

## ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2010.**

**Present:** Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey, P. Gibbons (in the Chair)t and P. Rooksby.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Crossley (previous engagement), P. Hetherington (holiday) and J. Knight (previous engagement); also D/Cllr. Brown and C/Cllr. Belson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Armitage declared an interest in item 13a) – letter from Mrs. Armitage.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
5. **OPEN FORUM** - No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**
  - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:
    - P10/E0582** Erection of two storey extension at 1 Aston Park, A.R., for Mr. A. Summons. *Should be Approved.*
    - P10/E0583** Removal of outbuildings. Part two storey, part single storey extension and front porch at 18 Icknield Close, K.B., for Mr. and Mrs. Blackman. *Should be approved.*
    - P10/E0556** Front porch at Upper Chalford Cottage, Chalford, for Mr. and Mrs. M. Lambert. *Should be approved.*
  - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C** – No decisions received from S.O.D.C.
  - c) Cllr. Beechey gave details of an Appeal Decision in favour of the application for Oxford Lodge.
7. **FINANCE**
  - a) The following payments were noted:

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| Clerk – April salary   |        |   |
| P. Hetherington – travel expenses                                  | 12.80  |   |
| P. Gibbons – travel to SODC meeting                                | 15.64  |   |
| Downend & Benning – fixings for signs                              | 43.48  |   |
| WM Nairn – maintenance of tubs, April                              | 60.00  |   |
| B.G. Hutton – painting gates, clearing rubbish; erecting dog signs | 387.15 |   |
| Oli Nash – litter picking  | 60.00  |   |
| Chinnor Village Centre annual grant                                | 555.00 |   |
| Chinnor United Benefice – churchyard maintenance                   | 888.00 |   |
| P. Gibbons – Chairman’s allowance                                  | 95.00  |   |
| D. Beechey – Vice-Chairman’s allowance                             | 80.00  |   |
| Thame and District C.A.B. annual grant                             | 115.00 |   |
| M40 group grant  | 200.00 |   |
| Thames Valley Air Ambulance annual grant                           | 110.00 |   |
| Kavan Ring – hedge pruning and mowing all areas                    | 465.00 |   |
  - b) The following payments were approved

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| 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  |  |
  - c) Receipts – none received.

d) The current financial situation as at 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2010, was noted:

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| Barclays Bank – Community Account        | 10702.78  |
| Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account | 5082.25   |
| National Savings                         | 10491.42  |
| Village Hall Sinking Fund                | (3779.75) |
| Play Area Sinking Fund - main.           | (3024.50) |
| Play Area Sinking Fund – capital         | (3194.20) |
| Parish Notes Sinking Fund                | (1020.00) |
| Ditches Sinking Fund                     | (1000.00) |
| Trees and maintenance S.F.               | (1000.00) |
| Traffic and Environmental Fund           | (7524.69) |
| Cash                                     | 9.00      |

e) PC Website – Cllr. Armitage reported on the website, which is in the process of construction. To be put on agenda of July meeting.

f) Thank you letter from Air Ambulance Berks., Oxon and Bucks. was noted.

g) It was proposed by Cllr. Gibbons, seconded by Cllr. Beechey, that the Clerk should inform Sow ‘N Sow that their services are no longer needed in maintaining the flower tubs. Agreed unanimously. Cllr. Gibbons is to organise watering of the tubs; Cllrs. Beechey, Hetherington and Rooksby are to make enquiries re planting, etc. To be put on the agenda of July meeting.

## 8. HIGHWAYS

a) It was noted a meeting with Thames Water and John Howell, M.P., has been arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> July; Cllrs. Gibbons and Rooksby to attend.

b) Cricket club signs were discussed. The Council is considering agreement to option 2 sign on condition the advertising sign is taken down.

c) The Clerk is to write to Head of Highways, O.C.C., asking for a detailed progress report on repair of potholes in Aston Rowant parish, including a completion date for the repair of all potholes. Copies to be sent to the Chair of O.C.C. and C/Cllr. Belson.

9. **HILLOCK GARDENS** – No report

10. **HILLWERKE TRUST** – No report

## 11. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

a) It was noted information re traffic issues is in the Parish Notes.

12. **FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES** – No report.

## 13. CORRESPONDENCE

**Cllr. Armitage left the meeting.**

a) The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of a letter from a resident of Dashwood Court, Aston Rowant, re Cycling Proficiency Tests in AR., informing the writer her comments have been noted and a copy of the letter is being sent to the school.

b) Chiltern News June 2010 to be circulated.

14. **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** – no reports received.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, in Aston Rowant School, Aston Rowant, at 7.45pm.

## CHAIRMAN