



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th July 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender (Chairman), Joanne Eastwood, Clair Flynn, Lorna Joy, Mike Mortimer, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

M.o.P: Angela Hawker, Rod Phillips and John Tibbetts

1. APOLOGIES: John Hockley

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- Another road traffic incident occurred today between a lorry and a car at the pinch point at Daisy Bank.
- It was noted that in the draft local plan, Akeley would be expected to take 11 new houses. The public consultation exhibition will be at the Community Centre in Buckingham on Wednesday 13th July. Leaflets have been delivered to every household in Akeley to encourage comment.
- Mr Phillips requested that a member of the Parish Council attend a planning committee meeting, if he re-submitted his refused application*, to speak in support of it. Availability permitting, LJ agreed to do this.

3. The MINUTES of the last meeting, held on **16th May 2016**, were proposed as a true record (MT, CF) and signed by TC.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Recreational Field. Grass cutting – the standard has not been up to the usual level lately but it was acknowledged that the wet weather has been mostly to blame. **Children’s Play Area RoSPA report** – there are numerous repairs to be made as the equipment is getting to the age when replacement might be a consideration. The Clerk to obtain quotes for the repair work and order any spare parts needed.

4b. Roads and traffic – incident mentioned above. Potholes are being patched but the County Council has very little budget for any major improvements at present.

4c. Devolved grass cutting – The first complete cut of the village has taken place.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the period 10/5/16 to 28/6/16 were proposed and seconded (MT, LJ) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

Clerk’s salary as agreed by NALC – the modest increase was proposed and seconded (MT, CF).

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- A request from the Events Committee to hold the annual Pig Roast under the umbrella of the parish council’s insurance was declined. At least for this year, arrangements and responsibility for the organisation were not such that cover would be valid. It was suggested that in future, a working party would need to be set up, headed by a Parish Council representative and a formal agreement put in place. Cost and other implications will be investigated by the Clerk. It was agreed in principle (MT, MM) that a donation of £100 could be given to the Events Committee as a gesture of support for this year’s event.
- The new landowner of The Leys field (Mr Black?) would be contacted as the hedge along Leckhampstead Rd will need to be maintained and trimmed to avoid the narrowing of the road.

7. PLANNING

- **16/00014/REF – Old Akeley Village Hall & Telephone Exchange site** – Applic. for 2 detached dwellings – **APPEAL DISMISSED**
- **16/01162/APP – 3 Capel Close** – Applic. for 2 storey rear and side extensions - **APPROVED**
- **16/01522/APP – Land adj. Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane** – Applic. for erection of 2-bedroom bungalow- **REFUSED***
- **16/01767/APP – Foxglove Cottage, Akeley Wood** – Applic. for demolition of existing cottage, garage and outbuildings. New replacement dwelling incorporating residential annexe with new garage outbuilding - **APPROVED**
- **16/00041/REF – Foxglove Cottage, Akeley Wood** – Original refused application **15/03998/APP TAKEN TO APPEAL.**

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....September 12th 2016