



## AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** Terry Cavender (Chair), Brian Coxall, Alice Guise, John Hockley (Vice Chair), Mike Mortimer, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

M.o.P: Hilary Brown, Binnie Claridge, Andrew & Jo Coxall, Alan Griffiths, Angela Hawker, Sherri Holland, Robert & Kate Kersey, Lars Nicolls, John Selby, John Tibbetts, County Councillor Warren Whyte.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Elaine Rowlands, District Councillor Pearl Lewis.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:**

BC, Item 7. Planning – 7 Church Hill – already recorded as having an interest as family members are neighbours of the applicant.

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

- It was noted with sadness that Joan Elmes, former Parish Council Chairperson, has died.
- Mrs Brown asked whether it would be possible to upgrade the equipment in the Children's Play Area. It is recognised that this would be very costly and that the Parish Council has no plans, or budget, in place to do this at the present time. Mrs Brown volunteered to investigate further and sources of possible funding will be passed on to her on request. It was also reiterated that all the equipment, although several years old, had passed the annual RoSPA safety inspection in May.
- Concerns regarding the planning application for 7 Church Hill (see below) were aired by some members of the public.

**3.** The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **8<sup>th</sup> September 2014** were proposed and seconded as a true record (BC, MM) and signed by the Chairman.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING.**

**4a. Recreational Field** - The split **Norway Maple** has been felled and the stump ground. Request for **beacon lighting** at Pig Roast 2015 – It was reiterated that unless such an event is organised **solely** by the Parish Council it would not be covered by our public liability insurance.

**4b. Roads and traffic** – The **resurfacing** has been completed along the stretch of the A413 from Coronation Cottages to the northern village boundary along with fresh **Signing & Lining**. The **manholes** have been uncovered, the **Cats Eyes** have yet to be replaced and the **gullies** need clearing. **Vehicles parking on the pavement** in Capel Close – the P/Council arranged for a PCSO to visit, created a sign and put an article in the newsletter requesting drivers not to do this. **Traffic survey-Leckhampstead Rd.** – The Clerk to investigate a free survey offered by TfB. The possibility of 'Speedwatch' training for volunteers was suggested as an alternative.

**4c. Devolved services proposals** update – AVDC still looking into the feasibility and costs of taking over the grass cutting.

**4d. Risk assessment for youths working in the village** (Newsletter delivery and bus shelter cleaning) – Annual check – No further risks have come to light and current measures are in place to minimise risk to these young people.

**4e. Main Notice Board** – It was agreed that a replacement board is needed and the financial situation will be examined and a budget set at the next meeting.

**4f. Request for addition of name to War Memorial** – The Clerk has contacted one of the relevant organisations for advice but has had no reply to date.

**4g. Bin on lamp post – Village Hall car park** – It was agreed to remove this broken bin as it is being used as a dog waste bin (there are 2 bins provided for that purpose) and there is a bin for normal waste in the Play Area.

**4h. Affordable Housing update** – It was confirmed that the P/Council had conveyed to Jean Fox its wish to decline a further Housing Needs Survey at this point in time whilst there is no AVDC Local Development Plan in place. The website will be updated to show the current situation.

**4i. Defibrillators** – The costs and possible sites will be looked into.

## **5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS**

The **accounts** for the period 9/9/14 to 8/11/14 were proposed and seconded (MT, JH) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

**External audit** – Completed, with no comments received from the auditors.

**The precept**– The precept will be set formally at the next meeting but it was agreed that in principle it should not be increased but kept at the current rate of £9.5K.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE** – all dealt with via the agenda.

## **7. PLANNING**

- 14/02278/APP - Applic. for erection of 2 detached dwellings – **Old village hall and telephone exchange site**, Lillingstone Rd. – **REFUSED**.
- 14/02333/APP – Applic. for 2-storey rear and front extensions – **7 Church Hill** – **REFUSED**.
- 14/02628/APP – Applic. for 2 bedroom detached dwelling- **Land off Lillingstone Rd.**(between Hillside Cottage and Little Northover) - **REFUSED**
- 14/03018/APP – Second applic. for 2-storey rear and front extensions – **7 Church Hill**
- **Parish web page** and ‘**Consultee access**’, **co-ordinator & spokesperson** – **TC and ES**.
- **Request for Planning Office meeting** – this request was declined by AVDC. TC to pursue.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....January 12th 2015**

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