

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 9th October, 2013.

Present: Cllrs.P. Hetherington (in the Chair), R. Armitage, J. Knight, P. Rooksby, G.Crossley and M. Day.
Also present was C/ Cllr D. Wilmshurst

1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. P. Gibbons (Holiday)

2) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - *None.*

3) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th September, 2013, were approved and signed.**

4) **MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Open Meeting about Chinnor Library on Wednesday 30th October, 7pm at Chinnor Library. Cllr. J.Knight to attend and report back at the next meeting. Clerk to advertise via a News bulletin on the website and invite 3 people from the Parish and ask if people want the service to continue.

5) **OPEN FORUM** - *None*

6) **PLANNING**

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

P13/S2855/HH Proposed single storey side extension at 6 Bennetts Yard, Kingston Blount, OX39 4RQ – *Should be approved.*

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

P13/S1625/LB Demolition of stable block and erection of two storey 4-bedroom dwelling and refurbishment of courtyard building to form new gated entrance and garage/bin

store at Aston Park Stud Aston Rowant OX49 5SR - **Planning Permission granted**

P13/S2401/D Demolition of existing two storey building at 1-15 Bakers Piece House, Bakers Piece, Kingston Blount, OX39 4SN – **Demolition Permission granted.** *P13/S2132/FUL will be considered by the council's planning committee on Wednesday 16/10/2013. Cllr. Matt Day will attend and speak on behalf of the Parish Council.*

- c) **Local plan** – Should this be considered for our Parish? – *Cllr. Matt Day will be putting together a questionnaire with the intention of gathering the view of the Parishioners, with regards to whether we need a local plan. He will research the format and propose his ideas at the next meeting.*

7) **FINANCE**

- a) The following payments were noted:

	£	p
Clerk July Salary		
Clerk August Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	67.20	
Green Gardens (General tidy of play area)	30.00	
Simon Coulon (Flower tub planting)	216.71	
Complete Weed Control	259.20	
Buryhook Countryside Management	468.00	
MK Watts Ground Maintenance (Jul)	240.00	
SODC (Dog Bin emptying)	76.44	
The Chiltern Society	25.00	
P.Gibbons (mileage)	22.75	
MK Watts Ground Maintenance (Aug)	240.00	
Jack Brown (Litter Picker)	37.14	
ICO (Data Protection Registration fee)	35.00	
Release of funds to Poors Hillock Charity	250.00	

- b) The following payments were approved:

Clerk September Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	71.40	
Mh-p Internet Ltd Updating Plan M (17/10/2013 - 16/10/2014)	828.00	
MK Watts Ground Maintenance		
Diana Malley MAAT	35.00	
Green Gardens (Playground)	30.00	

- c) Receipts as follows were noted:

Interest Business Saver Account	0.14	
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- d) The current financial situation as at 27th September, 2013:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	-165.48	
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account		1088.64
National Savings		10917.05
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(1555.41)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2885.42)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(2704.95)	
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1000.00)	
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Fund (1626.39)		
VAS Maintenance Fund	(538.00)	
Cash		1.19

e) Request for grant aid – South & Vale Carers Centre – *Noted that the grant has already been given.*

7) HIGHWAYS

a) Litter Picker – Parish Council to approve revised risk assessment, September 2013 – *Noted and approved*

8) POORS HILLOCK CHARITY - None

9) **HILLWERKE TRUST** – The Clerk is to write to the Grants Officer to find out whether there is a possibility of getting a grant for the purchase of Outdoor fitness equipment for Kingston Blount playing fields.

10) ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL - None

11) FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

a) Report from Cllr. Hetherington – *7 of the 8 Information boards are now up for The Discovery Trail.*

b) Protecting Aston Rowant’s Village Pubs – *Cllr. Day agreed to review this and report back at the next meeting in November.*

12) CORRESPONDENCE was circulated

a) Chiltern Society Don Millar Fund

b) The Clerk magazine – September 2013

c) Clerks & Councils Direct

d) ‘Talking Oxfordshire’ – Information on Public Meeting

e) Public Sector mapping Agreement Information & Introductory Brochure

f) ORCC Annual Review 2012/2013

13) WEBSITE

a) It was agreed to amend or add one item each month as this is what we pay for. This month, the Discovery Trail map is to be amended. Cllr. R. Armitage to supply the Clerk with the latest version.

14) REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

a) C/Cllr. David Wilmsurst reported that we are living in difficult times. £127m has been saved since 2010 and Oxfordshire County Council are committed to saving £74m between now and 2018. This has now been increased by a further £60m.

b) C/Cllr. David Wilmsurst advised that David Clack has taken over from Keith Stenning temporarily (as Keith has a temporary appointment in the North) as the Highways Area Steward.

c) C/Cllr. David Wilmsurst is trying to get a group together to support dementia in the Community. The Councillors agreed this was a good idea.

d) It was reported to C/Cllr. David Wilmsurst that the Speed Camera sign on the B4009 (Aston Rowant) is broken, the chevron has still not been replaced on the B4009/Pleck Lane Junction and the request for central lines on the B4009 on the bend by the Junction of Pleck Lane. David has agreed to feed back any news on these issues to the Clerk.

e) No report from D/Cllr D. Brown

15) OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman - None

16) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 13th November , 2013, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.**

CHAIRMAN