

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 14th January 2015.

Present: Cllrs. A. Green, G. Crossley, M. Day, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington, J Knight & P. Rooksby

APOLOGIES: None

1) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None

2) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 10th December 2014, were approved and signed.**

3) **MATTERS ARISING** –

a) Arbitrators for Lewknor Parish Council.- *Further to a request from Lewknor Parish Council, it was agreed that 2 or 3 Councillors from Aston Rowant Parish Council would act as arbitrators for Lewknor Parish Council in the event of a dispute between their Councillors and employees. This agreement would be mirrored by Lewknor Parish Council in the event of a dispute between the Councillors and employees of Aston Rowant Parish Council. The Clerk is to advise Lewknor Parish Council of this agreement.*

4) **OPEN FORUM** – 5 members of the public were present – Yvonne McQueen, Susan Greenhalgh, Peter Tinson, Terry Warmbier & Sheila Reynolds

5) **PLANNING**

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

None - Noted

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

P14/S3499/FUL Resubmission of planning permission P10/E1932 and P10/E1933/LB). Conversion of the old barn from a storage area into a dwelling. To include a new floor in the living area, thermal upgrade to the building fabric & other additional alternations at Copcourt Manor, Thame Road, Copcourt, OX9 7DE – Approved - Noted

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b) Consultation on the Government's intentions to modernise parish poll regulations – *This was noted and an agreement made not to publish the consultation document. A Parish Poll would be highly unlikely and very costly to the Parish Council.*

c) Mobile phone base station upgrade works – *Noted. This is a 3G upgrade for Telefonica with a view to upgrading to 4G.*

d) Speed surveys in KB and AR – *Parishioner Shelia Reynolds requested the Parish Council support in preparing a business case with the intention of asking the County Council for funding to provide traffic calming measures on the High Street, Kingston Blount following the most recent incident where her wall was knocked down (again) by a speeding vehicle. Councillor Day had already requested funds for a traffic survey from OCC but there are no funds available so the Councillors agreed to support the initiative. The following points were discussed and agreed, consulting with parishioners at all points:*

i) *Survey the speed and volume in 3 or 4 (1 for free) locations*

ii) *Ask OCC to help assess the data and assist in a suitable proposal that would reduce speeds and make road safe. Cllr. Day will ask a highways engineer if he can do some pro bono work as well.*

iii) *Get costs for work*

iv) *Write up a plan that we can use to raise funds from CIL or other source*

The concept is to look at the whole of the high street in KB village, not just the site of the damaged wall, with a view to reduce speeds and / or make the roads safer for all

The Clerk is to email Mark Francis (Senior Traffic Technician) / Lex Macfarlane (Local Highways Representative) to find out why the hedge on the B4009 in Kingston Blount by the chicane has still not been cut back as this is forcing traffic into the middle of the road. The Clerk will also email the Police Chief Constable to ask about the mobile speed van & whether they can monitor traffic going into and out of the village.

6) **FINANCE**

a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk November Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	78.20	
Mh-p Internet Ltd (Domaine renewal)	19.18	
AMF Electrical (Defibrillator Installation)	65.00	
Dog Bin Emptying	87.91	
SLCC (Annual Subscription)	103.00	

Ridgeway Woodlands	108.00
b) The following payments were approved:	
Clerk December Salary	
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	69.20
S Johns (Chalk Spray for Dog Foul Deterrent)	15.19
P. Hetherington mileage Expenses	33.15
Ridgeway Woodlands	138.00
Alice Surman (Litter)	24.76
c) Receipts as follows were noted:	
W Hillwerke Trust – Village hall Rent	20.00
Interest (Savers Account)	0.14
d) The current financial situation as at 30 th December 2014:	
Barclays Bank – Community Account	7490.89
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	1089.35
National Savings	11058.12
Village Hall Reserve fund	(1230)
Play Area Reserve Fund	(5250)
Parish Notes Reserve Fund	(1000)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Reserve Fund	(2180)
Cash	1.19

e) Budget 2014/2015 – v8 December 2014 - *Noted*

8) **HIGHWAYS** – *The B4009 Road grills are to be fitted in February 2015.*

9) **POORS HILLOCK CHARITY**

10) **HILLWERKE TRUST**

a) CCTV – *Councillor Crossley is to research the feasibility and whether prosecutions have happened on the back of CCTV evidence. Concern was raised about the legalities of recording a childrens' playground.*

11) **ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL** – *None - Noted*

12) **FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES**

a) Report from Cllr. P. Hetherington – *None - Noted*

b) Dog mess – *The Clerk gave out a number of yellow chalk spray cans for dog walkers to spray on dog foul in the Parish as it proved to be an effective deterrent in Watlington. The results will be discussed at the meeting in April.*

13) **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Clerks & Councils Direct – *January 2015 - Noted*

14) **WEBSITE**

a) Item for amendment on the website – *None.*

15) **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** - *None*

16) **OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman** – *None*

17) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – **Wednesday, 11th February 2015 at Kingston Blount Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

CHAIRMAN