



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th September 2014
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Terry Cavender (Chair), Brian Coxall, Alice Guise, John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Mike Mortimer, Elaine Rowlands and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

M.o.P: Jackie Corcoran, John Cowley, Andrew & Jo Coxall, Alan Griffiths, Angela Hawker, Lars Nicolls, John Selby and, John Tibbetts

1. APOLOGIES: Mary Taylor

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

BC: Item 7: Planning application 7 Church Hill – family member involved. BC has not commented on this application.

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- Several residents were in attendance to put forward their views regarding the planning application below for **7 Church Hill**. Concerns included the negative visual impact, drainage issues and potential water damage to the shared access driveway, the breach of the original building line and the possible setting of a precedent of such a proposal. Residents were advised to forward their views to AVDC Planning Dept. individually and the P/Council would consider the application independently.
- **Allotments:** There are a couple of untended plots currently. The possibility of introducing a scheme whereby an allotment holder paid a deposit of, say, £25, was discussed. The allotment holder would receive 2 warnings if the plot was untended and then forfeit the plot and the deposit. The allotment officer, MT, was not present to comment.

3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **14th July 2014**, were proposed and seconded as a true record (BC, JH) and signed by TC.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Recreational Field: Grass cutting- It was agreed that the contractors had done a good job again this year and would be asked to submit a quote for next year. **Wildlife Area** – AVDC's bio-diversity officer has advised that a second cut per year would be beneficial. The funding for this (£100) was approved (JH, ER). **Norway Maple tree surgery** – the trunk has split and this tree has to be felled. The Clerk had obtained 2 quotes. The costs and contractor were approved (JH, BC). **Goalpost request** - Some of the funding will be raised by the children requesting the second goalpost. Type and cost to be decided. **The beacon** will be rubbed down and repainted by volunteers following the Pig Roast.

4b. Roads and traffic: A413 works – The application of the micro-fissure sealant is due to take place this month. **Signing & Lining proposals** – these will be examined and a reply sent to David Cairney at Bucks CC. including the white lining of a pedestrian lane on Leckhampstead Rd. A guide price for a footpath would also be requested. **Village Inspection update** – several jobs from the last walk-round have been done.

4c. Devolved services proposals update – AVDC had shown interest in taking on the grass-cutting but no further information has been received.

4d. Bribery Act Briefing – noted.

4e. Amendment to Model Standing Order 31 – Permission for audio & visual filming at local council meetings – noted. Wording to be added to the agenda for each meeting.

4f. Fracking – In a recent document, Akeley is included in an area potentially suitable for fracking. It is possible that an application for a licence could be requested.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the period 11/7/14 to 8/9/14 were proposed and seconded (ER, BC) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

External audit - this has been submitted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **The trees on the grass bank adjacent to ‘Leyfields’**, Church Hill which were cut down by on behalf of Western Power Distribution are sprouting again and the roots damaging the path. The Clerk to report to TfB.
- **Jeffs Coaches** – The Clerk had written at the request of residents, regarding intimidating and dangerous driving of school coaches in and around Akeley. A somewhat sarcastic reply was eventually received. This is to be forwarded to County Councillor Warren Whyte who is carrying out an HGV review of the area.

7. PLANNING

- 13/01754/APP - Erection of detached 2-storey dwelling, **Land adj. Rose Cottage**, Chapel Lane – **APPEAL DISMISSED**.
- 14/02278/APP - Applic. for erection of 2 detached dwellings – **Old village hall and telephone exchange site**, Lillingstone Rd.
- 14/02333/APP – Applic. for 2-storey rear and front extensions – **7 Church Hill**.

The Clerk had requested a further week for comment as the yellow planning notice had been erected in the wrong place before being moved to a visible location. This was not granted by the planning officer.

(Bulletin 36/14 is the last paper bulletin sent as a hard copy through the post. Applications [except non-residential] will be circulated via email from now on).

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....November 10th 2014