



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON Monday 9th MARCH 2009

**Present: Stan Bennett, Terry Cavender, Brian Coxall, John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Mary Taylor, Elaine Rowlands, Mike Mortimer (Chair) and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).
M.o.P: Jackie Corcoran, Angie Hawker, Sherri Holland, John Tibbetts.**

1. APOLOGIES: None

PUBLIC SESSION & ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The only public telephone box in the village, on Church Hill, has been removed by BT.
- The AVDC 'Play around the parishes' scheme will be coming to Akeley Village Hall on Thursday 16th April, 2 to 4.30pm.
- A Professor from Kent University was able to make his way to Akeley Wood School only by phoning Sherri Holland whose contact details he had sources from our website.
- Table tennis club has been suspended for the time being due to poor attendance.

2. The MINUTES of the meetings held on Monday 26th November 2008 (closed meeting) and 12th January 2009 had been circulated and were proposed and seconded as a true record by BC, TC and JH and TC and signed by the Chairman.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA: None

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4a. **Recreational Field** – The **resurfacing of the footpath** from Church Hill has *still* not been carried out by Bucks CC despite their promise that it would be done last November. The Clerk to write again and copy the letter to our County Councillor, David Polhill. Consideration is to be given to selecting a **new piece of equipment** for the extension to the toddlers' section of the Play Area.

4b. **Roads and traffic** - The worst of the **potholes** on Leckhampstead Rd have been filled after they were reported to Highways on Call. It may be possible to obtain funding for more resurfacing from the LAF (see below). It was suggested that the **salt bin** at the top of Chapel Lane be moved to Leckhampstead Rd and a new bin, more suited in style to a Conservation Area, be bought to replace it. This could perhaps be sponsored by a local business. The **pavement in front of The Coach House**, Main Street, needs filling in after the developers have left it in a poor state. The Clerk to write.

4c. **Affordable Housing** – MM had given Jean Fox a verbal summary of the closed meeting. Now that the minutes have been approved, they will be sent to her. She has written to the 2 landowners of the 3 sites identified as most suitable for the project. A preliminary meeting has taken place between Jean Fox, MM and one of the landowners. The Parish Council now feels it would like a short meeting with Jean Fox to clarify some issues. The Clerk to arrange.

4d. **Chackmore turn field** – contract for new tenant – A grazing agreement has been purchased from TFM Readers, Land Agents, and sent to Mr and Mrs Gowton for their consideration. They have been asked to pay 6 months' rent for the period Oct 08 to 31/3/09 of £70 and then the annual contract will run from 1/4/09 to 31/3/10 at a rent of £140. This will have to be renewed every year.

4e. **Neighbourhood Action Group (TC)** – There is now a new full-time **Specialist Neighbourhood Officer** to cover this area. He is PC Dan Begley and he will be attending the public NAG meeting in the Village Hall on 18/3/09.

4f. **Local Area Forum (TC)** – Only 6 or so (out of 30) parishes sent representatives to the last meeting. It was felt that the meetings were unfairly dominated by a large contingent from Buckingham Town Council, which does not have the same issues as smaller parishes/villages.

4g. **Akeley News** – The Risk Assessment has been carried out for the job of delivering the newsletter and the delivery boy has now completed the application for his Under-16s Work Permit. Extra copies will be printed to allow for some copies to be placed in the Village Hall.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts 8/1/09 to 3/3/09** were approved and seconded by BC and TC and signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- An up to date quote has been received for the replacement of the street light outside 21 Coronation Cottages. There is a slight increase from the original but as it was previously agreed that the replacement would go ahead, the Clerk has written to the occupants advising them of the forthcoming work. There has been no reply.
- MM has agreed to act as referee for the VHC's application to 'Awards for All' for finance towards the patio.

7. **PLANNING** – No new applications or decisions

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING..... May 11th 2009. This will be the ANNUAL or FIRST Meeting of the Parish Council and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be elected for the coming year.**