

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 10th of March 2010.

Present: Cllrs. R.Armitage, D.Beechey, P.Gibbons (in the Chair), P.Hetherington, J.Knight, P.Rooksby, District Cllr. D. Brown.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. G.Crossley, Cty.Cllr. R.Belson.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** None.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday, 10th March 2010 were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
5. **OPEN FORUM**
6. **PLANNING:**
 - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:

APP/10/E0086 two-storey extension to the rear of Upper Chalford Cottage for Mr and Mrs Lambert. We consider that this should be approved providing that the definitive line of footpath AR13 to be kept open at all times.

APP/10/E0034 The Gables, Pleck Lane, KB for Mr and Mrs J.Butler. The demolition of existing detached garage and erection of new garage with accommodation to link to existing dwelling. Application withdrawn.
 - b) **DECISION OF S.O.D.C. as follows were noted:**

APP/PO9/E1375 Extension of existing bungalow to add an upper floor and single storey side and rear extension at Briarwood, Pleck Lane, KB for Mr Yosef. Planning permission granted.

APP/PO9/E1359 Extension to the rear of Home Farm, AR for Mr.Williams. Permission granted.
 - c) **Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions:**

APP/Q3115/D/10/212093 Introduction of roof light to the rear of 6 Dashwood Court, AR for Mr and Mrs Thackery. Appeal allowed, planning permission granted.

APP/Q3115/D/10212096 Installation of two roof lights to the rear of 6 Dashwood Court, AR for Mr and Mrs Thackery. Appeal dismissed.

APP/Q/3115/D/10/2120300 Alteration of the rear elevation to introduce a window at 6 Dashwood Court, AR for Mr and Mrs Thackery. Appeal dismissed.

APP/Q/3115/D/10/2120554 Retrospective planning permission for the erection of a garden shed to the side of 4 Chapel Cottages, KB for Mr Hanson. Appeal dismissed.
 - d) The Council considered its response to a letter received from Aston Parish Council regarding reference of planning applications to the Planning Committee. It was unanimously agreed that we fully support the stance made by these councils and Cllr.Beechey was asked to draft a letter to S.O.D.C. confirming this. It was also noted that there was a similar response from Sydenham Parish Council.
 - e) A letter from Wycombe District Council regarding the consultation of sites for gypsies, travellers, and travelling show people was noted.

7. FINANCE

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a) The following payments were noted:		
Safe and Sound Playgrounds	3946	80
Sow N Sow/Tubs January	60	00
Parchment reprint of Walks booklets	395	00
Oxfordshire Playingfields Subscription	32	00
SODC Dog Bin Emptying	411	93
Chiltern Conservation Conference Fee	15	00
Ridgeway Woodlands	470	00
b) The following payments were approved:		
B.G.Hutton/Dog Bin posts	135	00
Sow N Sow / Tubs / February	60	00
M.H.P.Web Site	117	50
M.H.P. Web Site	94	00
c) The current financial situation:		
Barclays Bank Community Account	816	07
Barclays Bank Business Premium Account	5081	62
National Savings	10491	42
Cash	10	21

Village Hall Sinking Fund (1949.75)

Play Area Sinking Fund (1532. 50)

Play Area Sinking Fund Capital (1858. 70)

Parish Notes Sinking Fund (1020. 00)

- d) Parish Council Web Site. Defer until next meeting.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Grass verge in Pleck Lane awaiting response from Mike Dickerson/R.Belson O.C.C.
- b) The Council considered a letter from E.Laxton regarding roads in Aston Rowant Village. This matter has been referred to Brian Short, O.C.C. and Cllr.Armitage to contact Malcolm Bowler to see if any improvements can be made.
- c) Street names and numbering in Pleck Lane. Cllr.Gibbons has already dealt with this matter.
- d) Pot holes. Several instances have been reported. Others still awaiting repair. Members of the public are asked to report giving the exact locations to the pot hole line as per the Parish Notes.
- e) It was noted that some parishioners were leaving their bins outside their properties on the grass verges these being left out for weeks on end. The deputy Clerk was asked to do a note for inclusion in the Parish Notes.
- f) E-mail from S.O.D.C. re charges for emptying dog bins was noted.
- g) E-mail from Sydenham Parish Council stating that there were still problems regarding the system. Cllr.Hetherington advised that he had asked Thames Water once again to find out why problems were still occurring.

- h) The erection of dog bin signs was discussed. Certain sites have been agreed. Other are still awaiting clarification.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS.

10. HILLWERKE TRUST

- a) A letter from OCS confirming that Enterprise were no longer doing grounds maintenance was noted.
- b) The Council approved a quotation of £100.00 per cut for the playing field from M.K.Watts showing a considerable saving on the previous contractor.

11. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

12. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) E-mail regarding the hedge in Plowden Park from Oxfordshire Highways requesting details of ownership. This was dealt with by Cllr.Gibbons in his e-mail dated the 26th February 2010.
- b) The footpath from Brook Street through to The Lanes is in a very muddy condition and has not been helped by the movement of cattle. What is needed is for the mud to be scraped off and resurfaced with scalpings. Mr. J. Clarke has agreed to provide the labour if the Council provide the scalpings and the work could be done early May prior to the Street Fair. The cost to the Council would be approx.£300.00 which should be covered within the Footpaths budget for the next financial year. Cllr.Hetherington proposed and it was unanimously approved.
- c) Copy letter from J. Williams insurance company re drains on The Green was noted.
- d) Cllr.Hetherington reported on his visit to the Chiltern Area Conference and that he was able to discuss with the Footpaths Officer for O.C.C. and getting him to agree to re-surface parts of the Moors footpath which would be done under the Walks to School scheme. O.C.C. would be looking for publicity from this and Cllr.Hetherington was congratulated on his efforts concerning this.
- e) Moors footpath improvement. See 12d above.
- f) Annual grass cutting of the village footpaths to be undertaken by O.C.C.
- g) Church Lane new seat and ditch clearance has now been completed.
- h) Cllr.Hetherington will shortly undertake to survey the footpaths and report on any that have been ploughed and cropped.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Council considered the inserting of Minutes of all Parish Council's Meetings in the Parish Notes and decided not to go ahead with this mainly because the Parish Notes is a 2-monthly publication and that this could be included within the Council's proposed web-site.
- b) Letter from Marshalls re changes in Permitted Development Rights to be circulated.
- c) Letter from Energy Saving Trust to be circulated.
- d) Thank you letter from Oxfordshire Playingfields Assoc. to be circulated.
- e) Letter from Society of Local Council Clerks to be circulated.
- f) Letter from St.John's Ambulance to be circulated.

14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

- a) District Councillor D. Brown reported that the Council's budget has been set for 2010 this year. A zero increase, over the past five years the Council has had an increase of less than 5% and the aim of the Council is to ensure value for money. Savings have been made by joint working with the Vale of White Horse and joint contracts with saving of staff in most areas. Also mentioned were grants which have been awarded to various applications within the district most local being Chinnor Village hall. The work with the local development framework is ongoing and consultation has now ended. This plan is up to 2026 and is a phased plan many aspects will alter the plan over the coming years.

15. OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman. None.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 14th April 2010 at Kingston Blount Village Hall at 6-45 p.m followed by the Annual Parish Meeting starting at 8.00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

11.3.2010

Aston Rowant Parish Council

**Jill Beechey
Acting Clerk to
The Council.**