

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 10th October, 2012.

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

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Rooksby (holiday), D/Cllr. D. Brown and C/C C. Newton..
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th September, 2012, were approved and signed.**
4. **MATTERS ARISING** - None
5. **OPEN FORUM** No members of the public were present.
6. **PLANNING**

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

P12/S1967/HH Replace existing single storey side and rear extensions with two storey extensions with attached carport and annex at Field House, Chinnor Road, A.R. for Mr. N. Burnand. *Should be approved.*

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, Kingston Blount, for Mr. A. Blake. *Should be refused.*

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. *This application is circulating.*

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

P12/S1092/FUL Conversion of redundant barn to residential unit, with single storey rear extension, formation of new vehicular access with gate, provision of new garden and cycle store at Lower Farm House, Stert Road, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*

P12/S1446/HH Erection of part single storey, part two storey side and rear extensions, rear dormer roof extension and rooflights, front entrance porch and construction of new front gate and front driveway as clarified by Tree Survey Report, at Wychelm, Chinnor Road, A.R. *Planning Permission granted.*

c) Letter from Planning Services, SODC, re alleged breach: unauthorised works in conservation area, K.B. – Noted.

d) Proposed redevelopment of Sheltered Scheme at Baker's Piece, Kingston Blount. A meeting has been arranged at Baker's Piece, on 19th October.

7. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:

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| Clerk – salary, July and August | | |
| Post Office Ltd. (HMR&C) | 138.20 | |
| M.K. Watts – ground maintenance work in June | 240.00 | |
| B.G. Hutton – repairs and painting | 168.00 | |
| B.L. Wilson (CAAOS.com) – printer inks | 62.70 | |
| K. Ring – mowing bits and pieces and lanes plus hedge | 444.00 | |
| Safe & Sound Playgrounds – new timber beam | 360.00 | |
| Playsafety Ltd. – safety inspection | 93.60 | |
| Ordnance Survey – paper map copying licence | 65.70 | |
| M.K. Watts – ground maintenance in August | 240.00 | |

b) The following payments were approved

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| 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 | |

c) Receipt as follows were noted:

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| | National Savings Investment Account – Interest | 21.79 |
| | Business Saver Account – Interest | 0.14 |
| 7 | d) The current financial situation as at 28 th September, 2012: | |
| | Barclays Bank – Community Account | 190.02 |
| | 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) It was agreed to make a donation of £100.00 to the Chilterns Conservation Board. | |
| | f) Provisional Budget, 2013/2014 was discussed. It was agreed the Precept for 2013/2014 would be £17500.00. | |
| | g) It was agreed not to respond to take part in South Oxfordshire’s budget consultation. | |
| | h) Cllr. Gibbons confirmed grass cutting schedule has been finalised. | |

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) A letter from the M40 Chilterns Environmental Group reporting on progress on proposal for solar noise barriers on the M40 was noted.

9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY

- a) Cllr. Gibbons has been in touch with Alex Green, one of the Trustees. After discussion it was agreed the payment of any bills is dependent on the Parish Council being satisfied with the wording of any new Constitution.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST - No report.

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL – No report.

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

Report from Cllr. Hetherington.

- a) Work on Church Lane has still to be finished; this will probably be left until the Spring.
- b) Cllr. Hetherington expressed concerned about the condition of the Lower Icknield Way from the A40 to 5 ways, and from 5 ways towards Kingston Blount. He will contact Countryside Services of O.C.C.
- c) O.C.C. has put in an excellent bridge on the Lower Icknield Way between Crowell and Chinnor.
- d) It was agreed the Clerk should write to Mr. Denly of Plowden Park, thanking him for the work on the wall alongside Aston Rowant green.
- e) O.C.C. Countryside Services, with the help of the Chiltern Society, have agreed to the waymarking of a 5.5 mile circular walking route from Aston Rowant Church. The walk passes along permissive footpaths on National Trust and Natural England land. NT and NE have agreed the route and will fund information boards on their own land. Cllr. Hetherington suggested the Parish Council apply for grants to cover the costs of information boards at the Church and on the Ridgeway. Countryside Services are very supportive of the venture, will put the route on their website and will advise as the project unfolds.
- f) Cllr. Hetherington will attend the Chiltern Conservation Board A.G.M.

13 CORRESPONDENCE circulated/noted:

- a) The Clerk magazine, September 2012.
- b) Clerks & Councils Direct, September 2012

- c) News of the Woods magazine Summer 2012
- d) Support for Lord Williams's Community Action Morning, on 16th November – it was agreed not to send a councillor to this event this year.
- e) O.P.F.A. magazine – forwarded to Jo Gent, the Playing Fields Committee member.

14 WEBSITE

- a) Cllr. Armitage brought the Parish Council up to date on the position.

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – No reports received.

16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman

- a) Christmas lunch – menu. It was agreed the Christmas lunch will be held on 6th December, 2012, in the Cherry Tree P.H.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 14th November, 2012, in the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Aston Rowant, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN