

# ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.**

**Present:** Cllrs. R. Armitage, G. Crossley, P. Gibbons (in the Chair), P. Hetherington and D/Cllr. D. Brown .

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. P. Rooksby (previous engagement), J. Knight and C/Cllr. C Newton
- 2) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None.
- 3) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, were approved and signed.**
- 4) **MATTERS ARISING** - None
- 5) **OPEN FORUM** – The Parish Council have been advised by SODC that no electors had asked for an election. Therefore Matthew Day was voted in as a co-opted member of the Aston Rowant Parish Council. Matt’s address to be circulated with a revised list of contact details.
- 6) **PLANNING**
  - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:
    - P13/S0244/HH** Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of new detached Garage at Town Farm House, Stert Road, Kingston Blount, OX39 4SB – *Should be Approved.*
    - P13/S0609/HH** Erection of single and two storey rear and side extensions, new entrance porch, loft conversion with roof lights and dormer. New front gate and front driveway (Amendment to planning permission P12/S1446/HH) at Wychelm, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant. - *Noted*
  - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** as follows were noted - *No decisions made*

## 7) 7. FINANCE

- a) The following payments were noted:

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Clerk – January Salary		
Stephanie Johns Salary		
Jill Beechey – Acting Clerk	30.00	
O.F.P.A. – course fee	20.00	
O.A.L.C. – training course fee	72.00	
S.L.C.C. – membership subscription	75.00	
P.Gibbons – 20 bags of rick salt	120.00	
Chilterns Conservation Board – attendance at Access Conf.	18.00	
  
- b) The following payments were approved:

Clerk – February salary		
Stephanie Johns – February salary		
O.P.F.A. – Annual renewal of membership	35.00	
O.A.L.C. – Annual Subscription	147.97	
Green Gardens - Play Area Maintenance	60.00	
Mh-p Council Web hosting Fee	72.00	
Getmapping PLC – Parish Online Subscription	48.00	
B.L. Wilson – Broadband	100.00	
B.L. Wilson – Travel & postage expenses	29.36	
O.A.L.C. Training Course	42.00	
S. Johns – Stationary expenses	32.35	
  
- c) Receipt as follows were noted:

Walks Booklets	18.00	
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- d) The current financial situation as at 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	6689.42	
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	1088.22	
National Savings	10917.05	
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(- 274.59)	

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Stephanie Johns  
Clerk to the Council

Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2816.90)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(2170.95)	
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)	
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund	(3926.38)	
VAS Maintenance Fund	(538.00)	
Poors Hillock Admin. Sinking Fund	(250.00)	
Cash		0.98

e) Payroll Services for Town and Parish Councils – The Councillors all agreed to support this (£49.50 for the first year)

## **8. HIGHWAYS**

a) Litter picker – Both letters from applicants were considered and it was agreed to give Jack Brown of Bakers Piece a 3 month trial of the role. Stephanie Johns is to write to both applicants and the role will commence once the equipment and safety vest were received from the previous Litter picker

## **9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY**

a) Trustee Colin Grenville. – It is understood that Colin Grenville is moving away and Alex Green will be resigning in April. New trustees will need to be appointed.

**10 HILLWERKE TRUST** – The Air Conditioning unit in the Village Hall has been replaced. New curtain poles are needed. It is hoped that they will be replaced soon.

**11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL** – *None*

## **12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES**

- a) Quote for weed control – The quote was discussed. The quote is for 2 applications – once in the Spring and the other in the Autumn. Stephanie will advise that the Parish Council will decide at a later date if it is needed and book as required although one will definitely be required. This will be reviewed on the Agenda for April 2013 for further discussion.
- b) Report from Cllr. Hetherington – See attached report ‘Aston Rowant Discovery Trail’ (to be added to Aston Parish Council Website). It was agreed to go ahead with everything proposed other than the bridleway repairs and then review the financial situation.

## **13 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Chiltern Society Magazine issue 207, Spring 2013 - *noted*
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct - *noted*
- c) Online Playgrounds booklet - *noted*
- d) Letter from TVP re Community Policing Awards - *noted*
- e) Plantscape Brochure - *noted*

**14 WEBSITE** - *None*

**15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS** - *None*

## **16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman**

- a) Parish Councillor Vacancy – *Discussed during Open Forum (above).*
- b) Broadband – P. Gibbons reported on the meeting of Sydenham Parish Council on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Minutes of which are attached and will be included on Aston Parish Council Website.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2013, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 6.30pm. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow at 8pm.**

## **CHAIRMAN**