted.*

c) Letter from Planning, S.O.D.C. re **P11/E2147/LDP** at Pine Cottage, Pleck Lane, K.B.

Cllr. Gibbons declared an interest in this application. The contents of the letter were noted.

d) Reply from Planning, S.O.D.C. re P11/E1495 was read by the Clerk, who will send the letter to all members.

e) A guide to Neighbourhood Planning – booklet from CPRE and NALC. To be circulated.

f) **P11/E2086** Planning application re Cattle Market site, Thame. As the Council was not consulted on this application, Cllr. Beechey is to compose a letter to be sent to S.O.D.C.

g) Letter from Planning Services re Mid Examination Publication on Schedule of Main Modificatiois for South Oxfordshire Submission Core Strategy. To be circulated.

7. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:

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Clerk – salary		
Post Office Ltd. (HM Revenue & Customs)	131.40	
OPFA Membership renewal	35.00	

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Clerk to the Council

Mh-p – Updating Plan K, Live News, Planning, website.	612.00
P. Gibbons – stationery, etc.	25.00
P. Hetherington – gift (cash payment)	7.49
O.A.L.C. – course fee	66.00
b) The following payments were approved	
Clerk – salary	
Kavan Ring – Playing Field works	1500.00
c) Receipts as follows were noted	
HM Revenue and Customs – VAT reimbursement	4181.22
Kingston Blount Farms – rent, Poors Hillock	106.00
d) The current financial situation as at 30 th January, 2012:	
Barclays Bank – Community Account	10756.59
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5086.66
National Savings	10895.26
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(6035.41)
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(1252.90)
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(4438.95)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(2913.74)
VAS Maintenance Fund	(538.00)
Cash	4.47
e) Thank you letter from Jenny Flynn, Churchwarden, was read and noted.	

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Litter picker – an advertisement for two litter pickers is to be put in the Parish Notes.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS

a) Appointment of Trustees. The Clerk gave a brief report on the history of Poors Hillock and the position of Trustees. Mr. Ray Hipkin and Mrs. Alex Green gave a report on the position as at present and on proposed meeting with the Allotments Association. It was proposed by Cllr. Hetherington, seconded by Cllr. Beechey, that the Council should hold a Sinking Fund for Poors Hillock, which will be for a sum of £1500.00, including £106.00 annual rent received from Mr. Clark for use of part of the field. This was agreed unanimously. **Cllr. Crossley declared an interest in this item.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Beechey, seconded by Cllr. Hetherington that Alex Green, Colin Grenville and Ray Hipkin be appointed as Trustees of Poors Hillock as from now; the proposal was agreed unanimously. The Clerk is to inform the Charity Commission. The name of this item on future agendas is to be changed to Poors Hillock Charity.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) Litter bin. Cllr. Gibbons stated the Chair of the Play Area Management Committee does not want a new bin.

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – No report.

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Leaning wall, Aston Rowant green. – This matter is being dealt with by the owner and his insurers.
- b) It was agreed to accept a quote of £550.00 plus VAT for path clearance alongside Church Lane, A.R.
- c) A quote for resurfacing part of AR7, adjacent to the cricket pitch, with Coxwell at a cost of £1190.00 plus VAT was proposed by Cllr. Hetherington and seconded by Cllr. Beechey. As the money is in the Footpaths fund, it was agreed to accept this quote.
- d) Cllr. Hetherington outlined the results of his meetings with the National Trust warden

regarding Aston Wood, at the top of Aston Hill. He has been working with the warden on improvements to gain access and amenities in the wood which is accessed from the layby on the A.40. The National Trust also agreed to open up the Permissive Old Turnpike footpath through Juniper Bank on the opposite side of the A40 by signing it at both ends with clear NT information and arrows.

13 CORRESPONDENCE as follows was noted: also to be circulated.

- a) Letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission re Electoral Review of Oxfordshire: Final Recommendations
- b) Letter from ORCC Trading Ltd. Re Best ever oil prices and free memberships.
- c) The Clerk magazine, January 2012.
- d) O.C.C. – draft Equality Policy 2012-2017 consultation.
- e) Letter from S.O.D.C. re Reviews of District Councillor numbers – briefing session 29/2/12.
- f) Letter from The High Sheriff of Oxfordshire re nomination for High Sheriff's Award.
- g) Memorial Service for Roger Belson – Cllr. Knight is to attend on behalf of the Council.

14 WEBSITE

- a) Cllr. Gibbons is to contact the editor of the Parish Notes regarding putting the Notes on the Council website.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

A report from D/Cllr. Brown was circulated.

16 OTHER MATTERS

- a) Cllr. Beechey had attended a New Policing Seminar; a booklet is to be circulated.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 14th March, 2012, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN