



## **AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **COUNCIL** meeting held on Monday 7th March 2016

**Present:** Brian Coxall, Terry Cavender (Chair), Clair Flynn, John Hockley, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

M.o.P: George and Margaret Eagle, Jenny and Tony Glover, Angela Hawker, John and Sue Norman, John Tibbetts and County & District Councillor Warren Whyte.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Mike Mortimer

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

BC – Planning-16/0048/AGN, already recorded.

### *ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION*

- **It was noted that The Leys Field, an area of agricultural/amenity land in the centre of the village, was sold by the farmer at auction at the end of February to a property developer. Further discussed in 4e.**
- Villagers are to be encouraged via an item in the newsletter to report the vehicle registration, if possible, of offenders throwing litter out of their vehicles or fly tipping.
- **The school coaches continue to drive inconsiderately and too fast along Leckhampstead Rd, despite the company being contacted by residents and the Clerk. A weight restriction is deemed unfeasible by Bucks CC. Bollards, if sponsored, may be possible along the footpath to prevent the coaches mounting the kerb, and consideration will be given to carrying out another Speedwatch exercise.**

**3. The MINUTES of the last meeting, held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016** were proposed and seconded as a true record (BC, JH) and signed by TC.

**4. MATTERS ARISING.**

**4a. Recreational Field** – The beacon & Play Area **annual RoSPA inspection** is scheduled for May and it was agreed that the safety surfacing should be pressure-washed in readiness (Prop. MT, sec. BC, £179, last done Spring 2014). The **Pig Roast pit** has been filled in and the area tidied as agreed by the Events Committee. **HM The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday** –The beacon lighting will be at 7.05pm (a time set by the Royal Pageant Master) This has been arranged principally by CF on behalf of the P/Council, working with the Events Committee, and all the safety/insurance requirements have been put in place. This will probably be followed by tea and cake in the Village Hall.

**4b. Roads and traffic** - A413 remedial work has taken place and pedestrian signs installed on Leckhampstead Rd.

**4c. Superfast broadband** update – BT are contracted to install this by the end of March, and although much work has been carried out in the village, meeting this deadline is looking quite unlikely.

**4d. Devolution** update – With the options available to the Parish Council having been researched and examined, it was unanimously agreed by those Councillors present that we should join Tranche 2 of the devolution process and use the contractor who cuts the Recreational Field and Dog Walk Area (E.Scapes Ltd) to carry out the grass-cutting within

the village. A grant of £1,004 will be received for each of the next 3 years. A representative needs to be appointed to oversee this service.

**4e. Relevance of a Neighbourhood Plan for Akeley** - A sub-committee of volunteer residents, with BC as the P/Council representative, will be set up to discuss the best way in which to proceed to protect the character of the village. The Community Asset/Right to Buy schemes, Neighbourhood Plan viability and advice from CPRE (Council for the Protection of Rural England) will be examined.

## **5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS**

The **accounts** for the period 8/1/16 to 2/3/16 were proposed and seconded (MT, JH) and signed by TC who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

**SAAA/Limited Assurance Review** – From the financial year 2017/18, if turnover is below £25k a full audit will not be required. An annual return will be completed as usual but, submitted with an exemption form, there will be no external audit fee applicable.

It was agreed that an optional Limited Assurance Review was not needed (MT, JH) and Akeley Parish Council, based on its current understanding of the situation, will opt out. These arrangements will be in place for a period of 5 years i.e. until 31/3/2022.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE** – No items outstanding.

## **7. PLANNING**

- **15/03731/APP - Ashwood, Chapel Lane** – Applic. for single-storey side and front extension. Two- storey side extension and first floor accommodation over the existing bungalow and garage, together with a replacement outbuilding – **APPROVED.**
- **15/04075/ATN - Land at Hillside Farm** – Application for new 15m lattice telecommunications mast with antennas and dishes, ground-based cabinets and ancillary development – **CONSENT GRANTED.**
- **16/00048/AGN – Duck End farm, Chapel Lane** – Applic. for erection of agricultural barn – **NO OBJECTION.**
- **15/04018/APP Land adj. Rose Cottage, Chapel Lane** – Applic. for 2 bedroom bungalow – **REFUSED.**
- **16/00250/APP – The Mount, Buckingham Rd.** – Applic. for demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single-storey extension.
- **15/04257/COUAR – The Milking Parlour, Pottery Farm, Chapel Lane** – Determination as to whether prior approval is required in respect of transport & highway impact, noise, contamination risk, flooding and locational considerations for the conversion of agricultural buildings into one dwelling (Class Q(a)) and in relation to design and external appearance of the building (Class Q(b)).

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....May 16<sup>th</sup> 2016.** This will be the Annual /First PARISH COUNCIL meeting of the new financial year, when the election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will take place.

*Ellen Sayer, Clerk to the Parish Council 8/3/16*