

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 14th November, 2012.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:-** None
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 10th October, 2012, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** – There were no matters arising.
5. **OPEN FORUM** – One member of the public was present; no matters raised.

6. PLANNING

a) **Applications** as follows confirmed/discussed:

P12/S2241/HH Removal of existing balcony and erection of lean to verandah. Alterations to fenestration of north east facing gable at Jasmine Cottage, 1 The Green, A.R., for Mr. and Mrs. D. Brown. *Should be approved.*

P12/S2598/HH Single storey extension at 1 Hillcrest Cottages, Brook Street, K.B., for Mr. and Mrs. Buzzard. *Circulating.*

P12/SS2594/HH Erection of a two storey rear extension at 2 Hillcrest Cottages, Brook Street, K.B. *Circulating.*

b) **Decision of S.O.D.C.** as follows was noted:

P12/S2005/HH Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, side extension/ porch canopy and dormer window to replace rooflight to rear at 2 The Green, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*

d) Proposed redevelopment of Sheltered Scheme at Baker's Piece, Kingston Blount. Copies of plans are being sent to the Council.

e) Letter from Planning Services, SODC, re South Oxfordshire Core Strategy Inspector's Report. Noted.

7. FINANCE

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| a) The following payments were noted: | £ | p |
| mh-p internet ltd. – website | 684.00 | |
| Clerk – salary, September | | |
| P. Gibbons, travel expenses | 23.45 | |
| Post Office Ltd. (HMR&C) | 138.00 | |
| M.K. Watts – ground maintenance in September | 240.00 | |
| b) The following payments were approved | | |
| Clerk – salary, October | | |
| Clerk – travel £62.01; postage £42.07 | 104.08 | |
| Complete Weed Control | 252.00 | |
| Lightfoots – registration of Hillock Gardens | 708.00 | |
| The Chilterns Conservation Board – conference fee | 18.00 | |
| mh-p internet – website | 19.18 | |
| The Chiltern Conservation Board – lunch at AGM | 8.00 | |
| c) Receipt as follows were noted: | | |
| SODC – 2 nd instalment of Precept | 8500.00 | |
| SODC – street cleansing payment October – March 2013 | 205.63 | |
| HM Revenue & Customs – VAT repayment | 749.00 | |
| d) The current financial situation as at 30 th October, 2012: | | |
| Barclays Bank – Community Account | 7942.01 | |

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| Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account | 1088.08 |
| National Savings | 10917.05 |
| Village Hall Sinking Fund | (- 274.59) |
| Play Area Sinking Fund – main. | (2816.90) |
| Play Area Sinking Fund – capital | (2170.95) |
| Parish Notes Sinking Fund | (1000.00) |
| Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund | (2136.38) |
| VAS Maintenance Fund | (538.00) |
| Poors Hillock Charity | (1500.00) |
| Cash | 0.98 |

- e) Request for Grant Air and invitation to A.G.M. from South and Vale Carers' Centre – the Parish Council makes an annual donation to this organisation.
- f) Proposed precept 2013/2014: briefing from NALC re Precepts Update was noted. The Council is minded to set a precept of £17500.00 for the financial year 2013/2014.
- g) Letter from BDO re Changes to BDO LLP extranet for local councils were noted.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) A letter from a parishioner proposing a 20 mph speed limit in Aston Rowant village, and the laying of a footpath along the B4009 between the A40 and the London Tube bus stop was discussed. The possibility of speed checks were discussed and PCSO is to be approached. Cllrs. Armitage and Knight, together with Mr. R. Holdaway, will contact Aston Rowant school to discuss signs made by children.
Regarding a footpath along the B4009, Cllr. Hetherington is to seek quotes for the construction of such a path.

9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY

- a) A copy of the Governing Document – Constitution of Poor's Hillock Charitable Trust has been received by the Council from the Trustees.
- b) It was agreed to make a payment of £106.00 to Poor's Hillock Trustees, this being the rent received previously for rent of allotments. £250.00 is to be left in a Sinking Fund for the Trust, to be known as Poor's Hillock Administrative Sinking Fund.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST – No report

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – No report

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Report from Cllr. Hetherington - Discovery Trail
Funding is being sought for information boards, waymarking and leaflets promoting a 5.5 mile circular walk from Aston Rowant Church to the Aston Rowant National Trust Woods and Natural England's Nature Reserve. The walk is mainly on permissive footpaths not shown on OS maps and permission has been given by the land owners. Grants are being sought from Oxfordshire County Council and various charities to cover a large proportion of the costs. Also Councillor Hetherington will represent this Council at the Chiltern Conservation Board's A.G.M. on 16th November.
- b) Cllr. Hetherington stated a large amount of money would be needed to make a cycle way from Lewknor to Chinnor via local villages; there are also problems with upgrading some footpaths to bridleways.

13 CORRESPONDENCEs follows to be circulated:

- a) ORCC Annual Review 2011/12
- b) The Clerk magazine November 2012
- c) Clerks & Councils Direct November 2012
- d) Chalk and Trees, magazine of the Chilterns Conservation Board, Winter 2012.

14 WEBSITE

Cllr. Armitage is to look into a link with Face Book.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Reports attached.

16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman

- a) The appointment of a new Parish Council Clerk was discussed. It was agreed the applicant be interviewed by Cllrs. Gibbons, Beechey and Armitage at a mutually convenient date.
- b) The Clerk is to write to Thames Water regarding smells coming from a drain in Butts Way.
- c) It was agreed the January meeting would be held on 16th January, 2013.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 12th December, 2012, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN