

## AYNHO PARISH COUNCIL

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**

Present                      Chair – Keith McClellan (as nominated at start of meeting)  
                                    Councillors – Phillips, Oakey, Bradford, Parkes and James

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

#### **1      Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from the Chair, Cllr Brook and Cllr Anderson

It was proposed by Cllr Bradford, seconded by Cllr James and agreed that in the absence of Cllr Macklin, Cllr McClellan would act as Chair for this meeting.

#### **2      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **3      Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and extraordinary meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Bradford, and agreed that the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 should be approved and signed.

It was proposed by Cllr James, seconded by Cllr Phillips, and agreed that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2010 should be approved and signed.

#### **4      Matters arising not on the Agenda**

The Clerk confirmed that she had written traveller liaison re. the Green lane visitor. It was agreed that the response from CTU should be replied to stating the following –

She also confirmed she had written to NCC asking about having the tree in the Nell Bridge lay-by cut but as yet had not heard back.

#### **5      Finance**

It was proposed by Cllr Bradford and seconded by Cllr James that the cheques listed on the attached financial report should be agreed and signed (AH/09/10).

## **6 Review of Amenity Track**

Cllr Bradford stated that grants had been awarded for £150 and £500. He stated that he had also applied for a grant of £500 and another of up to £15,000 from Viridor Credits. If this were awarded it would be possible to top the track with tarmac (currently quoted at £6000) and to buy some outdoor exercise equipment.

The Clerk stated that the official opening of the track would take place on 2nd October with a reception for those that had helped build, or contributed to the track on 1st October.

## **7 Risk**

Cllr Parkes reported that the trees at 3 The Hill were safe.

It was requested that the Clerk should write to the occupant of 4 The Square to highlight the possible issues with the Yew tree in the garden and the wall.

*Action – Clerk to write to 4 The Square re. yew tree*

The Clerk reported that she had heard from Stephen Thompson re. the trees in Hill Trees Bank. He inspected them in April and found them to be safe and healthy. It was agreed that the Clerk would request another inspection in April 2011.

*Action – Clerk to request inspection of trees in Hill Top Bank in April 2011*

It was noted that the loose bolt in the death slide on the sports field had still not been tightened. It was agreed that the contractor requested to do this would be given 2 more weeks then an alternative would be sought out.

The Clerk stated that Kay Anderson had suggested that more bark should be purchased for under the equipment. It was agreed that this should come from the ASRA fund.

It was pointed out that the tree on Bowmans Lea needed trimming. It was agreed that Cllr Oakey would be asked to do this.

*Action – Clerk to ask Cllr Oakey to trim tree on Bowmans Lea*

## **8 Highways and Transport, to include parking on green outside the Cartwright Hotel**

The Clerk stated that she had received an e mail from a resident pointing out the flouting of the 'no parking' signs on the green outside the Cartwright Hotel. It was felt that something needs to be done about the situation. It was agreed that a quote should be sought to have poles of about 2 foot placed around the green to prevent parking on it.

*Action – Clerk to seek quote for erecting of poles around green*

Cllr Parkes stated that a walk round with the Rightracks team had taken place in the summer and a programme of works agreed. This should have taken place in August but had not due to essential works outside schools being given priority in the summer holidays. The Rightracks team has given assurances that the work will begin in Aynho ASAP.

He also reported that with regards to parking at the Glebe. Stuart Hoskins has spoken to the regulation department at NCC. As it will have to pass over the footway to gain access to the area a Section 182 will have to be applied for which permits installing a vehicular crossover into the footway. This will have to be set back 10m form the boundary with the main Croughton Road.

Stuart Hoskins has also stated that with regards to installing the matting as it is to his knowledge parish land and not highway, permission may be required by South Northants however only building regulations would apply to the contractors working on your behalf.

Cllr Phillips stated that she had inspected the streetlights in the village and all were fine. The Chair stated that he had received an e-mail telling APC about LED replacements for the mercury lights. It was agreed that a quote should be sought for these.

*Action – Clerk to seek quote for LED streetlights*

Cllr Phillips stated that she had heard rumors stating the buses had started running every 4 hours rather than every 2 hours. The Clerk stated she had had no notification of this but that she would make enquiries.

*Action – Clerk to investigate bus times*

## **9 Planning**

There were no planning matters to discuss.

The Chair stated that he felt APC ought to write to Cherwell DC and express their continued opposition for the planned incinerator at Ardley as it is about to go to appeal. This was agreed.

*Action – Clerk to write to Cherwell to express continued opposition of incinerator plans*

## **10 Recreational Matters – to include Playground, Sports Field and A.S.R.A and response re. wheely bin for play area**

The Clerk stated that she had received a response re. the request for a wheely bin in the children's play area. The cost would be £190 per annum.

Cllr Parkes suggested that Nisbets would be a good company to supply 'no dogs' signs for the sports field

## **11 Farming and Footpaths, including frequency of Farm Walk**

It was agreed that both the frequency of the farm walk and the reinstatement of the track to Aynho Wharf would be discussed at the next meeting.

*Action – Clerk to put farm walk and Aynho Wharf on October agenda*

## **12 Maintenance**

Cllr Parkes reported that he had had trouble catching up with Stuart Hamp recently as Stuart's time had been taken up with baling over the summer. He stated that he hoped to have a full update for the next meeting.

Cllr Bradford asked if anyone knew why one of the poles on Charlton Road had been left as was when the others had been altered. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate.

*Action – Clerk to investigate pole on Charlton Road*

### **13 Meetings and Conferences, to include suggested resolutions for NCALC AGM and date of Ward Meeting**

It was stated that the NCALC AGM would be attended by Cllr Macklin but if there were any suggested resolutions they should be put forward now for submission. There were none.

The Clerk reminded everyone that the Ward Meeting would be on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm at Evenly. The next meeting would be at Aynho. It was agreed that this should take place on or around 21st March 2011.

She also stated she had received an invite to an Emergency Planning Conference on preparing for winter to take place in Thrapston on 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm and that she would be attending the launch of the Stand and Deliver project on 30<sup>th</sup> September in order to find out more about local elections.

An invite has also been received to the NHS Northamptonshire AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at Daventry.

Cllr Parkes stated he had attended the flying start seminar at NCALC and Cllr Bradford stated that he had attended a seminar on applying for grants.

### **14 Correspondence**

The Clerk stated that she had received the following correspondence - Clerks and Councils Direct, Terms of Reference and Report on the Joint Working Party between SNC and Cherwell DC, The Better Healthcare newsletter, Major Works briefing from SN Homes, NCALC Update, a letter about the MWDF Development Plan, Village Viewpoint and snvb news. This was passed to Cllr Bradford.

The Chair stated he had received an annual return to fill in on the Parish Plan. It was agreed that the plan should be reviewed every March.

### **15 Any Other Business (at the discretion of the Chair)**

Cllr James reported that 900m of copper telephone wire had been stolen over the bank holiday weekend which accounted for the absence of phone service in part of the village.

Cllr Parkes suggested that a mini village clear up ought to take place in November. This was agreed.

*Action – Clerk to organise mini village clean up in November*

Cllr Phillips stated that some frozen food had been stolen from a doorstep in Aynho Court. It was agreed that an update re. Neighbourhood Watch representatives should be put into the newsletter.

*Action – Clerk to put Neighbourhood Watch update into newsletter*

### **16 Date of Next meeting, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010**

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm