

AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 5th September 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present Chair – Colin Macklin

Councillors – Hoddinott, Parkes, Brook, Burge, Anderson, Mann and James

In Attendance: Sadie Patamia (Clerk), Amby Hitchcox (RFO), and 0 members of the public

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Belcher.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

3 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th July 2011, 27th July 2011 and 12th August 2011

It was proposed by Cllr Anderson, seconded by Cllr Parkes, and agreed that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th July 2011 should be approved and signed.

It was proposed by Cllr Burge, seconded by Cllr Brook, and agreed that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 27th July 2011 should be approved and signed.

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Parkes, and agreed that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12th August 2011 should be approved and signed.

4 Matters arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk confirmed that she was still investigating the issue with the bins in the playground. It would appear that as the bin are not on the highway SNC are not responsible for emptying them. It was agreed that a wheely bin should be purchased from B & Q and that the Councillors and Clerk will take it in turn to pull the bin to a pavement point where SNC would be able to collect the rubbish as part of its weekly collection. Once the rubbish had been collected the bin would need to be pulled-back to the playground

Action – Clerk to buy wheely bin and liners and to enquire about having existing bins removed

The Clerk produced an e mail from last year detailing how to get the land owned by APC registered. It would seem that the land would need to be valued then a charge would be levied dependent on the value. Cllr Brook enquired why it was necessary to register the land. The RFO stated that it was an audit recommendation. It was agreed that the Clerk would find out how much it would cost to have the land valued and ask NCALC for guidance on this.

Action - Clerk to find out how much it would cost to have the land valued and ask NCALC for guidance on this.

She also stated she had not yet checked the deeds to see who owned the fence that was in poor repair but would do.

Action – Clerk to check deeds and report back in October

The Clerk stated that she had heard back from SN Homes about the area on the Glebe. It would seem that as various other work people had used this area as a compound SN Homes were not going to reseed it. Cllr Parkes stated that the people outside the Glebe have reseeded it.

The Clerk stated that she had received various letters back from OCC and NCC regarding the speed limits surrounding the village. It was agreed this would be discussed under highways on the agenda.

Cllr Anderson confirmed the parking committee meeting had gone ahead. It was reported that minutes will follow. It was stated that it would be useful to have a decent map of the village.

Action – Clerk to look for cost of good map of village

The Clerk confirmed she had written to Fritwell PC re. their Broadband but had not heard back. She stated that she had a friend in Fritwell and would ask her about the Broadband provision.

Action – Clerk to research broadband in Fritwell

5 Finance

It was proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Parkes that the cheques listed on the attached financial report should be agreed and signed (AH/09/11).

She stated that she had not heard from the external audit which should have been done at end of July as of yet.

6 Risk

There was nothing to report on this

7 Formal adoption of disciplinary procedure

It was proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Anderson that the draft disciplinary procedure should be adopted. It was therefore signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

8 Planning

It was reported that the changes in Planning Policy will affect us very little. There will be an overarching policy.

Neighbourhood planning will allow Councils to write their own planning guidance for their community. It is going through parliament currently. Cllrs Brook and Burge felt that nothing we can add as the fundamental principles are being looked at. It was suggested that it was discussed at the next ward meeting and that we APC should ask to see SNC's comments on the consultation.

Action – Clerk to suggest 'planning' is a major topic at the next ward meeting
Action – Clerk to ask SNC if APC can see their comments on the planning consultation

The Chair read out a letter he had received which commented on the planning meeting held in July. The writer felt that the meeting had been biased. It was agreed that a reply should be sent thanking the correspondent for their comments and informing them that they have been noted.

Another letter was read out which enquired how any planning conditions would be enforced. It was agreed that the letter would be passed to SNC as it is them who would enforce any conditions. In addition a reply would be sent to the correspondent informing them of this.

Action – Clerk to reply to letters.

Cllr Hoddinott asked how much notice do SNC take of our comments. Cllr Brook stated that APC are only consulted in the same way householders are and that our comments are passed on. In the past it was felt that sometimes we don't express our feelings properly and this had led to misunderstandings. We are now much clearer on the comments that go back. Cllr Burge stated that it was important to be careful on how things are worded. Grey areas are a no no and planning terms must be used.

The Clerk stated that the licensing application had been passed. It was stated that the way licensing works seems very unsatisfactory. APC were not informed of the response or how the decision was reached. It was agreed that a letter should go to John Townsend.

Action – Clerk to write to JT to discuss licensing

The Clerk stated she had been informed by Cherwell DC that a wind turbine application had been submitted by Moto at Junction 10.

9 Highways and Transport

The Clerk stated she had received letters from OCC and NCC. NCC seem less interested in reducing speed limits around the village than OCC. It was agreed the letters should be forwarded to Ron Sawbridge.

Action – Clerk to forward letters to RS

10 HS2 update

There was nothing to report on this although Cllr Mann had done his best to get involved in SNAG.

11 Ardley Incinerator

It was reported that there is an appeal going on against this application.

12 Village of the Year workshop and dates

Cllr Hoddinott stated that energy efficiency of properties is interesting. If you sell your house the estate agent can charge you £100+ for a certificate. Improving the ecological value of houses could make Aynho more desirable. Cllr Hoddinott stated he could do it for householders at a cost price of £20. The report is an official document. This was felt to be a good thing to move forward on although the Clerk stated she would need to speak to NCALC on the ethics of a councilor offering a service to the village such as this.

Action – Clerk to discuss with NCALC the ethics of councilors offering services to villagers

Cllr Mann stated that he believed the Village of the Year contest to be a beauty contest and that as Aynho had very few amenities we were unlikely to win. It was stated that it's changed now and can be used as a vehicle to improve and make the village even nicer.

Cllr Hoddinott mentioned that many people seemed to have taken to leaving their bins out rather than bringing them in and that this is the sort of thing that makes the village look untidy. It was agreed that letters would be sent and a note would go into the newsletter.

Action – Letters to go out re. bins

It was agreed that the best way forward on the Village of the Year would be to tie it in with the activities in the Pavilion. The Clerk stated she would speak to Kay Anderson about this.

Action – Clerk to speak to KA about Village of the Year

13 History Walk

It was agreed that Cllr James and the Chair would walk the route on Saturday 10th September to carry out a risk assessment. Rupert Clarke will be invited.

It was expected that there will be about 5 groups and APC will be leading the walk with History Society members giving talks at various points.

14 Recreational Matters – to include Playground equipment, fundraising for new equipment and A.S.R.A.

It was agreed that a good starting point for the playground would be for a survey to go out at Wiggles and Giggles. Cllr Burge agreed to lead this.

Action – Cllr Burge to give out survey at Wiggles and Giggles

The Clerk reported that she had heard from Roger Bradford and Kay Anderson who were both unable to be at the meeting. Mr Bradford has reported that he is still working hard trying to obtain funding for the tarmac. He has had a quotation for tarmac 220 metres of the track from the gateway at the middle of Portway to include the bottom gateway and round past the pavilion to the edge of the tennis court nearest the pavilion for the sum of £4700 from Davies Road Resurfacing Contractor of Great Tew, but we cannot start the work as it negates applications for funding.

Mrs Anderson has also stated that she is still fundraising for the sports field.

15 Farming and Footpaths to include footpath report

The Clerk checked everyone had received the footpath report which they had.

16 Maintenance, to include provision of new dog bins

Cllr Parkes reported that the sharp angle kerb corners in the Rightracks scheme outside Grammar House have been smoothed. The Chair thanked Cllr Parkes for his persistence in getting it done. He stated that chevrons on Wembley Corner had been damaged by a vehicular collision and the damage had been reported to the street doctor. He also stated that weeding had been done as had the improvements to the Bothy path.

It was stated that the quotes for getting the windows and doors repaired at the Pavilion were expensive. It is possible that they could be claimed for on the insurance but it was suggested that it may be better to board the door up instead. It is not known whether it is a fire door or not. It was

agreed that the Clerk should book a fire inspection with SNC to see if it was an exit and then to consider an insurance claim.

*Action – Fire inspection to be booked at the Pavilion by Clerk
Action – Insurance claim to be considered after fire inspection*

It was agreed that there was a need for additional dog bins in the village. It was agreed a quote and advice on their siting would be sought.

Action – Clerk to get quote for additional dog bins and to seek advice re. their siting

17 Meetings and Conferences to include NCALC AGM

The Clerk reported that the NCALC AGM would take place on Saturday 22 October 2011. She asked if anyone had any resolutions they wanted to submit, there were none.

18 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that she had received NCALC Update, a letter from Deddington Health Centre stating the bus service would be stopping and asking if anyone had any ideas about helping its users (it was agreed that this query would be put into the newsletter), SN Homes Major Works Briefing, SNVB news, a letter from SN homes about their 'Lifeline' service, Clerks and Councils Direct, and a letter from Aylesbury Vale DC on their district plan.

19 Any Other Business (at the discretion of the Chair)

Cllr James stated that as the RFO was having laptop issues he felt a new one should be bought for her. This was agreed.

Action – RFO to purchase new lap top

Cllr Burge stated that she would be submitting a planning application this month.

Cllr Parkes stated that there were a great deal of noisy aeroplanes again. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Hinton in the Hedges again stating that 'in accordance with CAA guidelines they should vary their flight path'.

Action - Clerk to write to Hinton in the Hedges again stating that 'in accordance with CAA guidelines they should vary their flight path'.

20 Monday 3rd October 2011

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 21.34