

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 8th June, 2011.

Present: Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey (in the Chair), G. Crossley, P. Hetherington and J. Knight.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Gibbons (holiday) and Rooksby (previous engagement);
D/Cllr. D. Brown and C/Cllr. R. Belson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** Cllrs. Hetherington and Knight on planning application for 3 Plowden Park. Cllr. Crossley on item 9.
3. **MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th May, 2010, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING – P11/E0536 Notification of Committee date and recommendation:**
The Parish Council stands by its recommendation that this should be approved.
5. **OPEN FORUM** – No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**
 - a) **Applications** – None received.
 - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** – None received.
 - c) Cllr. Beechey stated he has received some telephone calls re the application at Aston Rowant school for an extra playing field.

7. FINANCE

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a) The following payments were noted:		
Clerk – April salary		
P. Gibbons – The Print Shop and Sole Man	12.81	
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	
South & Vale Carers annual grant	58.00	
M.K. Watts – ground maintenance, April	240.00	
Mh-p – website	36.00	
S.O.D.C. – dog bin emptying 1/1/11 to 31/3/11	81.63	
Complete Weed Control – street spraying	324.00	
Glynswood of Thame – folders (cash)	3.00	
Aon Ltd. – Insurance Renewal	918.72	
Computer Accessories – printer ink	63.70	
Mr. B.G. Hutton – maintenance work	207.40	
O.R.C.C. – subscription renewal	30.00	
b) The following payments were approved		
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	
c) Receipts – None		
d) The current financial situation as at 27 th May, 2011:		
Barclays Bank – Community Account	17461.83	
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5084.77	
National Savings	10895.26	
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(6518.25)	

Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2160.50)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(4032.80)	
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)	
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(9562.39)	
VAS Maintenance S. Fund	(2000.00)	
Cash		11.96

e) Renewal of subscription to The Chiltern Society (£25.00) was approved.

f) Thank you letters from Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust, South & Vale Carers Centre and The Village Centre were noted.

8. HIGHWAYS – No report.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS

a) Land Registry document – The proposed revised Constitution has been looked at by Cllrs. Beechey and Rooksby; some amendments have been made. Concern was expressed that there appears to be no Risk Assessment; Cllrs. Beechey and Rooksby are to discuss this with the Management Committee and make recommendations. This also to be discussed with Cllr. Gibbons. It was agreed to obtain the services of a solicitor if necessary.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST

a) Lease, etc. – The Minutes of the last meeting of the Hillwerke Trust Committee were noted and items discussed.

b) Letters from Barclays Bank, Lloyds TSB and Lightfoots, solicitors, were noted.

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

a) It was reported that the Headteacher, Joy Farrell, is leaving the school in December.

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

a) AR 7 footpath; Cllr. Hetherington is of the opinion more work will need to be done on a section of the Moors footpath. It was agreed to go ahead with the trial as previously discussed, and Cllr. Hetherington will find out where he can obtain a small amount of planings for the trial.

b) Cllr. Hetherington will request the annual free grass cut of footpaths in the Parish.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from ORCC re Community Bulk Oil Purchasing Scheme was noted; there is a scheme in operation in the Parish.

b) Request for donation from Oxfordshire Carers' Forum was considered. The Clerk is to write informing them that the Council makes a donation to the local branch.

c) Letter re essential publications from the S.L.C.C. Bookshop is to be circulated.

d) Chiltern News issue 200, from the Chiltern Society, is to be circulated.

e) O.A.L.C. courses – members are to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend any course.

14 WEBSITE – Cllr. Armitage informed members the Council website is being used.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – None received.

16 OTHER MATTERS

a) A vote of thanks was given to Jan Gooders and Di Eaton for leading the Historical Walk recently. A letter of thanks will be sent to them.

b) Cllr. Hetherington stated there will be a Parish walk on Sunday, 10th July, from Bledlow.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 13th July, 2011, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN

20/06/2011

Aston Rowant Parish Council

Brenda Wilson