

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 14th July, 2010.

Present: Cllrs. D. Beechey (in the Chair), G. Crossley and P. Rooksby.

Also present; D/Cllr. D. Brown

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Armitage (holiday), Gibbons (holiday), Hetherington (holiday) and J. Knight (personal reason). Also C/Cllr. Belson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th June, 2010, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) Re item 8a, Cllr. Rooksby is unable to attend the meeting with Thames Water on 16th July.
5. **OPEN FORUM** – No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**
 - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:
 - P10/E0757** Erection of a single storey extension to provide a wheelchair accessible Disabled WC and a Kitchenette at St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Church Lane, A.R. for the PCC. *Should be approved.* Cllrs. Armitage and Knight declared an interest.
 - P10/E0846** Removal of condition 2 on Planning Permission P08/E1275/RET (That prior to the first occupation of the dwelling known as unit 2, the first floor window in the rear (SE) facing elevation closest to Spring Bank shall be fitted with obscure glazing and as a fixed shut unit without hinges and handles or other elements which could facilitate its opening...) – to open the fixed shut window. At Hill Crest Cottage, Brook Street, K.B. for Mrs. C. Lambert. *Should be refused – condition 2 should remain.*
 - P10/E0869/LB** Replacement of existing window opening with new door opening in lounge. Inserting new fireplace into lounge. At Copcourt Manor, Thame, OX9 7DE, for Mrs. Kent. *Should be approved.*
 - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** as follows to be noted:
 - P10/E556** Front porch at Upper Chalford Cottage, Chalford. *Planning Permission granted.*
 - P10/E0583** Removal of outbuildings. Part two storey, part single storey extension and front porch at 18 Icknield Close, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*
 - c) **P10/E0582** Erection of two storey extension at 1 Aston Park, A.R. – **application withdrawn by applicant.** Noted.
 - d) Letter from Wycombe D.C. re Delivery & Site Allocations Development Plan Document Update. Noted.

7. FINANCE

- a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk – salary		
Earth Anchors Ltd. – dog bin	274.89	
Safe and Sound Playground Equipment Ltd.	411.25	
Glynswood of Thame – Accounts Book	22.09	
Oxfordshire C.C. – payment towards VAS	2908.49	
P. Lambert – internal audit	87.50	
W.M.Nairn – flower tubs planting and maintenance	355.00	
M.K. Watts – playing field grass cutting	587.50	
- b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – salary		
Kavan Ring – mowing 24/5/10	230.00	

The Chiltern Society – membership	25.00
Computer Accessories – Printer ink	25.85
M.K. Watts – ground maintenance, June	235.00
Glynswood Print – envelopes (cash)	4.50
B.G.Hutton – installation of dog waste bin and signs	125.00
c) Receipts as follows were noted	
VAT refund	2114.88
Kingston Blount May Fayre – for AR Play Area	600.00
Walks books (cash)	4.00
d) The current financial situation as at 30/06/10:	
Barclays Bank – Community Account	11356.22
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5082.88
National Savings	10491.42
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(3779.75)
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2674.50)
Play Area Sinking Fund - capital	(3794.20)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1020.00)
Ditches Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Trees and Maintenance SF	(1000.00)
Traffic & Environmental Fund	(7524.69)
Cash	8.50
e) Parish Council website – The Clerk reported items were being put on the website but it was not yet up and running. It was proposed a date be set for the website to be fully operational.	
f) Flower tubs – Cllr. Beechey is to liaise with Cllr. Hetherington re a supplier of flowers for the tubs.	
g) Thank you letter from Thame & District C.A.B. was noted.	

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Aston Rowant Cricket Club signs – it was verbally agreed between Angela Murray and Cllr. Gibbons that:
- 1) There will be no advertising signs visible from the road, advertising will only be visible from within the ground.
 - 2) The only sign visible from the B4009/roads will be one, as we have already minuted, which will be of reasonable size saying ARCC with name and date of next game.
 - 3) If and when a planning application goes in for this sign to S.O.D.C. we as a parish council will ask for a condition that this be the only one visible from the B4009 road/roads and no advertising will be on it.
 - 4) We agreed the advertising sign with Talk Talk on will come down as soon as possible and Cllr. Gibbons will ring Malcolm Bowler asking him to install option 2 ARCC signs opposite the B4009 entrance, which Cllr. Gibbons has done.

This verbal agreement was ratified by the meeting.

- b) Potholes – it was noted an update of the situation had been received from O.C.C. Pleck Lane and Old Croft Close have been repaired; Cllr. Rooksby reported some potholes along the Postcombe road have been repaired too.
- c) Aston Green Drains renewal – It was noted that Mr. Chris Wraight has confirmed work will be done on Aston Rowant Green on 26th July and the footpath will not have to be closed. The contractor will fence it off from works so access is available.
- d) Footway, Chinnor to Kingston Blount. – This matter is to be discussed again at the September meeting of the Council.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS

a) Cllr. Crossley reported all the allotments have been taken up.

10 .HILLWERKE TRUST

a) Cllr. Crossley reported the hall is perpetually booked. One regular user wishes to extend their booking to one and a half days, a request which will be considered by the Hall committee. Prices for the hire of the hall have been revised.

11. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – No report.

12. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIE

a) Special Trees and Woods of the Chilterns final report – to be circulated.

13 .CORRESPONDENCE - all dealt with under other headings.

14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Report from D/Cllr. Brown is attached.

15. OTHER MATTERS

a) Cllr. Rooksby reported on the O.A.L.C. A.G.M. Play areas information will be passed to Play Area Committee.

b) Cllr. Beechey proposed any requests for finance should be brought to the October meeting of the Council, for further discussion before the December Meeting on the budget and precept. This proposal was agreed unanimously.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 8th September, 2010, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN