



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL meeting held 25th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Terry Cavender, Brian Coxall, Alice Guise (from 4a. onwards), John Hockley (Vice Chair), Elaine Rowlands, Mike Mortimer (Chair), Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).
M.o.P: Jackie Corcoran, Angela Hawker, Sherri Holland, Jeff Mainwaring-Samwell, John Tibbetts.

1. APOLOGIES: District Councillor Pearl Lewis

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- Applications for funding from **the New Homes Bonus** will now be considered from areas outside the immediate development area if there are implications as a result of the new housing.
- It looks likely that **superfast broadband** will be extended to rural areas in the near future.
- Thanks to TC for cleaning **the village name signs**.
- The **County Council elections** will take place 2/5/13.

3. The **MINUTES** of the last public meeting, held on **14th January 2013** and the closed meeting held on **19th January** were proposed, seconded (TC, ER and BC, TC) and signed as true records by MM.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Co-option of 7th Parish Councillor- The correct procedures had been followed and Alice Guise was welcomed on to the Parish Council as a replacement for Stan Bennett.

4b. Recreational Field- JH had liaised with the school which had then arranged for the **tree** overhanging the Children's Play Area to be cut back, at their expense. The Clerk has written to thank them. The **safety surfaces** have been pressure-washed prior to the annual RoSPA inspection. It was noted that a budget of £200 has previously been agreed to purchase a commemorative **plaque for the Diamond Jubilee Oak** and this will be arranged in the near future. An events committee is planning a **Pig Roast on 13/7/13**, during which it is planned to relight the Diamond Jubilee Beacon. For insurance purposes this part of the proceedings must be organised by the P/Council. It was agreed that £250 would be donated towards a plaque for the beacon. The recent spate of **dog fouling** prompted the posting of information on the website to remind owners of their responsibilities. MM *will* check the shed for a replacement football net.

4c. Roads and traffic – Residents must continue to report **potholes** to Transport for Bucks. We have yet another new **Local Area Technician**. A survey of the roads and footpaths in the village will be arranged for a Sunday morning when problems will be recorded and then passed on to him for action. It was agreed to repay the first instalment of the **VAS loan** but make clear the issues and problems encountered during the installation. TC to organise a **speed check** at school times around the end of the month. Improvements to the street lighting are being considered, by way of 2 new replacement lanterns in Manor Road and a brand new light on Leckhampstead Rd. It was noted that the road from the A413 to Akeley Wood School will be closed during April.

4d. Village maintenance ‘jobs day’ - AG to appeal for and organise volunteers. Jobs needing doing could be proposed by villagers and/or identified during the survey in 4c.

4e. Akeley School (JH) – Nursery provision for 2- and- a- half year olds is being considered at the village school. This would be housed in a ‘log cabin’. It was agreed that MM would write a supportive letter to the school.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the period 13/1/13 to 21/3/13 were approved (MT, ER) and signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

MT will replace Stan Bennett as the **3rd signatory** required for the Building Society account. It was suggested that the extra grant received with this year’s precept should be used to replace the old fence along the Village Hall access road. This idea will be considered in more depth at a later date.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Best Kept Village Award – Akeley has not participated in this competition for many years.

7. PLANNING

- 13/00063/APP - **Akeley House, Buckingham Rd.** – Applic. for change of use of land from paddock to residential and creation of tennis court – **REFUSED.**

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....May 13th 2013

This will be the Annual /First PARISH COUNCIL meeting of the new financial year, when the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will take place.