



**AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 **14<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**This will be the Annual PARISH meeting and reports are invited from:**

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| <b>The Parish Council Chairman</b> | <b>The Allotments Officer</b>        |
| <b>Akeley Gardening Club</b>       | <b>Akeley Village Hall Committee</b> |
| <b>The website webmaster</b>       | <b>Akeley Charities</b>              |
| <b>Educational Trust Fund</b>      | <b>The Events Committee</b>          |

*Ellen Sayer* **Clerk to the Parish Council 12/1/17**