



**AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

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

**M.o.P:** Jackie Corcoran, Angela Hawker, Sherri Holland, Dennis Lewis and John Tibbetts.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Brian Coxall, Alice Guise, Elaine Rowlands

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

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

- Mike Mortimer reported that he and Cathy had enjoyed the **Royal Garden Party** on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- Saturday's Village **Pig Roast** had been a great success.
- On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> **August** the nation is invited to turn off the lights between 10 and 11pm to mark the outbreak of the First World War and remember those who died. Information about the men remembered on Akeley's War Memorial will be serialised in the Akeley News. There will be a service on Remembrance Sunday (9/11) and also Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> November when years 5 and 6 from the Chackmore site of the school will be taking part in a service in the churchyard.

**3.** The **MINUTES** of the last meeting, held on **20<sup>th</sup> May 2014** were proposed and seconded (JH, MT) and signed by TC.

**4. MATTERS ARISING.**

**4a. Recreational Field** – Thanks go to **Peter and Debi Lee for re-turfing** the area in front of the goalpost. A request has been received from the **Caravan Club** to use the Recreational Field for a rally next summer Akeley resident Dennis Lewis, a member of the CC, gave information and sought agreement in principle. This was given provided that:

- The ground is not too wet at the time
- The number of vans is limited by pre-booking (20 to 25)
- All must be members of the CC.

Fresh water and access to a sewer is required; the rally could be organised to tie in with the annual Pig Roast; the insurance situation is to be checked; a fee of £7/8 per night per van will be charged.

**4b. Roads and traffic** - mtg. LAT 26/6/14 – **Village surveyed** for problems and list updated. Bollards cannot be installed in Capel Close to prevent cars parking on the pavement; other measures will be taken. **A413** works – From Lillingstone Rd 30mph sign to Northants county boundary will be resurfaced. New cats eyes will be installed to meet new regulations. A resident had requested that the P/Council write to **Jeffs Coaches** regarding dangerous and intimidating driving by the drivers of the school coaches (Wicken to Akeley Wood) on narrow roads in the area. Recent **Public Transport consultation** – It may be possible that the group, led by County Councillor Warren Whyte, could push for HGV restrictions to be extended to all public service vehicles (including coaches – see above). There is a new bus service – the X60 – providing a service between Aylesbury, Buckingham and Milton Keynes.

**4c. Affordable Housing** - In 2008 a Housing Needs Survey was carried out in Akeley. This was valid for a period of 5 years. As a result, Jean Fox (Bucks Community Action) recommended that Akeley required a certain number of affordable housing units. A scheme for a Rural Exception Housing Scheme (i.e. available to people with connections to the local area only) was put forward by developers but this totally ignored this recommended number. In addition, by this time the survey was invalid and so there was no proof that the housing was still needed. There are concerns that if the units were not filled by the Rural Exception Scheme, then it could be opened up to an Affordable Housing Scheme, for which there are different qualifying criteria. The Parish Council did not support this scheme for the above reasons and also because the proposed site was not a 'preferred site' as it overlooks what used to be called an AAL (Area of Attractive Landscape) and contributes a valuable vista to the village. Further, the scheme proposed to remove parking facilities from residents of Coronation Cottages. The Parish Council agreed that with no valid Local Development Plan currently in place, a new survey would not be requested at this time.

**4d. Devolved services proposals** – This would affect mainly urban grass cutting (within 30mph signs). Presently, there are 6 cuts per annum by Bucks CC; next year this will reduce to 5. The P/Councils now have the opportunity to form 'clusters' and provide this service themselves. The P/C to liaise with other local P/Councils to gauge their intentions.

**4e. Local Governance Review** - It was agreed that Akeley Parish Council does not require any additional Parish Councillors (7 at present). Current members of the P/Council may wish to consider whether they intend to stand again in the next elections in May 2015.

## **5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS**

The **accounts** for the period 21/5/14 to 10/7/14 were proposed and seconded (JH, MT) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book. Annual **internal audit** completed.

**VAS loan** – 2<sup>nd</sup> repayment – outstanding invoice received and payment made.

**Model Financial Regulations** review and update – the current amendments do not apply to Akeley P/C as they concern internet banking. It is confirmed that building society withdrawals and cheque requests are always made by 2 of 3 authorised signatories.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Public Liability Insurance certificate for the Pig Roast (taken out by the Events Committee) had been received.
- Trees available via Sita landfill – not eligible as more than 5 miles from a site.
- The replacement trees for the grass banks at Church Hill have not been received but have been chased.

## **7. PLANNING**

- 14/00368/ALB – **Willow Tree Cottage, Leckhampstead Rd.** – Applic. for installation of 2 roof windows in modern extension (and solar panels to west side of garage – element now withdrawn) - **APPROVED**

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....September 8th 2014**