

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Akeley Parish Council held on Monday 14 January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Terry Cavender (Chair), John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Mike Mortimer, Clair Flynn, Ruth Millard (Clerk)

**01/19 APOLOGIES:** Cllr Rebecca Wheeler

**02/19 MINUTES**

The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 19 November 2018 and the closed meeting 4 December 2018 were proposed and seconded as a true record (JH, CF) and signed by TC.

**03/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest

**04/19 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

12 Members of the public were in attendance and gave their views regarding the letter from the developer offering to transfer land, at the rear of the site for the erection of 5 detached houses on the Leys Field, into the ownership of the Parish Council, with the assumption that the Parish Council would withdraw its objection.

TC confirmed that the Parish Council didn't have a mandate from the residents to withdraw its objection and firmly stands by its commitment to the parish to represent the views of the Akeley residents.

TC proposed that the Parish Council would reply that it wasn't in a position to be able to withdraw its objection, but that it would like to obtain the land if the developer could see a way to resolve the situation.

A show of hands showed that the residents would support this proposal.

**05/19 FINANCE**

i. The financial statement for the period 19 November 2018 – 31 December 2018 were approved (JH, CF) and signed by TC

Nationwide Balance 31 December 2018	£14929.67
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<b>PAYMENTS PENDING</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>Amount</b>
E.on - Street lighting Maintenance quarter to 31/12/2018	LGA 1972, Sched. 14 para 34	145.80
E.on - replacement lantern Junction Leckhampstead Road/Manor Road	LGA 1972. Sched. 14 para 34	336.00
Clerk's Salary – Quarter to 31.12.2018	LGA 1972, s 112	525.13
Clerk's expenses to 31.12.2018	LGA 1972, s 111	8.04
Akeley Village Hall	LGA 1982, s133	15.00
Akeley Village Hall, Annual contribution to maintenance fund	LGA 1982, s133	500.00
Akeley Village Hall, Annual contribution to field light	LGA 1972, Sched,14 para 34	20.00

- ii. To agree the 2019/2020 Budget. Members **RESOLVED** to set the 2019/20 budget at £14,729 – Fourteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine Pounds.
- iii. To agree the 2019/2020 Precept. Members **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £14,150 – Fourteen Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty Pounds. **Action;** RM to request precept.
- iv. TC proposed that the Clerk enters the payroll and submits it to HMRC electronically via the HMRC app starting in April 2019. Members **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would enter and submit the payroll to HMRC starting April 2019.
- v. TC proposed to open a Lloyds Bank Current Account for the precept to be sent to; therefore the Parish Council could proceed with online banking and Direct Debits. Members **RESOLVED** to open a Lloyds Bank Account for online banking. **Action;** RM to download bank mandates for the members to sign.
- vi. To review the annual rent for the Scout Field. TC proposed to let the rent remain the same. All members agreed and **RESOLVED** that the Scout Field rent remains at £50 pounds per annum. **Action;** Clerk to inform the Scout leader and request sight of the quotes for a new field gate, for the PC to make a decision of the amount of money to donate towards.
- vii. To review the annual rent for Chackmore-turn Field. TC proposed to let the rent remain the same. All members agreed and **RESOLVED** that the Chackmore-turn Field rent remains at £150 per annum. **Action;** Clerk to inform the tenants of the PC decision.

**06/19 CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. Letter of resignation from Lorna Joy & Joanna Ackerman. It was with regret that TC informed the meeting that both Lorna & Joanna had sent him their resignations this month, because of family commitments and time constraints. He proposed a vote of thanks to both members for all their help and commitment in the past, which was unanimously agreed. **Action;** Clerk to send the notice to AVDC of the Councillor Vacancies.
- ii. Members considered the reply from the resident regarding the disused parcel of land on Chapel Lane. TC proposed replying to the resident to say that even when she had covered the cost involved in lifting the covenant, on the land at Chapel Lane, she couldn't be guaranteed purchasing the land at an open auction or sealed bids sale. TC also proposed clearing the land aesthetically of the Brambles. Members **RESOLVED** to send the reply proposed to the resident & have the area cleared aesthetically. **Action;** JH will draft a letter to the resident and circulate to the councillors to agree before it is sent by the Parish Council. Clerk will instruct the contractor to contact JH to meet on site for further instructions of how to proceed with the clearance.

**07/19 CHAIRMANSHIP**

Members discussed if anyone would like to take on the role of Chairman, nobody was keen therefore TC agreed to another year in the chair.

**08/19 ENVIRONMENT**

- a. Recreational Field – CF reported that the new swing base has been erected.
- b. Grass Cutting – Clerk reported that the revised terms 1 year contract for the devolved services with Bucks CC had arrived, the revision being a dispute clause has been added. Members **RESOLVED** the Clerk and Chair sign the contract. **Action;** the Clerk to return the signed contract by 1 March 2019. The quote from eScapes had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members **RESOLVED** to accept the quote. **Action;** the Clerk to confirm with eScapes.
- c. Roads and traffic – no report
- d. Allotments – There are still vacant plots.
- e. Street lighting – There is money in the budget to replace several lights in the village. TC proposed to start a program of replacing a few each year. The members **RESOLVED** to replace between 4 to 6 each year depending on cost & location. **Action;** MM will research which lights need to be replaced in 2019/20 and get quotes for replacements.

**09/19 PLANNING - To consider planning and development matters**

1. **18/02039/AOP - Maple Tree Cottage Chapel Lane Akeley Buckinghamshire MK18 5HU**  
Renewal of existing outline planning permission for a new bungalow  
Approved
2. **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)  
Approved
3. **18/02797/APP - Land Adjacent To Rose Cottage Chapel Lane Akeley Bucks MK18 5HU**  
(New Application) Erection of Chalet Bungalow  
Awaiting decision
4. **18/03184/APP – Inleys 1 Church Hill Akeley MK18 5HA**  
Demolition of redundant dilapidated green house and construction of single storey annexe  
Awaiting decision
5. **18/03471/APP - Land Adjacent To Leckhampstead Road Akeley**  
Erection of five detached dwellings, and associated garaging, parking and amenity space, served off two new private drives, a replacement access for existing stabling/paddocks and the widening of Leckhampstead Road to also incorporate a new footpath.  
Awaiting decision  
A reply had been received from W E Black  
TC proposed that the Parish Council would reply that it wasn't in a position to be able to withdraw its objection, but that it would like to obtain the land if the developer could see a way to resolve the situation. The members **RESOLVED** to compose and send the letter proposed.  
**Action;** MM will draft the letter for circulation to the members.

**10/19 NEXT MEETING** - 11 March 2019 at The Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm will be followed by the Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall Akeley