

## ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs. P. Hetherington (in the Chair), G. Crossley, J Knight, M. Day, P.Rooksby & C/Cllr. D. Wilmshurst.

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. P. Gibbons & D/Cllr. D. Brown
- 2) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – *None*
- 3) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014, were approved and signed.**
- 4) **MATTERS ARISING**
  - a) Resignation of Cllr. R. Armitage - *Noted*
  - b) Lewknor Parish Traffic Survey – *Cllr. G. Crossley will be monitoring the traffic in Butts Way, Aston Rowant in order to assist with the survey that Lewknor Parish Council / OCC are carrying out. Clerk is to monitor on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June in his absence. Report will be fed back to the Chairman of Lewknor Parish Council.*
- 5) **OPEN FORUM** – *3 members of the public were present with an interest in item 6a below.*
- 6) **PLANNING**
  - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:

**P14/S1586/O** Outline application for a residential development of up to 120 dwellings and open space with access off Crowell Road, with other matters reserved. At the Land east of Crowell Road, Chinnor – *Cllr. M. Day read out a statement from the Developer. This is the ‘Outline’ application and does NOT include the Access. If the principle is agreed, access cannot go over 120 units but the size of a unit can increase. Likely to be declined by SODC as it is not in the local plan. Aston Rowant Parish Council have requested that they are included in this consultation and Cllr. M. Day will prepare a statement to be submitted at the time of response. Should not be approved.*
  - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** as follows were noted:

**P14/S0721/HH** Erection of a shed at Lower Farm Barn, Brook Street, Kingston Blount, Oxon, OX39 4RZ – *Granted - Noted*

**P14/S0835/HH** Two storey rear/side extension, new front door to side and external alternations to facing walls at Hill House, High Street, Kingston Blount, Oxon, OX39 4SJ – *Granted - Noted.*

### 7) FINANCE

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a) The following payments were noted:		
Clerk April Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	82.20	
Jo Gent (Thank you gift)	25.00	
Alice Surman (Litter Picker)	24.76	
S. Johns – Stationery Expenses	9.00	
MK Watts	1020.00	
Buryhook Countryside Management	708.00	
MK Watts	240.00	
Chinnor Village Centre Annual Grant	555.00	
Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust	110.00	
Chinnor United Benefice	896.00	
M40 CE Group	200.00	
Poors Hillock Charity	200.00	
South & Vale Carers Centre	58.00	
Thame & District CAB	115.00	
Peter Lambert FCCA	75.00	
P. Gibbons (Chairman’s allowance)	95.00	
P. Hetherington (Vice Chairman’s Allowance)	80.00	
Zurich Municipal Insurance	662.65	
b) The following payments were approved:		
Clerk May Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	97.60	
Chilterns Conservation Board (attendance at conference)	25.00	
MK Watts (May Grass cutting)	240.00	
ORCC Membership 2014/2015	50.00	
Green Gardens (Play Area maintenance)	30.00	
Ridgeway Woodlands	342.00	

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| Stationery (Paper & Box File)                              | 8.00   |
| Buryhook Countryside Management (Invoice not yet received) | 360.00 |
| Complete Weed Control (Street spraying)                    | 220.00 |
| Alice Surman (Litter Picker)                               | 24.76  |
| The Chiltern Society Annual Subscription                   | 25.00  |
- c) Receipts as follows were noted:
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| Donation from Bentley Productions | 100.00 |
| Walks Booklets                    | 32.00  |
- d) The current financial situation as at 30th May 2014:
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| Barclays Bank – Community Account      | 9341.00  |
| Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account | 1088.64  |
| National Savings                       | 11058.12 |
| Village Hall Sinking Fund              | (1230)   |
| Play Area Sinking Fund                 | (5435)   |
| Parish Notes Sinking Fund              | (1000)   |
| Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund    | (3057)   |
- Cash 1.19
- c) Defibrillator Electrical circuit Quote – *Cllr. G. Crossley has obtained a quote for the installation of an electrical circuit to supply a defibrillator at Kingston Blount Village Hall. Cost is £487.00. Cllr. P. Gibbons is to arrange at least one further quote for the work to be carried out before a decision is made.*
- d) Budget 2014/2015 - *Noted*
- 8) HIGHWAYS - None**
- 9) POORS HILLOCK CHARITY - None**
- 10) HILLWERKE TRUST - None**
- 11) ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL - None**
- 12) FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES**
- a) The Discovery Trail – Report from Cllr. Hetherington –*The official opening of The Aston Rowant Discovery Trail is at 10.30am on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014 at Aston Rowant Church. All are welcome and if anyone would like to join us there will be a 5.3 mile guided walk round the trail immediately after the opening. Members of the local press as well as the Sponsors have also been invited.*
- b) Asset Nomination - Acknowledgement of receipt – *Notification will be made by 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2014 of the Council's decision of the Parish Council's nomination of The Cherry Tree Pub as a Community Asset.*
- 13) CORRESPONDENCE**
- a) Chiltern Magazine – Summer 2014 - *Noted*
- b) Resignation email from Robin Armitage - *Noted*
- c) Thank you email from M40 CE Group - *Noted*
- d) Thank you letter from Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Trust & Spring Summer 2014 Newsletter - *Noted*
- e) Thank you letter from The Church of St Peter & St Paul, Aston Rowant - *Noted*
- f) Clerks & Councils Direct – May 2014 - *Noted*
- g) Thank you letter from The Village Centre, Chinnor - *Noted*
- h) Lions Roar Magazine from RAF Benson – Spring 2014 - *Noted*
- i) Thank you letter from South & Vale Carers Centre - *Noted*
- j) Thank you letter from Oxon & South Vale Citizens Advice Bureau - *Noted*
- 14) WEBSITE**
- a) Item for amendment on the website – *Above Planning ref. P14/S1586/O was added as an additional item to the website as it is not within our Parish.*
- a) Communications Questionnaire – *The Clerk will complete on behalf of the Parish Council and the questionnaire will be added to our website in due course.*
- 15) REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – C/Cllr. D. Wilmshurst read out an email explaining that there are plans for 2 new children's homes in Thame (Glebe Land site, Chinnor Road, Thame) & Didcot, to ensure the safety of vulnerable young people in care.**
- 16) OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman – None**
- 17) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014, at Aston Rowant Church at 8.00pm.**

**CHAIRMAN**