



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th July 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender (Acting Chair), Alice Guise, Elaine Rowlands, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

M.o.P: Jackie Corcoran, Natalie Fagan, Angela Hawker, Peter and Debbie Lee, Mark, Sherri Holland, John Norman, Andy Sayer, John Tibbetts and Liz Tudor-Price.

1. APOLOGIES: Brian Coxall, John Hockley, Mike Mortimer

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

- TC – Director of Internet Access Company – External Wi-Fi under 6. Correspondence.

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- The plaque is to be mounted on the Diamond Jubilee Beacon in time for Saturday's Pig Roast event. John Norman thanked the P/Council for its contribution to the cost.
- A tree came down on the A413 recently narrowly missing vehicles.
- Natalie Fagan raised concerns regarding the recent National Street Van Association event and Peter Lee responded . The situation will be reviewed.

3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **13th May 2013** had been circulated. They were approved as a true record (ER, MT) and signed by TC.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Recreational Field - Annual RoSPA inspection – this highlighted the need for the area in front of the football goal post to be filled in and levelled as it is considered a trip hazard. We have volunteers to do this and thanks go to them. The Beacon lighting on 13th, after the Pig Roast, is being organised by the P/Council and First Aiders will be in attendance.

4b. Roads and traffic - It has been noted that the **grass verges** have not been cut and this is due to the new contractors not having received sufficient training, we are told. Several complaints have been made by villagers as well as the Clerk. We have been notified that the recently appointed Local Area Technician has been transferred into the employ of Jacobs Ringway. The **hedge** on Buckingham Rd has been cut back in readiness for the installation of the new village entrance gates.

4c. Village 'Adopt a' Scheme - This has unfortunately had to be put on hold as it has run into several issues.

4d. Website maintenance - The 'free' year of maintenance is almost up and the P/Council accepted the offer from Artefact Web Designs to carry on updating it for a further year for the sum of £65 (ER, MT).

4e. Akeley News Aug/Sept delivery - AG to contact a possible delivery person for the next issue.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the period 14/5/13 to 4/7/13 were proposed and seconded (ER, MT) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and payments Book.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **HS2** – The P/Council is considering opposing the scheme on behalf of the village as there has now emerged a threat of the need to extract gravel from the local area. An item to be put in the next newsletter.
- **External Wi-Fi Project** – It may be possible to obtain a free box which would provide Wi-Fi within a 100m radius. The P/Council will register its interest and the school will be contacted regarding being used as a ‘host building’.
- MM recently attended a meeting clarifying **effective planning commenting** and will report at a later date.
- Comments had been submitted regarding the **Vale of Aylesbury Plan Strategy** indicating that, within it, the role of Village Design Statements was not clearly defined.
- **Foscote Water** – Planned improvements at the Treatment Works may not be able to go ahead because of an expired abstraction licence.

7. PLANNING

- 13/00582/ALB and 583/APP - **Stable hall, Akeley Wood School** – Applic. for mezzanine floor in stable – **APPROVED**
- 13/01271/APP – **The Mount Buckingham Rd.,** - Applic. for ground floor rear ext., followed by minor amended plans.
- 13/01139/APP – **Thyme House, Main St.,** - Applic. for single & 2-storey rear exts., rear decking, alteration of side roof to pitched.
- 13/01197/APP – **The Old School** – Applic. for removal of rear utility room & erection of S/S link to outbuilding.
- 13/01321/APP – **3 Church Hill** – Applic. for s/s rear ext.& rear roof ext. to create bedroom in loft space.
- 13/00057 & 13/00063 – **Akeley House, Buckingham Rd.,** - Change of use of land from paddock to residential & creation of tennis court – **APPEAL LODGED** against refusal.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....September 9th 2013