

# ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

**Present:** Cllrs. R. Armitage, G. Crossley, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington, J. Knight and P. Rooksby. Also present; C/Cllr. C. Newton.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Beechey (unwell); D. Cllr. D. Brown
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - None
5. **OPEN FORUM** –No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**
  - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:  
**P12/S1967/HH Amended plans for information only** for Field House, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant – *Noted.*
  - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** – No decisions from S.O.D.C. were received.
  - c) Proposed redevelopment of Sheltered Scheme at Baker's Piece, Kingston Blount. – No plans have been received; developments from Soha are awaited.

## 7. FINANCE

- a) The following payments were noted:

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Buryhook Countryside Management – grass cutting, etc.	540.00	
Poor's Hillock Trust – rent repayment	106.00	
SODC dog bin emptying	170.78	
P. Hetherington – expenses/travel	46.50	
P. Gibbons – expenses	27.95	
- b) The following payments were approved:

Buryhook Countryside Management	120.00	
Clerk – November salary		
Post Office – Income Tax payment	80.60	
- c) Receipt as follows noted:

Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	0.14	
O.C.C. – grant (to go into Trees, Footpaths and Env. Fund)	2000.00	
- d) The current financial situation as at 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2012:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	5723.19	
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	(1926.38)	
VAS Maintenance Fund	(538.00)	
Poors Hillock Admin. Sinking Fund	(250.00)	
Cash		0.98
- e) It was proposed by Cllr. Knight and seconded by Cllr. Armitage that £500.00 be allocated from the Trees, Footpaths and Environment Fund to the project for which the £2000.00 grant has been received from O.C.C., i.e. the NT/Natural England circular walk project. This was agreed unanimously.
- f) It was agreed not to make a donation to Enric (formerly Leonard Cheshire Homes).
- g) It was noted Cllr. Gibbons has scanned and posted the Precept for 2013/2014 to S.O.D.C.

## 8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Cllr. Gibbons has sent a plan of Kingston Blount footpaths to Brian Hutton, outlining

those owned by the Parish Council.

**9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY** – No report

**10 HILLWERKE TRUST** – No report

**11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL**

a) Aston Rowant new school hall – the Clerk is to write to the Headteacher stating the Parish Council will continue to use the school for occasional meetings of the Council.

**12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES**

Cllr. Hetherington gave an update on proposed work on footpaths, etc. He stated the new notice board will be positioned under the existing Parish Council one at Aston Rowant church. He informed the Council the Moors footpath is to be raked and re-rolled alongside the cricket pitches where it has become uneven.

**13 CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Cllr. Gibbons's Chairman's report for the Parish Notes was approved.

b) A letter via email from the new Police Superintendent was noted.

**14 WEBSITE**

a) It was agreed to publicise Facebook in the Parish Notes; Cllr. Armitage suggested the Council has a Facebook page. He also gave details of a programme which gives information on a map of the Parish. The purchase of Parish on Line was approved at a cost of £40.00.

**15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** were received. Report from D/Cllr. Brown is attached. C/Cllr. Newton reported the finances of O.C.C. will not be finalised until February. The Community Budget, plus possible others, is to go.

**16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman**

a) The Council has written regarding the naming of the new County Council ward for our area

b) Cllr. Knight reported the Aston Rowant Parish Feter may not take place this year; a meeting is to be held to discuss this.

c) Cllr. Rooksby reported the M40 group is sending out surveys and fund raising for proposed improvements to the M40.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.**

**CHAIRMAN**