



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender (Chairman), Jo Eastwood, Clair Flynn, John Hockley (Vice Chair), Lorna Joy, Mike Mortimer, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).
16 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: District and County Councillor Warren Whyte.

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- A resident read out a letter outlining his concerns regarding the historic and ongoing traffic problems in the village, including his thoughts about the placing of a speed gun dummy in a resident's garden on the A413. As this had not been a Parish Council initiative, but that of the Chairman in his capacity as a resident, he at this point declared an interest in the matter and temporarily stood down from the Chair whilst handing over to JH. There ensued much discussion with comments for and against this method of attempting to slow traffic down. It was agreed that the yellow-jacketed mannequin would be moved from its present location. The Parish Council's efforts in the past to divert coaches, introduce weight/width/speed restrictions, traffic lights, chicanes etc. were related in brief and it was explained that because the main road through the village is an A road and is also classified as a diversionary route, these measures are not permitted. A request for volunteers to take part in another Speedwatch exercise in the village will be put in the next Akeley News and several members of the public gave their assurance that they would come forward this time.
- Many villagers were present to seek more information regarding the proposed development of The Leys Field in the centre of the village (See Agenda item 7). The application for outline planning permission for 24 houses has not yet been validated by AVDC and is not yet available to view online. It was decided that a public meeting, where villagers will be able to examine the proposal, was required and this will be arranged.

3. The **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on **4th July 2016** and the special meeting held on **2nd August 2016** had been circulated and were proposed and seconded (JE & JH, CF & MM) and signed by TC.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Recreational Field - Grass cutting – no problems. RoSPA report action – various replacement parts for the Children's Play Area have been ordered and received and equipment pressure-washed in preparation for staining.

4b. Roads and traffic – No other issues other than those discussed in the Public Session, aside from minuting the proposal and seconding (JE, MM) of the instructions to the contractor to spray the weeds on the footpaths and kerb edges throughout the village.

4c. Devolved grass cutting – No problems to date.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts** for the periods 29/6/16 to 9/9/16 were proposed and seconded (MT, JE) and signed by TC, who along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

Annual **£500 contribution** to the Village Hall Committee's rolling maintenance fund - approved (MT, LJ).

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Request by tenants of the Chackmore turn field to change from annual rental agreement to 5 year lease – It was considered that the legal fees for setting up such a lease would be prohibitive, but the Parish Council is willing to put in place a 'rolling licence' for a period of 5 years.

7. PLANNING

- **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** – This is the original refused application **15/03998/APP, TAKEN TO APPEAL** and then **WITHDRAWN** by the applicant, as 16/01767/APP above has been approved.
- **16/02515/AGN – Duck End Farm, Chapel Lane** – Applic. for erection of agricultural building for the storage of hay, animal feeds and farming equipment and machinery - **APPROVED**.
- **The Parish Council has been advised that an application has been lodged with AVDC regarding the development of The Leys field.** To date, this has not been officially received by the Clerk for consultation via the usual channels. It is planned to hold a public meeting in due course.

8. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.....November 14th 2016

Ellen Sayer Clerk to the Parish Council 14/9/16