



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender (Chairman), Clair Flynn, John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Lorna Joy, Mike Mortimer and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

M.o.P: Angela Hawker and John Tibbetts

1. APOLOGIES: Joanne Eastwood and Mary Taylor

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- The VAHT has completed the forms for the installation of **superfast broadband** at the **flats** in Manor Rd.
- The telecommunications **mast** at Hillside Farm has been erected.

3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **14th November 2016**, were proposed as a true record by JH, seconded by MM and signed by TC.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Recreational Field - Grass cutting quote 2017 approved (JH, LJ). The remedial work in Play Area has now been completed

4b. Devolved grass cutting and Churchyard grass - 2017 quote approved as above, with the addition of £300 for the siding of the footpaths @ £14 per man per hour.

4c. Roads and traffic – problems continue along Leckhampstead Rd with the school coaches.

4d. Dog fouling – a visit from AVDC's Dog Warden has been requested by the Clerk.

4e. Winter Preparedness – Following a survey regarding the village's plans in the event of heavy snowfall, it was agreed that, as in the past, the local farmers/residents usually volunteer assistance using their machinery.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the period 11/11/16 to 9/1/17 were approved (MM, CF) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

The **precept 2017/18** was set at £12,000 (JH, CF) and the annual predicted expenditure of £12,589 was approved (JH, CF).

Scouts Field and Chackmore-turn Field **annual rent reviews** – it was agreed unanimously that they should remain the same at £50 and £150 for a further year.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Mary Taylor has submitted her letter of **resignation**. The Clerk to put an item in the next newsletter advising villagers that a vacancy will be arising shortly. This will also be put on the Facebook page 'Akeley News and Views'.

It was noted that the £1k micro-grant is no longer available from the 'Community Chest'.

7. PLANNING

- **16/03173/AOP** –Land off Leckhampstead Rd (The Leys field) - **Applic. for outline planning consent with all matters reserved for a residential development of up to 24 dwellings including creation of new highway access, associated public and private open space and car parking provision - REFUSED.**
- **16/03461/APP** – Land adj. Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane – **Applic. for a 2 bedroom bungalow** (determination deadline 17/11/16) – **still awaiting decision.**
- **16/04336/APP** – Old Village Hall plot, Lillingstone Road – **Applic. for 5 bedroom house with integral garages**

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....March 13th 2017

This will be the Annual PARISH meeting and 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 12/1/17