

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Akeley Parish Council held on Monday 9 September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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69/19 Attendance; Present: Cllrs Terry Cavender (Chair), John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Clair Flynn, Cara George, Sally Siddique, & Ruth Millard (Clerk), 4 members of the public.

70/19 To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation.
A resident remarked about the mess left after pot holes had been filled on Manor Road. TC will take the picture & complaint to the LAF meeting.

71/19 Members Interests; Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Akeley Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.
None declared

72/19 Approval of Minutes; The minutes of 22 July 2019 were unavailable for this meeting due to a technical error.

73/19 FINANCES;

- I. The financial statements were unavailable for this meeting, due to a technical error, although the Clerk gave a verbal account of the Building Society bank account and current invoices to be paid, which were noted by the Council. The Clerk had been in contact with AVDC and the Parish Council will be receiving a cheque for the whole of the Precept before the end of the month. A current financial statement will be circulated to the Councillors.
- II. JH proposed seconded by SS that the Parish Council contributes £500 donation towards the maintenance of the Village Hall. Members **RESOLVED** a financial donation to the Village Hall Committee of £500 for 2019/20, towards the maintenance of the Village Hall.
- III. CF proposed seconded by SS that the Parish Council contributes £25 towards the lighting cost in the area of the play equipment. Members **RESOLVED** a financial contribution to the Village Hall Committee of £20 for 2019/20, towards the lighting cost in the area of the play equipment.

74/19 ENVIRONMENT; To receive any reports relating to;

a. Recreational Field;

The Clerk reported that the Hut was in bad repair and scaffolding poles had been fixed to the hut, after the last pig roast, making it worse.

A goal net is needed for the goal post, JH proposed seconded by CG to purchase a set with a budget of £100. Members **RESOLVED** for the Clerk to purchase a set of goal nets with a budget of £150. **Action;** Clerk to purchase.

CF reported that the Parish Council had been successful in its grant application to Gawcott Solar Field £1500 to resurface under the springy's playground and patch repair under the slide. The total figure is £1800. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to pay the £300 at last month's meeting.

TC reported that the sides of slide needs to be replaced with exterior ply he suggested a budget of £200. CF proposed seconded by SS to initiate the process. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to repair the slide with a budget of £200. **Action;** Clerk to contact Andy Gibbs for a quote.

b. Grass Cutting;

i. To discuss the email subject, Local Council Devolution Communication – August, regarding an extension for a maximum of 2 Years of the Devolution Service Agreements. A show of interest has to be sent before 31 October 2019. JH proposed seconded by CF the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to accept the Shadow Committee's extension offer.

ii. To discuss devolved service agreement regarding Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust and grass cutting. TC explained that the Parish Council would be accepting to cut around the flats and any other area that VAHT cuts. JH will meet with a resident in the area to ascertain the correct area and send a map to the Clerk to request a quote from Escapes.

iii. Wildflower Meadow management; The Parish Council discuss forming a core group of volunteers to manage the wildflower meadow. Also mentioned that the trees need to have their canopies raised so that grass can be cut underneath. A volunteer group can be formed to do the work through the winter months. TC proposed having a budget set aside for hiring equipment, fuel etc. To get rid of unwanted material it was suggested that residents would collect it if they had wood burners, or put aside for the pig roast, or shred it for mulching. One of the group volunteered to put together a Risk Assessment and send to the Clerk. **Action;** the Clerk to contact the Insurance Company to explain what the volunteer group will be doing and send them the risk assessment.

- c. **Roads and traffic;** Pot holes in Manor Road. Anglian Water will be digging up the A413 to sort out the drainage situation. They have put in an application which could take up to 3 months to be agreed. This will mean a road closure of about a week. JH remarked that the gullies needing doing. **Action;** TC will mention when he attends the LAF meeting. Leckhampstead Road needs the hedges cutting back. **Action;** the Clerk to write to Eric Gladstone to request that the hedges he is responsible for along Leckhampstead Road are cut.
- d. **Allotments;** All the allotment money has been collected. **Action;** The Clerk to contact Escapes to strim the Allotments that are not being used.
- e. **Street lighting;**
 - i. Members confirmed that the Parish Council was happy with the street lighting for Coronation Cottages.
 - ii. A representative of Provision Lighting will attend the Parish Council meeting on 11 November 2019 to give a presentation regarding literature on LED lighting received, to show what the company can offer.
Action; JH will check the street light on the junction of Leckhampstead Road and Manor Road and contact the Clerk if it is out

75/19 PLANNING; To consider planning and development matters;

- a. **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**
 - i. The members discussed what action the PC believes appropriate to an email received and also uploaded to the AVDC website, detailing discussions that occurred at the meeting of 22 July 2019. An anonymous letter was sent to JH and AVDC alleging that the PC is acting illegally in accepting a s106 agreement to accept responsibility for a parcel of land, for the Parish, if 18/03471/APP development is agreed. In the letter it has been termed as a sweetener. TC has spoken to the Monitoring Officer and AVDC will not act on an anonymous letter. Also the monitoring officer believes that the Parish Council is acting overtly and openly in that it shares any communication it receives from WE Black with the residents at a meeting.
Further to the PC meeting on the 22 July a resident sent an email to the Clerk & AVDC, which is now on the comments section of planning. A neighbour has also added his comments separately. TC proposed that the Clerk replies to the relevant individuals and anyone else who questions the PC actions stating that;
'The Parish Council has discussed its actions with all members and with the AVDC Monitoring Officer and currently neither the Parish Council nor AVDC believe that the Parish Council has anything to answer for with any of the allegations that have been made. If you would like to make further allegations and substantiate them you are welcome to contact the Monitoring Officer at AVDC for that purpose.'
Residents have also been in contact with the Clerk because they felt that the information they had received from the flyer had not been specific enough. TC proposed that the Clerk sends the following response;
The Parish Council has discussed this matter and if you feel that it is necessary please write to the Monitoring Officer. However this is a planning matter of which the Parish Council is not directly involved in the decision of the planning committee. The flyer could not have been more specific because between sending the notice around and the meeting the Parish Council did not know if a determination, appeal or withdrawal of the planning application was going to happen. Therefore it had to be dynamically reacting to the situation. Planning decisions are not a Parish Council function they are a District Council function.
The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should reply with the appropriate response.
- b. **19/00329/APP** – Akeley House Buckingham Road Akeley Buckinghamshire MK18 5HL / Demolition of an existing dwelling and erection of a new replacement dwelling / **Awaiting decision**
- c. **18/03906/APP** – 3 Daisybank Main Street Akeley Buckinghamshire MK18 5HW
Erection of fence (retrospective) **Awaiting decision**
 - i. Members discuss whether there is a need to reiterate the Parish Council's Objection in the light of a further site notice being posted. Members decided that the site notice was a reminder to those who had not already sent in a response and therefore no further action was required.
 - ii. TC reported that the Parish Council has received a Freedom of Information request from a resident for a data subject request.
- d. **19/02962/APP** - Roslom Leckhampstead Road Akeley Buckinghamshire MK18 5HD / Single storey rear extension. Members **RESOLVED** No Objection to 19/02962/APP
- e. **16/00151/AOP** –Land off Walnut Drive and Foscott Road Maids Moreton Buckinghamshire

TC proposed that the Parish Council should object to this application on the grounds that the A413 is no longer a designated freight route and the Construction traffic is proposed to being routed through Akeley.

TC reiterated that he will not be standing as a Councillor at the next election if a new Chairman can't be decided on.
Being 2 councillors down the Parish Council needs to publicise the Vacancies.

76/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING; 11 November 2019 in Akeley Village Hall at 7.30pm TBC Akeley Village Hall at 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 8.50 pm

Chairman signature..... Date.....