ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 12th September, 2012.

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

- 1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Crossley and Hetherington (holiday)...
- 2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** None
- 3. MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th July, 2012, were approved and signed.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING
 - a) Re 6d the Donkey Paddock; a letter has been sent to S.O.D.C. but no response has been received
- **5. OPEN FORUM** No members of the public were present.

6. PLANNING

a) **Application** as follows was confirmed/discussed:

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 at Wychelm, Chinnor Road, A.R. for Mr. K. Audit. *No strong views*.

- b) **Decision of S.O.D.C.** as follows was noted:
 - **P12/S1144/HH** Conversion of roof above detached garage into studio. External stairs and rooflights at Ashbrook House, Brook Street, K.B. *Planning Permission granted*.
- c) Further Examination Publication on Schedule of Main Modifications for South Oxfordshire Submission Core Strategy from S.O.D.C. Noted.
- d) ARCC re gate between old pitch and the new pitch. It has been agreed with S.O.D.C. and the cricket club that the width of the gate should be increased to 3.600m. The Clerk is to write to Tom Wyatt at S.O.D.C. to this effect.
- e) Cllr. Beechey reported on meetings re work on Kingston Blount Green. He is to telephone Mr. Day informing him that the Parish Council would like to see a short hedge planted to replace the hedge which was removed.

7. FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:	£ p
Clerk – June salary	
Kavan Ring - mowing of miscellaneous areas	384.00
BDO LLP – Audit fee	342.00
M.K. Watts – ground maintenance, June.	120.00
Michelle Harding – plants for tubs	174.75
MM Denham Construction Ltd. – bark for play area	2988.00
b) The following payments were approved:	
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
c) Receipt as follows were noted:	
Chilterns Conservation Board grant	275.00
d) The current financial situation as at 30 th August, 2012:	
Barclays Bank - Community Account	1801.32

Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account		1087.94
National Savings		10895.26
Village Hall Sinking Fund	(- 274.59)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – main.	(2894.90)	
Play Area Sinking Fund – capital	(2470.95)	
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) A letter from the Village Centre, thanking the Council for a grant, was noted.
- f) It was agreed not to make a donation to Home Start, Southern Oxfordshire.
- g) Letter from the Audit Commission re appointment of external auditor from 2012/13, was noted.
- h) Posters for World's Biggest Coffee morning from Macmillan Cancer Support one is to be put on the AR notice board, and one in KB village hall.

8. HIGHWAYS

a) At the request of local police, the owner of the hedge at the junction of the B4009 and Aston Village Road has been contacted by Cllr. Knight, requesting that the hedge be cut back to improve vision.

9. POORS HILLOCK CHARITY

a) The Council has noted that Poors Hillock has been registered and how it has been registered.

10 HILLWERKE TRUST – No report

11 ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL - No report

12 FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) AR Cricket Club advertising signs the Clerk is to write to the Cricket Club requesting signs be removed after an event has taken place.
- b) News of the Woods magazine and Annual Report 2011-2012, Summer 2012 to be circulated.
- c) Cllrs. Rooksby and Hetherington have investigate the problem at the entrance to Woodway Farm and are seeking quotes for work to rectify the situation.

13 CORRESPONDENCE as follows to be circulated/noted:

- a) The Playing Field, O.P.F.A. magazine Summer 2012
- b) Letter from Local Works re Sustainable Communities Act.
- c) Booking form for Affordable Rural Housing Conference on $26^{\rm th}$ September.
- d) Chiltern News, issue 205, September 2012.
- e) A guide for councillors on Openness and transparency on personal interests, from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

14 WEBSITE

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

15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS – None received.

16 OTHER URGENT MATTERS at the discretion of the Chairman

a) General Power of Competence. This was discussed.

17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 10th October, 2012, at Kingston Blount Village Hall, at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN