

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 12th October 2011.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** R. Armitage.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr. Crossley declared in Item 9.
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on the 14th of September 2011, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** – None.
5. **OPEN FORUM** – No matters discussed.
6. **PLANNING**

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

P11/E1466 Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement 4 bed house at Glenmist, Aston Hill, Lewknor, for Mr.K.Roberts. *Should be approved.*

P11/E1495 Single storey front extension, 2 storey rear extension, single storey garage/store at Hester Cottage, High Street, KB for Mr and Mrs S.Martin *Should be approved.*

P11/E1515 Two Storey side extension and garage extension at 10 The Rise, KB, for Mr.B.Guyver. *Should be approved.*

P11/E1556 Three replacement dwellings at Parkwood Stud, A.R. for Mrs. K. McArdle. *Should be approved.*

P11/E1606 Increasing roof pitch and re-roofing existing property and rear extension at 2 Aston Park, A.R. for Mr. Simon Clinton. Circulating.

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

Planning permission granted for O.C.C. Aston Rowant C of E School, School Lane, A.R. Watlington OX49 5SU, for change of use of land from pasture to school playing field, introduction of land drainage system, fencing, landscape planting and introduction of new vehicular access for maintenance and emergency purposes at field to the north of A.R. C of E Primary School, School Lane, A.R.

c) Letter from CPRE re Planning Reforms. Circulating.

d) How to respond to planning applications – booklet from NALC. Circulating.

e) Letter from CPRE – “Is your parish at risk from Planning Reforms?”

f) Crowell amalgamation. The Chairman reported further discussions with a Crowell resident regarding joining the Aston Rowant parish and it was decided that it was up to them to come to us with a proposition with at least 51% of parishioners agreement. Cllr. Hetherington undertook to confirm the criteria required for this so that a decision could be made in the future.

7. FINANCE

- a) The following payments were noted:
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| Clerk – July and August salary | | |
| O.A.L.C. – course fees training | 120 | .00 |
| S.O.D.C. – dog bin emptying April – June inc. | 81 | .62 |
| Mh-p – website | 18 | .00 |
| M.K.Watts – July ground maintenance | 240 | .00 |
| Safe and Sound Playgrounds | 234 | .00 |
| Peter Lambert – internal audit | 75 | .00 |
| Ordnance Survey – Paper Map Copying Licence | 65 | .70 |
| P.Gibbons – postage £5.45 – travel £26.00 | 31 | .45 |
| B.G.Hutton – repair of notice board | 66 | .00 |
| Kavan Ring – footpath improvement works
on AR Green | 7711 | .00 |
| M/K/Watts – ground maintenance – August | 240 | .00 |
| Kavan Ring – work on footpaths | 654 | .00 |
- b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – September salary	
S.O.D.C. – uncontested Election Services	100.00
Asda – gift for services to the PC for Brian Hutton	17.96
Kavan Ring – mowing of all areas	564.00
Creative Signs and Graphics – for play area	211.26
HM Revenue and Customs Q2	131.40
The Chilterns Conservation Board – donation	100.00
M.K.Watts – ground maintenance, September	240.00
P.Hetherington – Chiltern Con.fee	10.00
KissMyGrass – daffodil bulbs	40.99

c) Receipts as follows were noted:

Contribution towards cost of play area repairs	20.00
Sale of Walks books at Chinnor Village Centre	18.00
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account interest	0.63

d) The current financial situation as at 29th September

Barclays Bank – Community Account	1925. 40
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Acc	5086. 03
National Savings	10895. 26
Village Hall Sinking Fund (6035.41)	
Play Area Sinking Fund	
- maintenance	(1927.50)
Play Area Sinking Fund –	
- capital	(4032.80)
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)
Trees, Footpaths and Environmental Fund	
	(3151.39)
VAS Maintenance S.Fund	(1000.00)
Cash	11. 96

e) Damage to play area: cash received and letter of apology from one of the offenders.

f) Jubilee Celebrations were discussed and it was agreed that the Council support this financially. Cllr.Knight to liaise with the organisers and report back.

g) Grass Cutting AR, KB and Chalford to be discussed at the November meeting.

h) It was agreed that a pre-budget meeting would take place at the November meeting.

8. IGHWAYS

a) Letter from O.C.C. re bus service 276 (Oxford – High Wycombe) Circulating.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS

a) Lease - Cllrs. Gibbons and Beechey gave an update on the current situation.

10. HILLWERKE TRUST – Nothing to report.

11. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – Nothing to report

12. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

a) AR Nature Reserve – it was confirmed a letter of support has been sent in connection with application for grants.

b) Cllr.Hetherington reported the purchase of daffodil bulbs which Jim Clarke kindly agreed to plant along the Stert Road.

c) Cllr.Hetherington to represent the Parish Council at the Chiltern Area Conference on the 11th of November.

13. CORRESPONDENCE Circulating

a) Electoral Review of Oxfordshire: draft recommendations

b) Chilterns AETNA newsletter, Summer 2011.

c) The Playing Field Summer 2011 from O.P.F.A.

d) Letter from R.H.S. re Britain in Bloom

e) Chiltern News issue 201, September 2011, and News of the Woods No.47.

f) Letter from ORCC re Community Networking Event, 3rd October, Chalgrove Village Hall.

- g) Clerks and Councils Direct issue 77, September 2011.
- h) The Clerk magazine, September 2011.
- i) Letter from SODC re Town and Parish Council Forum, November 2011.
- j) Crowell Parish
- k) The Queen's Diamond
- l) Jubilee Beacons – guide to taking part

14. WEBSITE

- a) Community Websites

15. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – Not Present.

16. OTHER URGENT MATTERS

- a) It was proposed by Cllr. Beechey and agreed that we all look at the Parish standing orders and submit amendments to the November meeting.

17. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 9th November 2011 at Kingston Blount Village Hall at 7-45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN