



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Akeley Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender (Chair), Joanne Eastwood, Clair Flynn, John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Mike Mortimer, Rebecca Wheeler, Julie Rodwell (Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES:** Lorna Joy

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 23rd May 2018, were proposed and seconded as a true record (CF, MM) and signed by TC.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

MM & JH – Governors - St James & St John C of E Primary School (correspondence)
LJ – Executor of estate – Planning 18/02039/AOP, Maple Tree Cottage

4. **ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

2 members of the public were in attendance.

MM reported that a member of public had expressed concern that the cut of the wildflower area was carried out early this year, adversely affecting the orchids. Clerk to write to contractors asking for explanation

5. **FINANCE**

The financial statements were proposed and seconded (JH, JE) and signed by TC:

- 22 May 2018 to 17 July 2018
- Annual Audit Form

6. **CHAIRMANSHIP**

None of the councillors present were able to commit to taking on the chairmanship on a revolving basis. Clerk to place article in Aug/Sept edition of Akeley News asking potential new councillors to come forward.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Events Committee – request for Parish Council to cover cost of liability insurance for pig roast.
It was confirmed there is no agreement in place to cover the premium on an on-going basis, however the Parish Council is appreciative of the effort put in by the organisers on behalf of the village and will look to assist wherever possible. It was agreed that a contribution of £60 would be made towards this year's pig roast.
- St James & St John C of E Primary School PTFA request to replace the recreational field shed with a refurbished, water-tight shipping container to store PTFA event items (i.e. gazebos/popcorn machine)

It was agreed that a shipping container would not be appropriate for the location but the existing shed may have space to store smaller items. Clerk to investigate.

8. MATTERS ARISING

a. Recreational Field

- Lighting of Beacon – 11 November 2018
 - Events Committee have agreed to cordon off the area and fill the beacon.
 - 6.55pm: Last Post – search to find a trumpet player continues. JH to ask new neighbour, CF to ask Air Cadets. Alternative option is to play a recording of the Last Post.
 - 7.00pm: Lighting of the Beacon. John Tibbetts and Angela Hawker have accepted the invitation to light the beacon in recognition of their contribution to the 100 Years of Remembrance.
 - 7.05pm: Peal of Bells – The U3A Bell-ringers are unable to commit.
 - CF has completed an application for Perspex figures
 - It was suggested that a bucket collection take place in aid of 3 charities.
- Tesco Bags of Help: Akeley Parish Council, Children's Playground Appeal
 - Funding received (£1000).
- AVDC New Homes Bonus £1000 Micro Grant.
 - It was agreed that CF would proceed with an application for a Micro Grant of £1000 towards the cost of replacement play equipment. It was proposed and accepted (MM, RW) that the Parish Council set aside £500.00 to supplement the Tesco Bags of Help and AVDC Micro Grant (if awarded).
 - TC advised that 2018/19 is the last year in which to apply for this grant and a maximum of 2 applications can be made per financial year. It was suggested that a further application should be made before the end of March 2019.

b. Grass Cutting

- JH has been approached by a resident of Buckingham Road regarding the grass cutting outside her property. It was confirmed that under the devolved services agreement the responsibility for grass cutting inside the Akeley sign lay with the Parish Council with TfB responsible for the verges outside the sign. JH has investigated and in his opinion the grass cutting is to a sufficient standard.
- The Clerk was asked to confirm with E-scapes whether the footpaths and kerb edgings had been sprayed/sided out this year.
- It was confirmed that the Parish Council held responsibility for the cutting of the verge between Oaktree Farm and the 30mph. The Clerk was asked to request that E-scapes carry out one cut before the end of the season and include this going forward.

c. Roads and traffic

- Concern was expressed that the Leckhampstead Road, Leys Field hedge is now overgrown to the extent that it is reducing visibility and causing inconvenience to highway users including pedestrians. Clerk to write to the owner/agent to arrange for the hedge to be trimmed back.

- It was confirmed that surface dressing on Leckhampstead Road is to take place during the summer.
 - TC reported that £2m has been put aside by TfB for addressing the issue of surface water on the roads. The schedule of works includes the spring in the ditch opposite Oaktree Farm and repairs to the kerbs on the A413.
- d. Allotments
- The quote from E-scapes for the repair to the allotment fence was accepted (CF, JH)
- e. Street lighting

12. To consider planning and development matters

- **17/04199/APP - The Oaklands Leckhampstead Road Akeley MK18 5HD**
Two storey side extension, porch and alterations to fenestration.
Refused
- **Appeal 17/00100/REF - Land Off Leckhampstead Road Akeley**
Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of seven detached dwellings with associated garaging, parking and amenity space, served off three new private drives and the widening of Leckhampstead Road to also incorporate a new footpath.
Appeal Dismissed
- **17/04465/AOP - Land Off Leckhampstead Road Akeley**
Outline application for Erection of seven detached dwellings, and associated garaging, parking and amenity space, served off two new private drives and the widening of Leckhampstead Road to also incorporate a new footpath.
Application Withdrawn
- **18/00892/APP - Akeley House Farm Buckingham Road Akeley MK18 5HJ**
New access to fields to north east of property.
Approved
- **18/01679/APP - The Bull And Butcher The Square Akeley MK18 5HP**
Removal of existing chestnut paling fence and replace with palisade fence
Approved
- **18/02039/AOP - Maple Tree Cottage Chapel Lane Akeley Buckinghamshire MK18 5HU**
Renewal of existing outline planning permission for a new bungalow
No objections were raised

DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....10th September 2018

Julie Rodwell

Clerk to the Parish Council
06/09/18