

# ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2012.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. R. Armitage (holiday), ; D/Cllr. D. Brown and C/Cllr. C. Newton.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** Cllr. Hetherington declared an interest in planning application P12/S1144/HH (neighbour)
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - None
5. **OPEN FORUM** Mr. Flynn welcomed the Council to the church.
6. **PLANNING**

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

**P12/S1092/FUL** Conversion of redundant barn to residential unit, with single storey rear extension, formation of new vehicular access with gate, provision of new garden and cycle store at Lower Farm House, Stert Road, K.B. for Mr. and Mrs. A. Noble. *Should be approved.*

**P12/S1093/CA** Conversion of redundant barn to residential unit, with single storey rear extension, formation of new vehicular access with gate, provision of new garden and cycle store at Lower Farm House, Stert Road, K.B., for Mr. and Mrs. A. Noble. *Should be approved.*

**P12/S1144/HH** Convert roof space of existing detached garage to studio including external stair, dormer and roof light, at Ashbrook House, Brook Street, K.B. for Mr. and Mrs. L. Rae. *Should be refused; external stair not appropriate in a Conservation area.* **Cllr. Hetherington declared an interest.**

**P12/S0791/FUL** Glenmist, Aston Hill, Lewknor – additional information only. To be circulated.

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

**P11/SO132** Increase in height of roofline (centre ridge) by 1m of pool house roof at Icknield Cottage, Butts Way, A.R. *Planning permission granted.*

**P12/S0642/HYH** Single storey side extension with basement under, enlarging existing roof and conversion of loft space for habitable use and extend existing driveway with new parking area and associated external works and landscaping involving removal of existing outbuildings as amended at Gray Bungalow, Aston Hill. *Planning Permission granted.*

c) Neighbourhood Planning Briefing Event on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012. Cllr. Gibbons reported on this meeting.

d) Donkey Paddock, Kingston Blount. Cllr. Gibbons has drafted a letter to S.O.D.C.

e) A Local Plan for the parish was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. Beechey, seconded by Cllr. Hetherington that no action be taken at this time; the proposal was approved.

## 7. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:

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Clerk – May salary		
Running Imp International Sports Ltd. – Jubilee items	684.89	
Renewal of subscription to The Chiltern Society	25.00	
Running Imp – jubilee items	15.55	
Avenir Roofing Ltd. – K.B. Village Hall roof	8268.00	
Zurich Municipal Insurance	632.60	
Peter Lambert – internal audit	75.00	
S.O.D.C. – dog bin emptying 1/1/12 – 31/3/12	85.39	
Complete weed control – street spraying	252.00	
M.K. Watts – grass cutting in May, etc.	450.00	

b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – June salary	
Kavan Ring - mowing of ‘bits and pieces’.	384.00
BDO LLP – Audit fee	342.00
M.K. Watts – ground maintenance, June.	120.00
Michelle Harding – plants for tubs	174.75
MM Denham Construction Ltd. – bark for play area	2988.00
c) Receipt as follows was noted:	
Business Saver Account – Interest	0.65
d) The current financial situation as at 29 <sup>th</sup> June, 2012:	
Barclays Bank – Community Account	3206.52
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	1087.94
National Savings	10895.26
Village Hall Sinking Fund	( - 274.59)
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2894.90)
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(4960.95)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(2007.00)
VAS Maintenance Fund	(538.00)
Diamond Jubilee	(327.30)
Poors Hillock Charity	(1500.00)
Cash	0.98
e) Grass cutting was discussed but no action decided upon.	
f) The Annual Return for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2012, was approved and accepted.	

**8. HIGHWAYS** – No report.

**9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY** – The Clerk is to ascertain if Poors Hillock has been registered.

**10 HILLWERKE TRUST**

Cllr. Crossley reported a grant towards the cost of roof repairs will be applied for.

**11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL**

A dance raised the sum of £3000.00. Cllr. Crossley is to obtain a brochure re parking solutions at schools and to contact the school.

**12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES**

a) Cllr. Hetherington gave an update: more planings are to put down in Church Lane; vibrator work will be carried out on the Moors footpath; the drain by Woodway Farm has been cleared; Cllrs. Hetherington and Rooksby are to look at drainage work on the bridleway at Woodway Farm.

b) The National Trust has carried out some work in Aston Wood, including putting in a seat and creating a vision splay. The undergrowth needs cutting on the small path to the seat.

c) Cllr. Hetherington is in discussions with the National Trust and Natural England concerning the creation of a 5 mile themed waymarked walk from Aston Rowant Church through NT Juniper Bank and Aston Wood, across Natural England Aston Rowant Nature Reserve, returning along the Ridgeway National Trail. He is asking NT and NE to fund information boards and waymarking on their own land. He also suggested an information board at Aston Rowant Church and waymarking to and from the trail to be funded by Aston Rowant Parish Council at a cost of approximately £600.00.

d) Cllr. Hetherington is to lead a family walk as a joint venture with National Trust along the trail starting at Aston Rowant Church at 10.00 on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. It will be a themed walk with talks about the church, Queen Elizabeth I, the Old Turnpike, Highwaymen, and also the Nature Reserve.

e) The provision of a cycle way is ongoing.

f) O.C.C. Countryside ~Services will be consulted about the state of parts of the Lower Icknield Bridleway..

**13 CORRESPONDENCE** as follows to be circulated:

- a) Letter from The Local Government Boundary Commission re Electoral Review of South Oxfordshire.
- b) The Clerk magazine, July 2012.
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, July 2012.
- d) Community Policing Awards Nomination Form from TV Police.

**14 WEBSITE**

There was some discussion regarding a link to Facebook and vice-versa.

**15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** – None received.

**16 OTHER MATTERS**

- a) Cllr. Beechey reported there is a meeting on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July to discuss any flooding/sewer problems.
- b) Cllr. Rooksby reported the M40 group has obtained a grant.
- c) Cllr. Crossley reported on the proposed redevelopment of the SOHA housing in Bakers Piece.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, at Aston Rowant Church, at 7.45pm

**CHAIRMAN**