

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 8th September, 2010.

Present: Cllrs. R. Armitage, P. Hetherington (in the Chair), and P. Rooksby. Also present; C/Cllr. R. Belson.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Beechey (holiday), Crossley (holiday), Gibbons (holiday) and Knight (holiday).
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - None
3. **MINUTES of the meeting held on 14th July, 2010, 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:

P10/E1015 Single storey rear extension at 1 Hill Crest Cottage, Brook Street, K.B. for Mr. and Mrs. Buzzard. *Should be approved.*

P10/E1191 Two storey rear extension at Malvern Cottage, Brook Street, K.B. for Mr. and Mrs. T. Kean. *Should be approved.*

P10/W0846 Amended Plan for information only 2 Hill Crest Cottage, Brook Street, K.B. Noted.

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

P10/E0757 Erection of a single storey extension to provide a wheelchair accessible Disabled WC and a Kitchenette at St. Peter & St Paul's Church, Church Lane, A.R. *Planning Permission granted.*

P10E1015 Single storey rear extension at 1 Hill Crest Cottage, Brook Street, K.B. *Planning Permission granted.*

7. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:

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Clerk – salary		
Kavan Ring – mowing 24/5/10	230.00	
The Chiltern Society – membership	25.00	
Computer Accessories – Printer ink	25.85	
M.K. Watts – ground maintenance, June	235.00	
Glynswood Print – envelopes (cash)	4.50	
B.G.Hutton – installation of dog waste bin and signs	125.00	

b) The following payments were approved

Clerk – salary, July and August		
Oli Nash – litter picking	72.00	
M.K. Watts – Playing Field	117.50	
BDO LLP – Audit fee	158.63	
Kavan Ring – mowing, etc.	250.00	
M.M. Denham – Play Area, play bark.	2438.13	
Ordnance Survey – Paper Map Copying Licence	64.33	
B.L. Wilson – postage	25.55	
M.K. Watts – ground maintenance, August	235.00	

c) Receipts – none received.

d) The current financial situation as at 27/08/2010:

Barclays Bank – Community Account	7465.90	
Barclays Bank – Business Premium Account	5082.88	
National Savings	10491.42	
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(3779.75)	

Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(599.50)	
Play Area Sinking Fund/capital	(3794.20)	
Parish Notes Sinking Fund	(1020.00)	
Ditches Sinking Fund	(1000.00)	
Trees and Maintenance SF	(1400.00)	
Traffic and Environmental Fund	(7524.69)	
Cash		4.00

- e) Parish Council website – Cllr. Armitage reported on the present position of the website. It was proposed by Cllr. Hetherington, seconded by Cllr. Rooksby that the website be activated; the proposal was agreed. Members thanked Cllr. Armitage for his work on setting up the website.
- f) Flower tubs. It was agreed the Clerk should write a letter of thanks to Michelle for her assistance with the tubs in the Parish.
- g) It was agreed not to make a donation to the Oxfordshire Assn. for the Blind
- h) It was noted the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March, 2010, has been approved by the Audit Commission.
- i) It was agreed not to make a donation to the Oxfordshire Woodland Project.
- j) Email from SLCC re Council Tax; PC response. Acknowledgement from Department for Communities and Local Government was noted.
- k) Letter from OCC re The Oxfordshire Big Debate was noted.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a) Footway, Chinnor to Kingston Blount – Cllr. Hetherington reported on the present situation. O.C.C. felt this project was not feasible at the present time. Cllr. Hetherington continues to liaise with Chinnor Parish Council.
- b) Kingston Hill drainage. It was agreed budgeted finance should be spent on digging sumps and recutting grips. The Clerk is to write to Malcolm Bowler, O.C.C., pointing out the ultimate responsibility for doing this work rests with O.C.C.
- c) Temporary Road Traffic Order – road closure to a section of Kingston Hill on 25th October, for one day. Noted.
- d) Letter from OCC re Review of Subsidised Bus Services, Wheatley, Thame & Watlington area 2011. Also letter from O.R.C.C. re Area Review. To be passed to Cllr. Beechey.

9. HILLOCK GARDENS – No report.

10. HILLWERKE TRUST – No report.

11. ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

- a) It was noted the school and the P.C. are pressing O.C.C. Countryside Services to improve the footpath surfaces used by parents and children as ways to school. O.C.C. has promised verbally that work on the Moors Footpath will be carried out during the October half term.

12. FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Chiltern News issue 197 September 2010 – to be circulated.

13. CORRESPONDENCE - items circulated were noted; other items to be circulated.

- a) Chiltern Woodlands Project ‘News of the Woods’ magazine, Summer 2010.
- b) Literature from No Need for Nuclear
- c) Invitation to ORCC 90th birthday AGM and Conference on 8th October.
- d) The Playing Field OPFA Newsletter Summer 2010
- e) HealthNEWS NHS Oxfordshire July 2010
- f) Celebrating Community Life in Rural Oxfordshire from ORCC.
- g) Letter from Wycombe DC re Wycombe Community Stadium & Sports Project.
- h) Clerks & Councils Direct September 2010 issue 71

14. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

C/Cllr. Belson briefly reported that 25% cuts were scheduled over the next four years.
He asked for reactions of members to the non use of speed cameras in Oxfordshire.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 13th October, 2010, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN