

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 13th July, 2011.

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

Also present; D/Cllr. D. Brown and C/Cllr. R. Belson.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey (holiday) and Hetherington (holiday).
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** Cllr. Crossley declared an interest in item 9(a).
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th June, 2011, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
5. **OPEN FORUM** – No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**
 - a) **Application** as follows was confirmed/discussed:

P11/E0950 Two storey rear extension. Raising roof above kitchen and forming of a rear facing dormer at Waverley, High Street, K.B., for Mr. and Mrs. N. Scorey. *Should be approved.*
 - b) **Decision of S.O.D.C.** as follows was noted:

P11/E0536 Single and two storey extensions, and front porch (as amended) at 3 Plowden Park, A.R. *Planning Permission Refused.*

7. FINANCE

- a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk – May salary		
M.K. Watts – May ground maintenance	240.00	
B.G. Hutton - Maintenance of gates, play area	38.00	
K. Ring – Moors Footpath, posts in A.R., etc.	3768.00	
- b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – June salary		
M.K. Watts – ground maintenance, June	240.00	
BDO LLP – Auditing the Annual Return	342.00	
B. Wilson – travel £43.92; postage £31.11; ink £17.85	92.88	
O.A.L.C. – training	96.00	
HM Revenue & Customs – Income Tax	131.40	
Kavan Ring – Moors footpath and grass maintenance	510.00	
Gopack – tables, Village Hall	579.41	
- c) Receipts as follows were noted

Kingston Blount May Fayre	300.00	
Bentley Productions – Midsummer murders	300.00	
S.O.D.C. – street cleansing payment April-Sept. 2011	195.47	
Barclays Business Saver Account – Interest	0.63	
Walks booklet sales	6.00	
O.C.C. – contribution towards Moors footpath work	490.00	
- d) The current financial situation as at 29th June, 2011:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	12918.65	
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	5085.40	
National Savings	10895.26	
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(6518.25)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2122.50)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(4032.80)	
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)	
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(8342.39)	
VAS Maintenance S. Fund	(2000.00)	
Cash		11.96
- e) The Clerk is to write a letter of thanks to Kingston Blount May Fayre for donation of £300.00

- f) Crowell – amalgamation with Aston Rowant Parish Council. The situation as at present was discussed.
- g) Publications from the S.L.C.C. Bookshop were passed to Cllr. Crossley.
- h) Grass cutting, AR, KB and Chalford. This matter is to be put on September meeting agenda.
- i) The Annual Return for the financial year ending on 31st March, 2011, was approved and accepted by the Council.
- j) Charity Trustees Assurance quotation from Aon Insurance is to be passed to Cllr. Beechey and discussed at the September meeting.
- k) It was agreed not to sign up for Land and Property Registration.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) 20 mph speed limit, B4009, Aston Rowant. Noted.
- b) Swan Gardens, Tetsworth – Foul drainage. Noted.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS

- a) Constitution, rules, etc. **Cllr. Crossley declared an interest.** The proposed new Constitution and Rules were approved. These are to be forwarded to Mrs. Martins, the Secretary of the Allotment Gardens Committee.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) The Clerk is to look through files in an effort to locate the original lease between the Parish Council and the Hillwerke Trust.
- b) Cllr. Crossley reported the Montessori School has agreed to a 5% increase in its rates for the hall.

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

- a) It was noted a new headteacher will start in the New Year.

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Letters from a resident re resurfacing of footpath AR7 were discussed. Cllr. Hetherington is to telephone the writer.
- b) N.T. Aston Wood – this matter to be discussed at the September meeting.

13 CORRESPONDENCE as follows was noted.

- a) Letter from Oxfordshire History Centre re Aston Rowant Parish Council records.
- b) Letter from Wycombe D.C. re Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Documents.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2011
- d) Letter from Sovereign playground equipment supplier.
- e) The Clerk magazine, July 2011

14 WEBSITE – No report.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

- a) Report from District Councillor Brown is noted and filed.
- b) County Councillor Belson confirmed Pleck Lane is to be resurfaced and that the grass cutting issue is being settled.
Cllr. Knight raised the matter of funding for the new playing field at the school; Councillor Belson said there have been some objections and the plans would go to Committee.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 14th September, 2011, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN

21/07/2011

Aston Rowant Parish Council

Brenda Wilson

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Clerk to the Council