



**AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Annual PARISH COUNCIL meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Stan Bennett, Terry Cavender, John Hockley, Mike Mortimer, Elaine Rowlands, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

**MoP:** John Cowley, Sherri Holland, Angela Hawker, John Tibbetts.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Brian Coxall (present from 5b onwards), District Councillor Pearl Lewis.

**2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Having joined the P/Council in May 1991, MM immediately became Vice Chairman. He then took the role of Chairman from May 1992, which he has ably carried out ever since. MM indicated that he now wishes to step down. No existing member of the P/Council wishes to stand as Chairman and so MM has agreed to stand again until a replacement can be found. (Prop.TC, sec. JH). JH was re-elected as Vice- Chairman (SB, TC).

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:** None

***ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION***

- MM attended a Civic Reception at the opening of the new AVDC offices.
- There have recently been 2 serious local road traffic accidents.
- Flooding points on the A413 are to be looked at by the Local Area Technician.
- A loose gully grate outside The Cottage has finally been attended to.

**4.** The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **12<sup>th</sup> March 2012**, were proposed and seconded as a true record (SB, TC) and signed by MM.

**5. MATTERS ARISING.**

**5a. Recreational Field**

The site for the **Jubilee beacon** has been decided; along from the basketball area. The P/Council had, at its last meeting, decided against making it a permanent feature but it was agreed that a final decision will be taken once it has been erected and the opinion of the village will be sought via the Akeley News.

AVDC are to give an **oak tree** to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee and this will be planted either on the old bonfire site or that of the beacon if it is not to be permanent.

**Insurance for hall users** – All users of the hall carrying out organised sport/entertainment etc. must have their own public liability insurance, as the field does not belong to the village hall.

The **Allotment fence** needs attention. Quotes for repair will be sought from 3 sources.

**5b. Roads and traffic**

**Village name plates relocation** – Following the Area 14 Speed Limit Review, it was agreed to leave the village name plate at the SW end of the A413 where it is, but move the Leckhampstead Rd plate to be sited with the new 30mph signs further out of the village.

The white **road name plates** in the village have been renewed with brown plates as is usual in a conservation area.

**Street lights** – Energy-efficient bright white lights are available at £120 each. Eon is to survey the A413 and provide a costing. Affected residents may be consulted.

The cats' eyes along the A413 Akeley to Lillingstone Lovell are to be improved after 2 residents wrote to Bucks CC.

**5c. Website** – some progress has been made and a few areas have been updated.

**5d. Insurance cover review** – No amendments required and the annual premium to be paid (MT, JH).

**5e. Neighbourhood Planning** – The question of whether Akeley needs a plan should become clearer in the autumn. It would seem at present that it may not be absolutely necessary as 'small rural villages' would be governed by a generic policy. It was noted that it could not be indicated in a plan where development was *not* thought to be acceptable, only those areas where it *would be* welcome. The recent meeting attended by MM and TC had not been well-attended.

## **6. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS**

The accounts for the period 9/3/12 to 31/3/12 were proposed and seconded (MT, TC) and signed by MM. (The accounts 1/4/12 to 14/5/12 were unavailable as the terminals at the building society had been malfunctioning and the book had misprinted). The annual accounts were approved (JH, MT) and signed by MM. The annual external audit form was dealt with, completed and signed by MM. The internal audit has also been completed.

The proposed increase to the charge for the cutting of the churchyard from £100 to £110 was approved (TC, JH), although the recently received bill was for £105.

It was agreed that a loan of £500 would be provided to the Diamond Jubilee Committee together with a donation of £250 (TC, MT).

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A letter of thanks has been received from Bucks CAB for the recent donation.
- The Community Oil-buying Scheme is off to a good start.
- It was suggested that the village purchase an emergency defibrillator (£1,900). A 'Community Chest' grant may be available.

## **8. PLANNING**

- **Little Northover** – Applic.for lime render to external wall adj. front door, reinstatement of side door (amendment to 11/01968/ALB) – **APPROVED.**
- **The Coppice, A/Wood** – Applic.for erection of replacement dwelling (amendment to 11/02175/APP) – **APPROVED.**
- **Maple Tree Cottage, Chapel Lane** - Minor amended plans to application for O/P/P for detached bungalow – **APPROVED.**
- **Akeley House** – Applic.for use of land and property as Class 3 residential – **CERTIFICATE ISSUED – EXISTING USE.**
- **Land to rear of Hillberry House** – Applic.for creation of private manège –amended plans **to go to DCC 17.5.12**
- **The Mount, Buckingham Rd.** – Applic.for erection of detached outbuilding – **REFUSED.**
- **1 Capel Close** – Applic. for erection of 1.8 metre high fence.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....July 9<sup>th</sup> 2012**