

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 10th January 2018 in Kingston Blount Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. M. Day, L. French, P. Hetherington, T. Hill, S. Sowerby & P. Tinson (Chair).

APOLOGIES: None

- 1) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – *None.*
- 2) **MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th December 2017, were approved and signed.**
- 3) **CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR AND ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK** – *The Chairman welcomed Marcus Wodzynski to the meeting, who was co-opted onto the council following a unanimous vote by existing councillors and to fill the final vacancy on the PC. The Acceptance of Office was signed in the presence of the Clerk, and Register of Members Interests is to follow, for recording into public record.*
- 4) **MATTERS ARISING:** *A question was raised as to whether the clearing of the blocked culvert on the B4009 at the Stert Road/High Street junction, and the cutting back of the hedge at the High Street/Pleck Lane junction have been achieved yet. Cllr. Hill advised not, but would be followed up as a matter of urgency. It was noted that the culvert was not as bad as when blocked 4 or 5 years ago, but preventative action should be taken soon to avoid such a situation recurring.*
- 5) **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** – *Circulated to all councillors by email – no matters arising.*
- 6) **OPEN FORUM** – *15 members of the public attended with specific interest in planning applications P16/S0894/FUL, P17S4277/HH & P17/S4288/HH as below, together with 3 representatives from the development team relating to the Hill Cottage Application(s). Henry Venners from JPPC ran through details of the two applications and then fielded questions from parishioners. It was clear there is considerable feeling locally and concerns were raised mainly to do with the proposed new access via a one-track, privately owned lane (multiple ownership), the existing dangerous access onto the B4009 and the loss of an historically important Anglo-Saxon enclosure field within a conservation area, which is also an important habitat for many species of wildlife. The field is one of 4 original enclosures, one of which has already been "lost" and is highlighted as a green space which should be protected on the embryonic Neighbourhood Plan which is still being developed. Once lost, this amenity cannot be replaced.*
- 7) **PLANNING**
 - i. **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:
 - P16/S0894/FUL** – Amendment No.5 to plans for replacement pavilion building, storage, car park and disabled car park, cricket nets, relocation of existing 2 flag poles, score box, and installation of two new electronic scoreboards etc. for Aston Rowant Cricket Club.
*A public meeting was held on 4th January with Paul Humphreys, Chairman of ARCC (details posted to KBAR by ARPC Chairman), at which various concerns were addressed and it was agreed that further amendments may be suitable. In the meantime, as it stands, the current amendment is too similar to previous submissions and, as such the PC felt there was no option but to continue to recommend refusal until these further concerns have been addressed. **SHOULD BE REFUSED.***
 - P17/S4277/HH** - Demolition of existing single-storey side extension, construction of new single-storey rear extension at Beacon Cottage Aston Hill near Aston Rowant OX49 5SD. **SHOULD BE APPROVED.**
 - P17/S4235/FUL** - Proposed conversion of existing buildings via adaptation and partial demolition to create new dwelling & provision of new garage at buildings adjoining Hill Cottage High Street Kingston Blount OX39 4SJ. See agenda point 6 above. **SHOULD BE REFUSED.**
 - P17/4288/FUL** - Demolition of Hill Cottage and stable. Erection of new detached dwelling.
*Provision of new approach drive. Landscaping, fencing and other related works at Hill Cottage High Street Kingston Blount OX39 4SJ. As above – **SHOULD BE REFUSED.***
 - P17/S4403/DIS** - Discharge of condition 4 - tree protection on application ref. P15/S3902/HH Single storey pool/leisure outbuilding with pitched roof at The White House Aston Hill, OX49 5SG. **SHOULD BE APPROVED**
 - P17/S4436/PDA** - Change of use from light industrial to residential (8 flats) at Pinnacle Tooling Limited, Aston Hill, OX49 5SG. Paperwork only received from SODC on 8th January. For information only, but circulated to councillors at meeting in case an application follows.

P17/S4443/FUL - First floor rear extension over existing, single storey rear extension. Conservatory extension to rear, change of use from A4 (public house) to C1/A3 (bed and breakfast and cafe) at The Cherry Tree Park Lane Kingston Blount. Paperwork only received from SODC on 8th January so circulated to councillors at meeting.

- ii. **Decisions** of S.O.D.C. as follows were noted:
None.

8) FINANCE

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| i. The following payments were noted (Costs include VAT): | | |
| Clerk November Salary | | |
| HMRC/P.A.Y.E re: clerk November salary | | |
| Royal British Legion | | 50.00 |
| Mike Eaton (Planting at Fiveways) | | 73.50 |
| Hillwerke Trust | | 68.00 |
| ii. Receipts as follows to be noted: | | |
| Hillwerke Trust (V/Hall rent) | | 20.00 |
| iii. The following payments were approved (Costs include VAT): | | |
| Clerk December Salary | | |
| HMRC/P.A.Y.E re: clerk December salary | | |
| P Hetherington (M&S card payment for S.Coulon Xmas) | | 11.20 |
| Shelley Signs (Graffiti Removal) | | 24.00 |
| Local Council Public Advisory Service (Reissued-Chq 101658, incorrect payee) | | 30.00 |
| Robyn Leinster (Re-issue of cheque 101619) | | 50.64 |
| iv. Letter to Barclays signed by a signatory, putting a stop on cheque 101619 above (lost by payee). | | |
| v. The current financial situation as at 31st December 2017: | | |
| Barclays Bank – Community Account | 23788.92 | |
| Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account | 1090.47 | |
| National Savings | 11224.62 | |
| Village Hall Reserve fund | (690) | |
| Play Area Reserve Fund | (56) | |
| Parish Notes Reserve Fund | (1000) | |
| Neighbourhood Plan Reserve | (4685) | |
| Traffic Calming | (1840) | |
| Trees, Footpaths & Environment Reserve Fund | (2140) | |
| vi. Budget 2017/8 v9. Noted. | | |

9) HIGHWAYS: - Nothing to report.

10) HILLWERKE TRUST – Nothing to report as the Trust has not had a meeting.

11) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Cllrs. Sowerby & Tinson reported:

- i. Further to December minutes, comments received from other sources regarding lack of minutes from NP committee on ARPC web-site. December minutes received and posted and January minutes currently in draft form, but gap from May – November 2017 needs addressing, particularly in view of public consultations & meetings which occurred during that period. Cllr. Tinson in discussion with NP committee to address this.
- ii. Cllr. Sowerby reported that assessments of all sites proposed via the public consultations in June would be occurring during the weekend of 13/4 January (40+ sites), with results to be graded in order of relevance thereafter, ie: should be protected, or possibility for future development.
- iii. It was reported following the NP meeting on 9th January that the possibility to extend the Chinnor & P.Risborough railway to Aston Rowant had been discussed, to alleviate traffic concerns due to the proposed expansion of Princes Risborough, and current building in Chinnor. This would probably involve re-building of the halt station, but is only a possibility at this stage.

12) KINGSTON BLOUNT PLAYGROUND – Nothing to report.

13) ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – Head-Teachers report received and circulated to all councillors. No matters arising.

14) GRASS CUTTING & GENERAL PARISH MAINTENANCE: – Nothing to report, other than at Minute Point 4 above (matters arising from December minutes). Cllr. Hill to follow through accordingly.

15) ASTON ROWANT CRICKET CLUB – See Planning application details at minute point 7i above.

16) FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES GROUP (FAAG) - Cllr. Hetherington reported:

- i. Re: the potential permissive footpath to Crowell. A further meeting is to be arranged with the landowner(s) to discuss legal matters before moving forward.
- ii. There is still an issue with horses using the refurbished Moors footpath, and efforts continue to try and resolve.
- iii. Re: village salt bins. The clerk reported that OCC have emailed to advise they will be undertaking a re-fill of the bins for any interested parish and we replied accordingly. In the meantime, Cllr. Sowerby will still arrange purchase of a lesser amount than originally planned from Blanchfords, to be held in reserve.

17) CORESPONDENCE: - None.

18) OTHER MATTERS & WRITTEN REPORTS: –

- i. Christmas meal for the councillors -a date is to be arranged before the end of January.
- ii. Cllr. Hill requested planning applications should be circulated in opaque files in order to ensure confidentiality. Approval was given for the clerk to purchase suitable new folders, either opaque plastic, or heavy-duty A4 card envelopes.

19) OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman – None.

20) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 14th February 2018 in Kingston Blount Village Hall at 7.30pm.

CHAIRMAN