



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th July 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender (Chairman), Clair Flynn, Alice Guise, Mike Mortimer and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

No members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES: Brian Coxall, John Hockley, Mary Taylor - on holiday.
County and District Councillor Warren Whyte.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:
CF -7. Planning, owner of Manor Farm (previously recorded).

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- The recent annual village **Pig Roast** was well-attended and was an enjoyable event. Thanks to the Events Committee and all the volunteers.

3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **11th May 2015** were proposed and seconded (MM, AG) and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Proposed AED – It is proposed to mount the AED between the post of the replacement notice board and the street light, from which the power source will come. Projected costs are:

Unit	£995
Box	£525
Materials to fix	£75
Labour	<u>£180</u>
	£1,775

Donations totalling £2,100 have been pledged and VAT is recoverable. The surplus will be ring-fenced for future maintenance. It was agreed that the annual electricity cost of £31.60 will be absorbed by the P/Council in its street lighting bill (AG, CF). A public demonstration of the equipment may be held before the November meeting.

4b. Recreational Field - the Annual **RoSPA inspection** report flagged up no problems. The wooden '**Millennium**' bench near the Dog Walk has rotted. It will be ascertained if it can be repaired; otherwise it will be removed if it is unsafe. The Leckhampstead Rd entrance to the Recreational Field has become quite overgrown. The Clerk to request a price from the contractor to cut it twice a year and side the hedge. The **trees** given to us at the beginning of the year by WPD which are now 'lodging' in the allotments may not all have survived. They should not be replanted until the autumn so will be looked at then.

4c. Roads and traffic - 6 month **grass cutting** review (3 cuts to date): These cuts have been nicely done. As regards Parish Councils taking on this task as a devolved service, feedback from the Local Area Forum indicated that feelings were mixed. The situation will be reviewed again but this Parish Council has no desire to take on this task at present.

A413 remedial work and ironwork raising – Information would suggest that despite suggesting that remedial work should be done within the 1 year warranty period, Transport For Bucks has decided to wait a year to monitor the situation. Assurances have been given that any work would be carried out at no cost to the taxpayer.

4c.cont'd. Speedwatch – Thanks to the volunteers who recently carried out 3 sessions in the village. 42 speeding cars were logged on the A413. Those travelling at 35mph and over (approx.12) will receive letters from the police.

4d. Equality and Diversity Policy – The Parish Council was required to create such a policy for the notice board grant application. This was adopted (CF, AG) and will be posted on the website and reviewed annually.

4e. Mission Statement – Similarly, this was adopted (CF, AG) and will be posted on the website.

4f. The Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015/494 – Agendas, minutes, accounts and other required information will in future be published on the website to comply with these new regulations.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the period 8/5/15 to 7/7/15 were proposed and seconded (AG, CF) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts & Payments Book.

The **Internal Audit** has been completed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council has been advised by AVDC that as a result of the response from the landowner to a 'Call for sites' for future housing (to be included in the draft replacement Local Development Plan), an area to the rear of Oaktree Farm has been documented.

7. PLANNING

- **14/A3614/DIS** – Joinery details – Manor Farm, Leckhampstead Rd – still '**Pending consideration**' on AVDC's website– queried 7/7/15.
- **15/01362/APP** – Applic. (3rd) for erection of two storey rear extension, a one and a half front extension and a parking space - 7 Church Hill – **APPROVED**
- **15/02127/APP** – Applic. for detached summerhouse in garden.
- Thurs 17/9/15 6.30pm– '**Material Considerations**' meeting at AVDC – CF will attend if possible.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....September 7th 2015

Ellen Sayer Clerk to the Parish Council 22/7/15