

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 13th June, 2012.

Present: Cllrs. R. Armitage, D. Beechey (in the Chair), G. Crossley, P. Hetherington, J. Knight and P. Rooksby. Also present; D/Cllr. Brown

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Gibbons and C/Cllr. C. Newton.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th May, 2012, 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:

P12/S0451 Two storey rear extension (including new window in existing side elevations) at Pine Cottage, Pleck Lane, K.B. for Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs. *Should be approved.*

P12/S0642/HH 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 at Gray Bungalow, Aston Hill, for Mr. M. Fowler. *Should be approved.*

P12/S0791/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Erection of detached dwelling alteration to existing access at Glenmist, Aston Hill, for Mr. and Mrs. K. Roberts. *Should be approved.*

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

P11/ E2428 Single storey rear extension to kitchen at Upton House, Chinnor Road, A.R. *Planning Permission granted.*

P11/E2505 Construction of a 2.2 meter high garden wall to form a closed walled garden to the rear of the existing main house at Upper Chalford Farm Barns, Chalford. *Planning Permission granted.*

P11/S0034 Erection of first floor side extension, front dormer window and front entrance porch at Little Spinney, Chinnor Road, A.R. *Planning Permission granted.*

c) Donkey Paddock, Kingston Blount. It was agreed a letter should be sent to the Conservation Officer, S.O.D.C., re a 2m high fence which has been erected around the perimeter of the Donkey Paddock, which the Council feels has significantly altered and detracted from the appearance of the landscape and this part of Kingston Blount Conservation Area.

d) Local Plan – The Clerk informed members a meeting has been arranged for Tuesday, 19th June, to discuss a possible Local Plan; a representative from ORCC to be present; also Cllrs. Armitage, Beechey and Knight.

e) Bakers Piece – Cllr. Beechey will report back on a meeting to be held regarding plans for this redevelopment.

9. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:

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Clerk – April salary		
Chinnor Village Centre annual grant	555.00	
Chinnor United Parish – churchyard maintenance	896.00	
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 annual grant	200.00	
Thames Valley Air Ambulance annual grant	110.00	
South & Vale Carers annual grant	58.00	
Kavan Ring – work on footpaths, grips and sumps.	2802.00	
M.K. Watts – Grass cutting all areas in April	240.00	
Ridgeway Woodlands – path works in Church Lane, A.R.	660.00	
Kavan Ring – grass cutting	504.00	

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| The Print Shop – Diamond Jubilee invitations | 106.80 |
| b) The following payments were approved: | |
| 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 |
| c) Receipts received. - noted | |
| S.O.D.C. Street cleansing payment April-Sept. 2012 | 205.63 |
| d) The current financial situation as at 30 th May, 2012: | |
| Barclays Bank - Community Account | 9194.89 |
| Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account | 5087.29 |
| National Savings | 10895.26 |
| Village Hall Sinking Fund | (6615.41) |
| Play Area Sinking Fund – main. | (2894.90) |
| Play Area sinking Fund – capital | (4960.95) |
| Parish Notes Sinking Fund | (1000.00) |
| Trees, Footpaths and Environment Fund | (2974.74) |
| VAS Maintenance S. Fund | (538.00) |
| Diamond Jubilee | (340.26) |
| Poors Hillock Charity | (1500.00) |
| Cash | 0.98 |
| e) The deterioration of the Aston Rowant sign was discussed; it was agreed to do nothing about this at the present time. | |
| f) ARPC – Consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/2013 and future years. The Clerk is to inform the Audit Commission that Aston Rowant Parish Council is content with the proposed appointment. | |
| g) Thank you letters from M40 CEG, South & Vale Carers Centre and Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance were noted.. | |
| h) Letter from ORCC re New funds available to support community transport was passed to Cllr. Crossley who is to attend a meeting in the near future. | |
| i) Grass cutting – to be put on agenda for July meeting. | |

10. HIGHWAYS – No report.

11. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY – No report.

12. HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) Cllr. Crossley reported the new roof is finished; some interior decoration to be done.
- b) It was agreed the village Jubilee celebrations were excellent. The Clerk is to write to Alex Green and Mandy Brine thanking them for their hard work. Also all the volunteers to be thanked via the Parish Notes.

13. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

- a) A letter received the cutting of the hedge at Plowden Park, A.R., has been noted.

14. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Proposed route for cycle path from Lewknor to Phoenix Way. Cllr. Hetherington reported on a meeting held with other Parish Councils and other people. Also Jim Clark is spreading the planings on the Lower Icknield Way.

15. CORRESPONDENCE as follows to be circulated -

- a) Chalk and Trees Spring/Summer 2012
- b) Chiltern news June 2012 issue

16. WEBSITE

- a) Cllr. Armitage reported monitoring continues. The Clerk is to put Parish Assembly reports on the website.

17. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - attached.

18. OTHER MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman

1. Code of Conduct.

a) Recommendation that

- 1. the code of conduct adopted by South Oxfordshire District Council be adopted as the code for members and co-opted members of the Aston Rowant Parish Council with effect from 1st July, 2012, or such other date as may be specified in regulations, to replace the current code of conduct: and
- 2. the clerk be requested to notify the monitoring officer of South Oxfordshire District Council of the passing of the above resolution.

This resolution was carried; 5 votes for, 1 abstention.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 11th July, 2012, at Aston Rowant Parish Church at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN