

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 13th February, 2013.

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

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. R. Armitage, Cllr. P. Rooksby (holiday), D. Cllr. D. Brown and C/Cllr. C Newton
- 2) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Gordon Crossley for Planning Application P12/S2796/FUL.
- 3) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 16th January, 2013, were approved and signed.**
- 4) **MATTERS ARISING** - None
- 5) **OPEN FORUM** – 7 members of the public were present: Matt Day, Ken Partner, Andrew Spiller, Tim Head, Heather Holt, Jo Jeffries and Warren Jeffries.
- 6) **PLANNING**
 - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:

P12/S2796/FUL Demolition of existing 15 flats and erection of 6 flats (4 x 2bed & 2 x 1bed) and 6 semi detached houses (4 x 3bed & 2 x 2bed) with associated bin/bicycle store and garden sheds at Bakers Piece House, Bakers Piece, K.B. for Soha Housing Ltd. Letters from parishioners were considered and members of the public present put forward their objections.- *Should be refused for the following reasons:*

- Overdevelopment
- Not allocated enough parking spaces
- Overlooking issues
- Sustainability

A report will be submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council on 19/02/13.

P13/S0084/FUL Planning permission is sought for one 15KW wind turbine at Spencers Farm, Marsh End, Tetsworth, for Mr. D. Nixey. - Application has been withdrawn. Thanks were given by Elizabeth-Sara Fox, especially to Cllr Gibbons and Matt Day.

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

P12/S1967/HH Replace existing single storey side and rear extensions with two storey extensions with attached carport and annex (as amended) at Field House, Chinnor Road, A.R. *Planning Permission granted.*

- c) Resignation of Cllr. David Beechey; appointment of new Chair of Planning Committee. – Cllr J. Knight to write a letter to David, thanking him for his services rendered. A request for £25.00 as a parting gift was approved. Appointment of new Chair of Planning Committee will be discussed at March's meeting.
- d) Sydenham/Kingston Blount sewage problems – Cllr Gibbons showed a map of the sewage problems. He explained that there will be a pumping station (to be completed by the end of the summer). Application should be made by April.
- e) Community Governance Review – S.O.D.C. - *Noted*

7. FINANCE

- a) a) The following payments were noted:

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Buryhook Countryside Management	120.00	
Clerk – November salary		
Post Office Ltd (for HMRC)	80.60	
Chinnor Royal British Legion for wreath	50.00	
- b) The following payments were approved:

Clerk – January salary		
Stephanie Johns – salary		
Jill Beechey – acting Clerk	30.00	
O.P.F.A. – course fee	20.00	

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O.A.L.C. – training course fee	72.00
S.L.C.C. – membership subscription	75.00
P.Gibbons – 20 bags of rock salt	120.00
Chilterns Conservation Board – attendance at Access Conf.	18.00

c) Receipt as follows were noted: None

d) The current financial situation as at 30th January, 2013:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	7287.92
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	1088.22
National Savings	10917.05
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(- 274.59)
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2816.90)
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(2170.95)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(3926.38)
VAS Maintenance Fund	(538.00)
Poors Hillock Admin. Sinking Fund	(250.00)
Cash	0.98

e) Payroll Services for Town and Parish Councils – Stephanie Johns to speak to Diane Malley and discuss with Brenda Wilson.

f) Request for donation from Oxfordshire Playbus – *Declined as not in the Parish*

g) Mileage for Peter Gibbons – *Not to be taken*

h) To approve quote from J & S Contractors of £2180.00 plus VAT for resurfacing access. – *Approved.*

8. HIGHWAYS

a) Salt – Salt bins have been requested. No decision made. To be added to the agenda for March.

b) Litter picker – Following Lucy Grenville’s resignation, an advertisement is to be put onto the website and Notice boards.

9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY

a) Trustee Colin Grenville. – Brenda Wilson has written to the Council informing them that he will be moving away.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST - None

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – A letter has been sent to the school informing them that the Parish Council will continue to use the school for occasional meetings.

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

a) Report from Cllr. Hetherington – Awaiting a grant from TOE2. The inspector has been out and is very keen. Approval is needed from the landowner, though it has been received verbally. Jonathan Beale and a contractor have a meeting on 18/02/13 to give their final approval of their support. The meeting for TOE2’s approval is being held on 28/02/13. S. Johns is to write to the school to see if they would support the children’s involvement in a campaign to reduce the speed limit in Aston Rowant Village to 20 mph by way of ‘cautionary’ signs.

The Parish Walks were very well supported with 24 in attendance.

b) Horses have been seen trotting on the footpath, close to the cricket pitch which badly damages the surface. S.Johns to write to the 3 stables asking that people from the stables who ride, refrain from trotting on the path.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from OCC re Oxfordshire Parish Councils – contact details 2013 – Brenda Wilson to write and advise the new Parish Clerk details.

b) OPFA newsletter winter 2013 – *Passed to Jo Gent*

c) SODC Chairman’s Charity Dinner – 5th April. - *Nobody to attend*

14 WEBSITE - None

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - None

16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman

- a) Parish Councillor Vacancy – To be added to the agenda for March 2013
- b) Broadband – P. Gibbons reported on the meeting at Chalgrove. Another meeting is to be held on 19th February 2013.
- c) New Clerk email address – S.Johns to set up new Parish Clerk email address:
clerk@astonrowant.org.uk

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 13th March, 2013, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN