



**AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Terry Cavender, Brian Coxall, John Hockley (Vice Chair), Mike Mortimer (Chair), Elaine Rowlands, Mary Taylor, and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).  
**MoP:** Jackie Corcoran, Angela Hawker, John Tibbetts.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Stan Bennett

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

***ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION***

- The deadline for comment for the B.O.A.T. application at Akeley Wood is 20/11/12.
- The proposed Wildlife Pond at the newly-named 'Duck End Farm', Chapel Lane, has been excavated with input from AVDC's bio-diversity team.
- The P/Council is aware that there have been suggestions on the Facebook page (not managed by and separate from the P/Council website) that the play area should/could be revamped.

**3.** The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **10<sup>th</sup> September 2012** were proposed and seconded as a true record (TC, ER) and signed by MM.

**4. MATTERS ARISING.**

**4a. Recreational Field – The Diamond Jubilee Oak tree** has been planted on the east side of the field. Thanks to Dick Russell and SB. A commemorative plaque will be arranged (Budget up to £200- ER, MT). A seat needs some renovating. MM to put an item on the Facebook page requesting volunteers. No funds have been forthcoming from AVDC so far for the plaque for the Diamond jubilee beacon.

**4b. Roads and traffic** –new sign on Leckhampstead ROAD, as requested by a resident. The 30mph signs have been moved on this road and on the south end of the A413 by Bucks CC as a result of the Area 14 Speed Limit Review. An Akeley Wood resident has expressed complaint re. this expenditure and MM has replied. Flooding has been reported around the Bycell crossroads and this will be attended by the gully-emptying machine. Photos of other areas of flooding have been posted on Facebook but these must be reported by residents to Highways for attention. (Item, Akeley News). JH also reported flooding to Highways. The footpath outside Little Northover is to be scheduled for resurfacing.

**4c. Neighbourhood Plans and Village Design Statement** –13,500 new homes will be needed in the Vale over the next 20 years; development in Akeley will be capped at 9. AALs are to be replaced by Green Infrastructure Areas (VS11). Affordable housing (Rural Exception Schemes) feature in the new Local Plan draft. Only 4 out of 111 rural villages and towns have produced a Neighbourhood Plan. A less costly alternative would be a Village Design Statement. Advice, but no funding, would be available. It is not clear whether such a document would be regarded as material consideration in planning applications. Villagers must get involved and Tingewick P/Council contacted to request sight of their VDS.

**4d. Buckingham LAF** – priorities have been set as follows: 1. Public transport in rural areas (a Saturday bus is being run until 1/4/13. Thereafter, contributions will be requested from P/Councils). 2. Pavements 3.Speeding and road safety. BC to look into replacing entrance gates. Funding available (MM to deal with application).

**4e. The future of the Parish Council** – MM to put item in Akeley News and on Facebook to encourage villagers to come forward to sit on the P/Council.

**5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS**

The **accounts** for the period **11/9/12 to 12/11/12** were approved and seconded (JH, TC) and signed by MM who, along with Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Burglaries have fallen by 19.6% in Aylesbury Vale.
- Area Technician appraisal – MM to complete.
- Dial –A-Ride donation request – declined.
- ES to write to the school regarding Holiday Activities 2013. P/C will contribute £60.
- There is to be a new contractor to empty the dog bins in the village.

## 7. PLANNING

- **The Coppice, Akeley Wood** – Applic. for certificate of lawfulness for single-storey extension (to DCC 8.11.12) – GRANTED (inaccuracies in the application form were pointed out by the P/C but ignored).
- **Coppice Farm, Akeley Wood** - Applic. for demolition and reconstruction of barn, arena and stables.
- **7 Church Hill** – Applic. for 1 and a half-storey side extension.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....January 14th 2013