

ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the above Council held on Wednesday, 10th September 2014.

Present: Cllrs. P. Gibbons (in the Chair), G. Crossley, J Knight & M. Day.

- 1) **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. P. Rooksby, P. Hetherington, C/Cllr. D. Wilmshurst & D/Cllr. D. Brown
- 2) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – None
- 3) **MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th July 2014, were approved and signed.**
- 4) **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) Appointment of new Councillor in replacement of Cllr. R. Armitage – *The Parish Council have been advised by SODC that no electors had asked for an election. Therefore Andy Green was voted in as a co-opted member of the Aston Rowant Parish Council. Andy's address is to be circulated with a revised list of contact details.*
 - b) 2014-15 Community Emergency Plan survey – *The Clerk is to complete with the same details as last year and submit to the Emergency Operations Centre by the end of September.*
- 5) **OPEN FORUM** – *1 member of the public (Andy Green) was present.*
- 6) **PLANNING**
 - a) **Applications** as follows were confirmed/discussed:

P14/S1586/O Outline application for a residential development of up to 120 dwellings and open space with access off Crowell Road, with other matters reserved. At the Land east of Crowell Road, Chinnor – *This has now been refused for the following reasons:*

 1. *The application site lies on the edge of the settlement of Chinnor, it is not a site allocated for development in a Development Plan, including a Neighbourhood Plan and it is not considered an infill site within the built up limits of the settlement. The proposed development is therefore contrary to policies CSS1, CSR1 and CSH1 of the adopted Core Strategy. The development would extend into and encroach upon the adjacent countryside contrary to policies G2, G4, C4 and D1 of the adopted South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011 and advice set out in the South Oxfordshire Design Guide and South Oxfordshire*
 2. *That the proposal fails to provide affordable housing in accordance with Policy CSH3 of the adopted Core Strategy 2012 and fails to provide adequate on and off site infrastructure and services in accordance with Policy CS11 of the adopted Core Strategy.*

Cllr. Day expressed his disappointment that the issues raised by the Parish Council regarding the traffic implications were not mentioned in the reasons for refusal.
 - b) **Decisions of S.O.D.C.** as follows were noted:

P14/S1927/FUL Demolition of a stable block and garage and erection of a two storey 3-bedroom dwelling and garage and associated gated entrance at Aston Park Stud, Aston Rowant, OX49 5SR – *Granted - Noted*

P14/S0156/HH Alterations and extension of existing house to provide kitchen / dining area and new bedroom. Existing porch removed and new porch added. Demolition of existing garage replacement with 3 bay garage with annexe space above at 14 Aston Park, Aston Rowant, Oxon, OX49 5SW – *Granted - Noted*

P14/S1247/HH Demolition of existing lean-to extension and rear conservatory. Erection of a new two storey extension at The Folly Chalford in the Parish of Aston Rowant, OX39 4NQ – *Refused - Noted*
 - c) Traffic / Road Survey on the B4009 ahead of the proposed development in Crowell – *Cllr. Day is progressing this.*
 - d) S106 Agreements – *Parish Councils don't get any money from housing developments in the area. Cllr. Gibbons will write to Eric Pickles asking why Parish Councils are not considered.*
 - e) Consultation on Draft Revised Oxfordshire Statement of Community Involvement – *Cllr. Day will be responding, stating that the Parish Council would want to be consulted on any planning matters concerning the New Oxfordshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan which the County Council is preparing.*
 - f) Briefing note for Parish and Town Councils on Leisure Facilities Assessment and Strategy - *Noted*

7) FINANCE

a) The following payments were noted:	£	p
Clerk June Salary		
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	69.40	
Chinnor United Benefice	100.00	
SLCC (Clerks Manual)	50.50	
Alice Surman (Litter Picker)	24.76	

MK Watts	240.00
S Johns (Accounts Book)	16.55
BDO LLP (Audit)	120.00
Diane Malley –Payrol (Approved by 2 Councillors in the interim)	29.00
Clerk July Salary	
Post Office Ltd (HMRC) – July	69.40
b) The following payments were approved:	
Clerk August Salary	
Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	69.40
SODC (Dog bin emptying)	87.91
Hazell & Jefferies	264.00
Ridgeway Woodlands	576.00
Information Commissioner	35.00
Alice Surman (Litter Picker - July)	24.76
MK Watts	240.00
Playsafety Ltd (Playground inspection)	96.00
Green Gardens	45.00
Buryhook Countrysde Management	510.00
Peter Lambert (Amended from £50)	80.00
Peter Hetherington (Mileage)	11.70
Alice Surman (Litter Picker – August)	24.76
MK Watts (Additional invoice)	240.00
c) Receipts as follows were noted:	
Walks Booklets	60.00
Grant from TOE (AR Discovery Trail)	1160.00
Kingston Blount Street Fayre Donation (Defibrillator)	400.00
d) The current financial situation as at 1 st September 2014:	
Barclays Bank – Community Account	7542.32
Barclays Bank – Business Saver Account	1089.06
National Savings	11058.12
Village Hall Reserve fund	(1230)
Play Area Reserve Fund	(5405)
Parish Notes Reserve Fund	(1000)
Trees, Footpaths & Environment Reserve Fund	(3832)
Cash	1.19
e) Budget 2014/2015 – v4 August 2014 – <i>Noted. The Clerk is to look into the Pension costs for 2014/2015.</i>	
f) Quote from Matthew Denham for the re-barking of the Play area – <i>The Clerk is to ask Matthew Denham about how much bark is actually needed as the current quote of £2340 + £150 labour + VAT for 36 cubic meters seems very high.</i>	
g) Street Cleansing payments to Parish Councils – <i>The Clerk is to respond to this letter, including the costs for the litter picker, weed clearing / spraying and dog bins.</i>	

8) HIGHWAYS

- Kingston Blount Bus Stop / Shelter – *It is unlikely that the Parish Council have the funds to supply this but Cllr. Crossley will speak to Liz Foley at Chinnor Parish Council for advice.*
- Pedestrian crossing in Kingston Blount? – *The Clerk is to respond to the email from Wendy Hawkins acknowledging the note and advising that anyone is welcome to contact Cllr. Day if they wish to be involved with a traffic assessment which the Parish Council is currently considering. A crossing will need a pavement on either side of the road and this would also need to be considered, along with associated costs. Any petition should be submitted to Oxfordshire County Council.*
- Parish Bus Service – *Cllr. Crossley attended the Transport Meeting and this was discussed. He will be collecting views and opinions from the parishioners and submitting it to Oxfordshire County Council by 15th November 2014.*

9) POORS HILLOCK CHARITY - None

10) HILLWERKE TRUST - None

11) ASTON ROWANT SCHOOL

12) FOOTPATHS AND AMENITIES

- a) Replacements Trees and thorn for Fiveways, Church Lane, Aston Rowant – 5 Paul Scarlet Hawthorn, 3 Crab Apple, 1 Whitebeam, 3 Wild Service and 3 Hazel - *Noted*
- b) Update on plans to improve the surface of the Moor Footpath near entrances to Spencer Chapman's Studs fields – *This has been completed by Spencer Chapman free of charge. The plantings were provided by the Parish Council. Thanks have been given by Cllr. Gibbons.*
- c) Estimates for Forestry works in the Parish – *Approved / Noted.*
- d) Public Rights of Way – Limited trial approach to categorising paths – *The Clerk is to inform Paul Harris the Cllr. Hetherington will contact him when he returns from his holidays.*
- e) The Cherry Tree Public House – Entered onto the list of Assets of Community Value – *Noted.*
- f) Hedge by Aston Rowant School – *This has now been cut back by Peter Lambert who has reported that there is a dead tree that needs attending to. Cllr. Gibbons is trying to find out who owns that part of the land as it is their responsibility to deal with it. A report will be made at the October meeting.*

13) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Email from Charlie Hodges regarding Scout Fundraising – *Noted but sadly no budget. The Clerk is to email a response.*
- b) The Chiltern Society Magazine – Autumn 2014 - *Noted*
- c) Letter from Home Start - *Noted*

14) WEBSITE

- a) Item for amendment on the website – *Cllr. G. Crossley will email the Parish Hall rates to the Clerk for this month's amendment.*

15) REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS - None

16) DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, 8th October at Kingston Blount Village Hall at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN