



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of THE MEETING on MONDAY 12TH JANUARY 2009
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Stan Bennett, Terry Cavender, Brian Coxall, Mary Taylor, Mike Mortimer (Chair) and Ellen Sayer (Clerk). M.o.P: Jackie Corcoran, John Cowley, Angela Hawker, Christine Hockley, Sherri Holland, John Tibbetts.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Elaine Rowlands, John Hockley (Item 2 onwards)

PUBLIC SESSION & ITEMS OF INTEREST

- £318 was raised for MacMillan Nurses at the Christmas Eve dinner, which was arranged by the Social Group, in the Bull and Butcher.
 - Sadly, Irene Thompson at BALC, who was the source of good advice on several occasions, has passed away after a long illness.
 - This is Mike Mortimer's 100th meeting as Chairman. John Hockley gave a short speech thanking Mike for his work and leadership since May 1992.
2. **The MINUTES** of the meeting held on Monday 12th November 2008 were proposed and seconded as a true record (BC, TC) and signed by MM.
 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:** No new declarations.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- 4a. **Recreational Field** - Mr Brock has offered to help SB trim the canopy of some of the trees. Details of a potential new piece of play equipment to be circulated.
- 4b. **Roads and traffic** - There has been no response from Bucks CC to the queries re. the supposed visits of the Parish Gang last Autumn. The possibility of having a salt bin on Leckhampstead Rd to be investigated.
- 4c. **Affordable Housing** - Following the special closed meeting in November, Jean Fox has advised that no information be released at this stage. A copy of the minutes of that meeting will be forwarded to her when they have been seen by all P/Councillors.
- 4d. **Chackmore turn field** - TFM Readers can draw up a suitable contract for the new tenants at a cost of £75 + VAT, but this will have to be renewed on an annual basis. Agreed .MM to contact Mr and Mrs Gowton.
- 4e. **Website** (TC) - Running smoothly despite one small problem not of our making. This has now been rectified. It would still seem that not everyone in the village is aware of the website. A lap-top will be set up at the next village event
- 4f. **Risk Assessments and Work Permits for under-16s working for the Parish Council.** (TC) - The work permit has been processed for the Bus Shelter Cleaner. The Parish Council has still to meet with the Akeley News Delivery Person when convenient to process the paperwork. Gloves and tabards have been provided.
- 4g. **Street lighting** - rolling replacement programme. - it was agreed that the light at Coronation Cottages should be replaced before the end of the financial year.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

- Accounts 7/11/08 to 7/1/09 – proposed and seconded (MT and TC) and signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.
- Review of Scouts rent payable March 2010 – This will be held at £50 (MT, BC)
- A Gibbs maintenance costs for play area - Increase from £12 to £15 per cut approved. (TC ,BC)
- E.Scapes mowing costs – increased by 7% - approved (TC, BC)
- Set precept for 2009/10 - to remain at £9,500 (TC, MT)

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Dial-A-Ride funding request - the Clerk to enquire as to usage in Akeley.

7. PLANNING

- **Thyme House, Main St.** – Applic. for single-storey front and side ext. and new pitched roof over existing 1st floor flat roof - APPROVED
- **Highfield House, Leckhampstead Rd** – Applic. for 2-storey front and rear exts. and 1st floor ext. with detached garage & assoc. works. Minor amended plans (Bats in 1st floor) – APPROVED.
- **Pipers, Main St.** – Applic. for single-storey side ext., single-storey front bay ext. and alteration to front driveway – APPROVED
- **The Old Rectory** – Applic. for erection of cast iron railings on ground floor bay window to create 1st floor balcony (retrospective) – APPROVED.
- **Aysgarth House, Leckhampstead Rd** – Applic. for 2-storey side extension (minor amended plans rec'd – ridge height reduced) – APPROVED

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING..... March 9th 2009. This will be the Annual PARISH Meeting. Annual reports are requested from:

**The Chairman of the Parish Council
Akeley Village Hall Committee
Akeley Charities**

**Akeley Social Group
The Footpaths Officer
Akeley C of E Educational Trust Fund**

**Akeley Gardening Club
The Allotment Officer**