



## AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Terry Cavender (Chair), Brian Coxall, Clair Flynn, Alice Guise, John Hockley (Vice Chair), Mike Mortimer, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

M.o.P: Angela Hawker, Charlotte Hunns, John Tibbetts.

**1. APOLOGIES:** County and District Councillor Warren Whyte

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

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

- Flooding of Chapel Lane road surface – BC reported the situation which has arisen where the water is running off the surrounding fields and flooding the lower part of Chapel Lane. Some landowners have cleared their ditches but others have not. A notice regarding landowners' 'riparian obligations' to be put in the next newsletter.
- The drain gully between Manor Rd and Church Hill is blocked – the Clerk to report.

**3. The MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **9<sup>th</sup> November 2015**, were proposed (BC) and seconded (MT) and signed by TC.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING.**

**4a. AED** – The instructions sign has been manufactured and installed (Thanks to BC). Governance and maintenance update – nothing received in writing from Geoff Shaw – TC to follow up. Sam McGhee (our Community First Responder) and CF have agreed to check the device every 3 weeks. The Head Teacher of the school is keen to get an AED installed near the site in Chackmore. E-on have been notified that our AED is now connected to the power supply. Village fundraising for the AED projects should be encouraged.

**4b. Recreational Field** - the new **basketball post** is installed – thanks to the Village Hall Committee and Warren Whyte for donations (the old one still to be removed from site). **Wild Flower Area monitor** required (BC to follow up). **Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday beacon lighting 21/4/16** – The P/C is happy to have the beacon lit on this national event but, as usual and to comply with the P/C's insurance, this will have to be organised solely by the P/C. CF has kindly agreed to do this and is to be the point of contact from the Royal Pageant Master. The Events Committee will be notified in order that they can liaise to organise this celebration. **Events Committee's Pig Roast pit** – Following recent comments erroneously directed at the Parish Council regarding the unsafe and untidy state of the pit and surrounding area, the Events Committee has asked a local builder to provide a quote 'to construct a low wall within the pit with adequate provision for drainage. A heavy metal drop-in covering plate will be fixed at ground level for safety protection. Subject to the agreement of the Events Committee all costs will be covered from existing funds.' The P/Council wishes to see these plans within one month (i.e. 11/2/16) and review them before work starts, in order to ensure that the area will be secure, safe, non-trip with adequate drainage and able to pass the annual RoSPA inspection. The work must be completed by Easter (i.e. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March) otherwise the pit should be filled in. The barriers must stay in place until then.

**4c. Roads and traffic – Daisy Bank hand rail** was repaired on 3/1/16 after being damaged by a vehicle, although it was re-examined after the work had been concluded because of doubts about its sturdiness. Findings not yet received. **Pedestrian signs Leckhampstead Rd** – after being assessed by Bucks CC, it was deemed that the road is too narrow to have a delineated walkway painted on the road surface. A 'SLOW' road marking will be installed along with 2 pedestrian warning signs. There is no funding available from Bucks CC for a **feasibility study** of the pinch-point at the Bull & Butcher (£9,800). We have been informed that a weight restriction on the A413 is not viable.

The **warranty claim** work for the poor-quality A413 surfacing is scheduled for this week. Also scheduled for the near future is the digging up of the road for the **installation of super-fast broadband**.

**4d. Devolution of services** – It is likely that Bucks CC will reduce grass cuts to 3 per annum. TC has requested more information from Bucks CC. MM to contact David Letts of the Social Enterprise Scheme in Buckingham to ascertain if that is something we would consider getting involved with. Another option would be to ask our grass-cutting contractor for a quote when we have more information.

**4e. Fly-tipping Chackmore turn** – this an ongoing problem, with recent fly-tipping of an amount of rock wool insulation material. This was reported by the Clerk and has now been removed. JH has spoken to the coach drivers who park there but they have, of course, denied that they are the culprits of the prolific general littering at this site. A sign or a bin is required.

## 5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the period 6/11/15 to 11/1/16 were proposed and seconded (JH, MT) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

Setting of the annual **precept**- after examination of the financial forecast, accounts and council tax implications, it was agreed (BC, JH) that it would be prudent to raise the precept from £10,000 to £10,500, especially in light of the devolution uncertainty.

**Annual review of rents** for Scouts and Chackmore turn fields – kept at £50 and £150 respectively.

**Replacement Millennium bench** – it was agreed that an item will be put in the next newsletter stating that if anyone would like to sponsor a new bench, they would be most welcome, but that the bench on the far side of the Dog Walk that was removed because it was unsafe would not be replaced unless there was public demand.

**Waste bin** – Chackmore turn - £500 budget allowed (BC, MT).

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

Alice Guise tendered her resignation due to time and work constraints and TC thanked her for her contributions over her 2 years on the P/Council. The Clerk will set in motion the search for her replacement.

## 7. PLANNING

- **15/03708/APP 3 Capel Close** - 2nd applic. for part two- storey, part first floor side, two-storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable accommodation – **REFUSED** again.
- **15/03731/APP - Ashwood, Chapel Lane** – Applic. for Single storey side and front extension. Two storey side extension and first floor accommodation over the existing bungalow and garage, together with a replacement outbuilding
- **15/04075/ATN Land at Hillside Farm** – application for new 15m lattice telecommunications mast with antennas and dishes, ground based cabinets and ancillary development.
- **15/04018/APP Land adj. Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane** – Applic. for 2 bedroom bungalow.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....March 7th 2016

The March meeting will be the Annual PARISH meeting and annual reports are invited from:

The Parish Council Chairman

The Allotments Officer

Akeley Gardening Club

Akeley Village Hall Committee

The website webmaster

Akeley Charities

Educational Trust Fund

The Events Committee

Ellen Sayer, Clerk to the Parish Council 13/1/16