

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday 10th November 2010.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr.Armitage (holiday), P.Rooksby (representing the Council at S.O.D.C. meeting) B.Wilson (Clerk – holiday), D/Cllr.D.Brown.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th October 2010 were approved and signed.**
4. **ADDRESS by PC Jonathan Shaw**, the new beat officer for Chinnor Area, outlining the changes of NAG and his plans for the future policing of the area.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:** - None
6. **OPEN FORUM – No members of the public were present.**
7. **PLANNING**

(a) **APPLICATIONS** as follows were confirmed/discussed:

P10/E1247 Two-storey extension at 1 Aston Park, AR for Mr.A.Summons. *Should be approved.*

P10/E1672 remove an existing single storey bay window and porch roof. Return the wall to a single plane, flush with the rest of the side of the house and replace the window with a single sash window to match the original on the other side of the front door. Relocate the access to the property from the High Street to the side road, Stert Road. At Apsley Cottage, High Street, KB for Mr. M.Day. *Should be approved.*

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

P10/E1372 Proposed dormer window alterations at Marstin House, 9 Aston Park, AR. Planning permission granted.

P10/1392 Detached double car port at The Old Post Office, High Street, KB. Planning permission granted.

(c) Cllr.Beechey reported of his attendance with Cllr.Knight on an S.O.D.C. meeting in that the District Council would broadly be keeping to the housing figures of the original South East Plan and that there would be nothing at present which would affect our parish. In our response we felt that more attention should be paid to car parking on housing schemes particularly in rural areas where there is a lack of employment and local transport, at least space for two cars per household within the containment of the property.

(d) Oxfordshire Electoral Review noted that there was no change to the review of polling stations in our parish. The Review of O.C.C. Council size and Councillors boundaries was discussed and the meeting felt that the number of Councillors should remain the same and that we should go back to the previous boundary where we came under the County Councillor for Chinnor. A letter to this effect to be sent to the Local Government Boundary Commission.

(e) Letter from TCN Consultation team giving up date on progress regarding the airspace change proposals in the Terminal Control – North (TCN) area was noted.

(f) Letter from Wycombe D.C. on Wycombe Community Stadium and Sports Project was noted.

8. **FINANCE**

(a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk – September salary		
Mike Henson Presentations Ltd – Website	1525	55

(b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – October salary		
P.Gibbons – Plans prints	8	11
M.K.Watts – Ground maintenance – September	235	00
M.K.Watts – Ground maintenance – October	117	50
Kavan Ring – Final cut to all grass areas plus Brush cutting	350	00

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| Barry Hutton – work on Kingston Hill | 120 | 00 |
| Mh-p – FAAG minutes on website | 17 | 63 |
| CISG – AR church extension fund from Autumn Ball | 750 | 00 |
| AR C of E School – from Autumn Ball | 1400 | 00 |
- (c) Receipts as follows were noted
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| Money from AR Parish Autumn Ball | 3190 | 00 |
| The Lambert Arms sponsorship of tubs | 350 | 00 |
| Walks Books | 10 | 00 |
- (d) The current financial situation as at 29th October 2010.
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| Barclays Bank Community Account | 17447 | 39 |
| Barclays Bank Business Premium Acct. | 5082 | 88 |
| National Savings | 10491 | 42 |
| Village Hall sinking fund | (4810.75) | |
| Play Area Sinking Fund – maintenance | (599.50) | |
| Play Area Sinking Fund - capital | (3794.20) | |
| Parish Notes Sinking Fund | (1020.00) | |
| Ditches Sinking Fund | (880.00) | |
| Trees and Maintenance SF | (1400.00) | |
| Traffic and Environmental Fund | (7524.69) | |
| Cash | 6. | 00 |
- (e) Donation to Chinnor R.B.L. for Remembrance Day Wreath as previous Year.
- (f) Budget 2011/2012 refer to December meeting.
- (g) Email re Parish Council recharges – Parish Council elections 2011 refer to December meeting.
- (h) VAS Maintenance. Cllr.Gibbons reported that other parish councils were being charged by O.C.C. for the maintenance of VASs in their parishes. He has got clarification from O.C.C. that this would only be applicable to the mains unit by the cricket ground. It was proposed that we set up a maintenance fund of £2,000.00. This was carried by four votes and one abstention.

9. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Cllr.Beechey reported on a meeting of PTR Reps to review subsidised bus services. The main one concerning this parish is the Route 40. O.C.C. because the route crosses the county border with Buckinghamshire which was previously funded on a 50/50 basis but Bucks County Council are reluctant to maintain their contribution because of new commercial services running from High Wycombe to Stokenchurch. O.C.C. who wish this service to be continued are consulting with various operators on the basis that it is part commercial and part subsidised. They will be keeping in close touch with us regarding developments.
- (b) Letter from Jasmine Cottage, AR was discussed and Councillor Knight was asked to visit the occupants to fully discuss this matter and report back in December.
- (c) 2010 Report from M.40 Group a notice of AGM on 18th November 2010 was noted.
- (d) Letter from O.C.C. re Consultation on Concessionary Fares Schemes. Noted.
- (e) Letter from Mr. E. Laxton was noted. Cllr.Gibbons reported that this was referred to Oxfordshire Highways some weeks ago and that a follow up letter should be sent.

10. HILLOCK GARDENS – No report

11. HILLWERKE TRUST - No report

12. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – No report

13. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES.

- (a) The Council discussed the resurfacing of the Moors footpath and also the footpath across the green. Both routes to encourage walking to and from the school. Cllr Hetherington reported that O.C.C. having previously agreed to carry out resurfacing now find because of the financial climate they would be unable to give this priority. However, this would be a different situation if a contribution from the parish was forthcoming and it was proposed

by Cllr.Hetherington, seconded by Cllr.Beechey and agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would fund this to £1,000.00. This amount would be available from this year's unused budgets.

- (b) The next Parish Walk to be held on the 9th of January 2011 starting from West Wycombe Garden Centre.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Invitation to Oxfordshire Playing Fields Assn. 2010 AGM on 30th November. The Playing Field, OPFA Autumn 2010 Newsletter. Noted.
- (b) Clerks and Councils Direct, November 2010. Noted.
- (c) Chalk and Trees Autumn/Winter 2010, 2009/2010 Annual Review of the Chilterns Conservation Board, What's On in the Chilterns, October 2010-April 2011. Noted.
- (d) Literature from Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and ORCC. Noted.
- (e) Letter from S.O.D.C. re fly-tipping enforcement. Noted.
- (f) White Horse Contractors – A company introduction. Noted.

15. WEBSITE

- (a) Accommodation links. It was unanimously agreed that we amend our link charges to £25.00 per entry.

16. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – None.

17. OTHER URGENT MATTERS.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to the General Manager of The Lambert Arms Hotel thanking him for his continuing sponsorship of the village tubs. The Council also wished to express its thanks for his sponsorship of the Autumn Ball. A total of £3,190.00 was raised and distributed as follows:

£1040.00 to the Village Hall.

£1400.00 to the Aston Rowant Village School.

£750.00 to Aston Rowant Church Annexe extension fund.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th December 2010 at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

11/11/2010

Aston Rowant Parish Council

Jill Beechey
Acting Clerk.