



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Akeley Parish Council held on Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender (Chair), Joanne Ackerman, John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Lorna Joy, Rebecca Wheeler, Julie Rodwell (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Clair Flynn, Mike Mortimer

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 18th July 2018, were proposed and seconded as a true record (JA, RW) and signed by TC.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public was in attendance.

Concern was expressed that the school hedge on Church Hill is now overgrown to the extent that it is causing inconvenience to pedestrians. Clerk to write to the school to request that the hedge be trimmed back.

It was reported that following the resurfacing of Leckhampstead Road the drains are full of stones which if not addressed will result in flooding. TC to bring this up at forthcoming LAF meeting.

5. **FINANCE**

The financial statement for the period 18 July 2018 – 06 September 2018 were approved (JH, JA) and signed by TC:

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A request from Salvation Army for siting a Clothing recycling bank on PC land was unanimously rejected. It was felt that the site was not appropriate and that the income would be minimal. It is understood that St James & St John are on the waiting list for a Clothing Recycling Bank at Akeley, delivery is expected September/October.

7. **MATTERS ARISING**

a. Recreational Field

- Lighting of Beacon – 11 November 2018
Last Post – JH has this in hand .
- AVDC New Homes Bonus £1000 Micro Grant.
 - CF has completed an application for a Micro Grant of £1000 towards the cost of replacement play equipment.

- In response to the concern expressed by a member of the public that the cut of the wildflower area was carried out early this year, adversely affecting the orchids, E-scapes Ltd advised that the wild flower area was cut earlier this year as it ties in with the wild flower cutting which they carry out for Milton Keynes Parks Trust. The theory being that some species of wild flower benefit from early mowing in some years. The Clerk advised that the notice board on the wildlife site states that the area will be cut twice a year in July and October.
- b. Grass Cutting
- Village boundaries
Leckhampstead Road – the contractors advised that the verge between Oaktree Farm and the 30mph sign is mainly brambles and is therefore cut annually using a hedge cutter.
Buckingham Road – the contractors confirmed that they cut to the 30mph signs on both sides of the road. A 2 metre strip is mown on the wider verge on the left hand side going out of the village as instructed.
It was agreed that in both cases this was adequate.
 - The Clerk confirmed with E-scapes that the footpaths and kerb edgings had been sprayed in Spring and will be sprayed again this month.
 - It was agreed to continue with the current Devolved Services Contract (grass cutting) for a further 4 year period
 - The Clerk advised that the owners of Leys field, Leckhampstead Road have confirmed that they have given instructions for the overgrown hedge to be cut back.
- c. Roads and traffic
- Capel Close sign. The poor condition of the sign has been raised with AVDC (StreetNamePlates) and a replacement is expected to be installed within 30 working days.
 - It was agreed that the Parish Council would not apply for the Enhanced Devolved Service Offer (to repair road, kerb and pavement defects on quiet residential streets in the parish)
- d. Allotments
- E-scapes have been instructed to carry out the repair to the allotment fence
- e. Street lighting
- It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the replacement of the lantern at the junction of Manor Road/Leckhampstead Road.

8. To consider planning and development matters

- Planning forum for parishes meeting 05 Sept 2018
Attended by CF – see attached feedback
- Community Right to Bid
It was unanimously agreed that the parish council would be supportive of a bid by a community group to nominate the Leys Field as an asset under the Community Right to Bid scheme.

- **18/02039/AOP - Maple Tree Cottage Chapel Lane Akeley
Buckinghamshire MK18 5HU**
Renewal of existing outline planning permission for a new bungalow
Awaiting decision
- **18/02631/APP - Land Adj Rose Cottage Chapel Lane Akeley
Buckinghamshire**
Construction of 1 1/2 storey dwelling attached to existing garage building
(Revised application) Awaiting decision
- **18/02797/APP - Land Adjacent To Rose Cottage Chapel Lane Akeley
Buckinghamshire MK18 5HU**
(New Application) Erection of Chalet Bungalow
Awaiting decision
- **18/03184/APP – Inleys 1 Church Hill Akeley MK18 5HA**
Demolition of redundant dilapidated green house and construction of single storey annexe
Comments requested by 8 October 2018 (to TC by 01 October)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....19th November 2018

Julie Rodwell

**Clerk to the Parish Council
17/09/18**

Planning forum for parishes meeting

05 Sept 2018

1) District/ Parish elections are still planned for 2/5/19 but may change depending on the Unitary announcement. If the District term is extended, the Parish will be on the same time frame.

2) Recycling and waste

A general overview of their services but several questions were raised at the end

a) the need for a specific contact via email or telephone number to report un-emptied bins as often a problem with the web site reporting system.

b) Parking charges in Aylesbury as you pay after 6.30pm

Both questions will be “looked into and fed back!”

3) VALP planned up to 2033 but still not been adopted. Approx 1/2 of new homes been built or have planning permission.

Garden Town status for Aylesbury granted in Jan 2017

East-West corridor - being reviewed by Government and they have 1 year to respond

East-West rail - delayed but hoping to have “elements” open by 2022.

Expressway - Meant to be a decision in Summer 2018 so hoping to hear soon which route will be chosen. But this is just the start of the consultation and it’s not going to be open until 2030 at the earliest!

4) Yellow planning notices are not going up slower; apparently it’s the fact that they let the PCs know quicker about planning permission so there appears to be a delay

5) Overall still use the Parish Liaison officer for any queries and questions as a first point of contact.(Hazrat Hussain)

Clair Flynn

06 Sept 2018

