

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Akeley Parish Council held on Monday 9 March 2020
meeting started at 8.20pm in the Village Hall

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Present: Cllrs Terry Cavender (Chair), John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Clair Flynn, Cara George, Gerry Millard
Clerk: Ruth Millard **Members of the public** 3 plus District Cllr Warren Whyte, Cllr Howard Mordue, Cabinet member for resources at AVDC, and Ade Osibogun, a resident, and candidate for the council elections

12/20 Apologies; Sally Siddique, Caz McCall

13/20 Open Forum; To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation; District Cllr Warren Whyte gave a report about; Buckinghamshire Council, the Library & Akeley not being a National Freight route.

Planning application for The Bull and Butcher a resident hoped that the traffic would not be diverted up Church Street as had happened a few months ago

14/20 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

15/20 Approval of Minutes; Members **RESOLVED** that the minutes from the Parish Council Meetings held in the Village Hall, Akeley on 6 January 2020 were a true record. Proposed & seconded by GM & JH the Chairman signed the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting.

16/20 Finance & Accounts; To receive the financial statements:
 Members noted the invoices received yet to be paid. JH asked for it to be minuted that Escapes should not have been waiting for payment since their July invoice. As trusted contractors for the Parish Council he would not want to see this happen again.
 Members **RESOLVED** the budget for 2020/21 as £14522.00 - proposed and seconded by GM & CF. This being 3% above payments for 2019/20 plus items quoted for and statutory payments for 2020.
 Members discussed the request from Citizens Advice for a donation and **RESOLVED** to give £50.00 – Proposed & seconded by JH & GM.
 Members **RESOLVED** to sign the Devolved Agreement Variation Form for 2020-2022 – proposed & seconded by CF & CG.

Account Balance		
Natwest Building Society	31 December 2019 including interest of £5.54	10218.25
Lloyds....5668	31 January 2020 – Statement – no payments in February 2020	5530.89
Income		
Lloyds....5668	12 March 2020 - 1 st Maids Moreton Scouts field rent	50.00

March 2020 Cheque/Online Payments			
PAYEE	POWER	Cheque/DD	Amount
Escapes Landscaping, invoice -5081/19	LG(misc prov)A 1976, s19	BP 56	1255.20
Terry Cavender, second land registry search	LGA 1972, s111	BP 57	6.00
Hilary Jones, Akeley News Donation for March Editing	LGA 1972, s137	Chq. 007	10.00
E.ON, Statement 1 Jan 2020	LGA 1972, Sched 14 para 34	BP 59	388.75
Phillips Print, Dec & March printing donation	LGA	BP 60	130.50
PWLB, repayment date 10/03/2020	LGA 1972, Sch. 13	BP 61	396.06
Citizens Advice, financial donation	LGA 1972, s142	BP 62	50.00
Akeley Village Hall, hall hire 09.03.2020	LG(misc prov)A, s19	BP 63	15.00
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17/20 ENVIRONMENT;

a. Recreational Field;

- i. Members discuss what is needed to acquire Play Equipment for teens, the quotes needed and what is needed to apply for a grant. Members agreed to put a poll on facebook to find out if residents were interested. TC proposed that if there was an interest the PC would explore the safety and maintenance aspect of the equipment, by visiting other play area that were using the equipment and ask about any maintenance issues the Parish Council's had.

- ii. Update of the arrangements for looking after the wildflower meadow was that as the weather had been so wet nothing had started. Lifting the crowns on some of the trees would start as soon as possible. A risk assessment had been done which would be forwarded to the Clerk as would the Lantra certificates for the use of the chainsaw & wood chipper & Insurance confirmation.
 - iii. No further update regarding the use of the recreational field for football, on doing an onsite check the ground was found to be unsuitable.
- b. Scout Field; on finding out that the deeds had been lost in the mists of time and a previous Parish Council had registered the land in 1996, Title possessory, in the name of Akeley Parish Council, it is not known if there were any covenants placed on the land, on the original deeds. TC proposed that the Parish Council offers support to the Scouts regarding a planning application to erect a building on the land. The Scouts should purchase an Insurance Indemnity against a body putting in a complaint about the erection of a building in the future. **Action;** the Clerk to update the Scout Chairman.
 - c. Grass Cutting; To discuss the quotes received for the devolved services grass cutting & grounds maintenance. One of the contractors that the clerk had requested a quote from had been unable to provide one, he would be in a better position to provide one next year. The members discussed the Quote from Escapes, and **RESOLVED** to employ the company. He would be required to amend his quote to reflect 1 cut & pickup of the wildflower meadow about September, when instructed. **Action;** Clerk to inform Escapes of the PC's decision.
 - d. Roads and traffic; members discussed the issues along Leckhampstead Road where the lorries using the very edges of the road had eroded the road causing trip hazards to pedestrians crossing the road. **Action;** the resident would report on 'fixmystreet' and send photographs to the clerk & chairman.
 - e. Allotments; CC had given a report at the Annual Parish Meeting.
 - f. Street lighting; The Clerk had spoken to the rep for Zeta and invited him to the May meeting. The Clerk had spoken to a receptionist by phone for Provision regarding that the representative had not sent her a quote and been assured that they would follow up the request for a quote to provide LED lighting in the village. **Action;** Clerk to keep monitoring the situation.
 - g. Members discussed email from representative of Ripple, (Rambles Repairing & Improving Public Paths for leisure & Exercise). This was some information that the Clerk had received in connection with a group to liaise between the landowner, Rights of Way officer and the Parish Council to get damaged gates replaced. Chairman was happy in principle as long as it didn't cost the PC anything at the moment, the members agreed.

18/20 Administration;

- a. Parish Council email addresses for Councillors; TC to liaise with the Clerk to access the web domain.
- b. Community Emergency Planning; CG & CF have put an article into Akeley News requesting volunteers to help assist people in an emergency. The Parish Council would like to create a policy with a data base of people who could help in an emergency. The contact details would only be accessible to Parish Councillors and the Clerk, for use in an emergency situation. JH asked the question, if the Parish Council should be leading the way to residents helping each other, regarding the coronavirus and people being isolation and maybe needing help? TC noted that the PC is not a public health authority but as residents in the village, the members know who their neighbours are and would be doing that. Not one for the Parish Council but as concerned residents would be doing it already.

19/20 CORRESPONDENCE; To note and discuss;

- Join the Great British Spring Clean. TC proposed that it was too late to do anything this year but try to arrange something next year. JH took the opportunity to say that the PC strimmer & brush cutting attachment is in his garage.
- Elections Thursday 7 May 2020. Members noted the date.
- Akeley News; TC proposed that before the newsletter goes on the website, the Parish Council uploads a disclaimer; that the newsletter is an independent publication and a copy of it is presented here, on the website, as a service to the community.

20/20 PLANNING; To consider planning and development matters;

- a. **20/00421/APP** – The Bull and Butcher The Square Akeley Bucks MK18 5HP / Removal of existing corrugated asbestos roof and removal of all existing concrete roof tiles and replace with new slates to match the existing front elevation roof area. Members **RESOLVED** to Support 20/00421/APP, for the reasons of Health & Safety, the vulnerability if it gets broken by falling debris as it would be released into the environment.
- b. **20/00498/APP** – Ashwood Chapel Lane Akeley Bucks MK18 5HU / Application for change of use to residential curtilage for Ashwood (Retrospective). Members **RESOLVED** No Objection to 20/00498/APP

- c. **20/00624/APP** – Farm Cottage Akeley Wood Lodge Road Akeley Bucks MK18 5BW / Demolition of existing garage and construction of new bay garage with home office (amendment to approval 19/04155APP). Members **RESOLVED** No Objections to 20/00624/APP
- d. **20/00510/APP** – Land West of Moreton Road / Erection of 130 dwellings, associated access and parking, landscaping and amenity space and the change of land from agriculture to use as sports pitches/recreational open space and informal open space. Members **RESOLVED** to Oppose 20/00510/APP because of increased traffic through Akeley, vibration & noise, backfill. Doesn't comply with Buckingham's neighbourhood Plans

Update of outstanding Planning applications

- i. **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**
- ii. **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 / **Appeal Ref: 19/00068/NONDET / none determination**
- iii. **19/03553/APP** – Akeley Burial Ground The Square Akeley /Construction of a new structure and landscaped area within the footprint of a ruined church within the burial ground / **Awaiting decision**
- iv. **19/04155/APP** – Farm Cottage Akeley Wood Lodge Road Akeley Buckinghamshire MK18 5 BW / Demolition of existing garage and construction of new 3 bay garage with home office / **Approved**

21/20 Members **RESOLVED** to exclude the public in accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 (2)

- i. Information Commissioners Office; Members discussed the contents of the email received 27 January 2020, and **RESOLVED** to send a reply via a solicitor. **Action;** TC & Clerk to contact Chandler Ray.

The Clerk reported that after very careful research she had forwarded all the Subject Data Request documents that the resident was entitled to, by email and recorded delivery, to the resident who had made the request.

- ii. Members discussed and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's Contract of Employment would mirror the contract that she has with Adstock Parish Council. **Action;** the Clerk to circulate a draft of the contract to the Parish Council for comments.
- iii. Members discuss an email received from a resident about a Councillor and **RESOLVED** a suitable reply.

22/20 Date and time of next meeting; May 2020 at 7.30pm - Date to be confirmed

Meeting Closed at 10.40 pm