



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Stan Bennett, Brian Coxall, Terry Cavender, John Hockley (Vice Chair), Mike Mortimer (Chair), Elaine Rowlands and Ellen Sayer (Clerk). No members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES: Mary Taylor

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Stan Bennett and his wife Olive were congratulated on reaching their 60th (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary.
 - Police: The replacement for Nicole Bruce , PCSO, will be Denise Grayling. Inspector Emma Garside has been working from Buckingham Police Station as from 1/9/09. PC Dan Beglan's 1 year attachment to Buckingham *should* end in February 2010 but he would like to remain if possible.
 - The recent car accident at the Bycell crossroads (which is outside the parish boundary) – the long grass was not thought by the police to have been a contributory factor.
 - The refuse collectors will only collect glass for recycling when it is in the correct crates; these attach to the lorry and are lifted up to allow the glass to be sorted by hand.
- 2. The MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Monday 13th July 2009 were proposed and seconded as a true record by BC and SB and signed by MM.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:** None

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4a. Recreational Field – Grass cutting – E.Scapes to be thanked and asked to quote for next year. Likewise David Dunkley for the Churchyard. SB to organise the autumn cut of the wildflower area. **Children's Play Area RoSPA inspection** – As per the notes in the report, the junior swings have been dismantled, inspected and photographs of the work taken. Thanks to JH and BC. Playsafety have advised that no barriers are needed to counter the 'movement clash across swing arc' and the situation has been monitored as instructed. **Outdoor fitness equipment project-** BC and 2 other P/Councillors will form a sub-committee, possibly working with the Social Group, to gather info. on equipment. A meeting will be held on Sat. 17th October between the Parish Council and the manufacturer. **Playing Field hut** – Thanks to SB and JH who have carried out a structural inspection of the hut and produced an inventory of its contents. The renovation costs (labour and materials required) to be calculated. BC kindly offered that his company may be able to sponsor some of the materials. 3 labour quotes to be obtained. The Soc. Group and VHC will agree the disposal of contents.

4b. **Roads and traffic** - A stretch of Leckhampstead Rd has recently been resurfaced. A note to be sent to the **school** to remind parents to **park in the VH car park** as agreed and not to cause congestion on Church Hill. MM to complete the Buckingham Local Area Forum form to apply for funding for 2 **Vehicle Activated Signs**. Bids for a share of the 2010/11 Delegated Budget must be submitted by 30/11/09. The ‘patching and planing’ gang will be revisiting the area; items for consideration to be emailed to the Clerk in time for the November meeting. The recent cable work by **BT** has left long stretches of tarmac patching which look as if they may be collapsing; this is to be monitored. The edges of the footpath alongside the VH access road have not been treated with **weedkiller**, as promised by Bucks CC. This is to be queried. The **2 old gate posts** have, however, now been removed.

4c. **Bus service and shelters** – Bucks CC has proposed to cut the **Saturday bus service** into Buckingham. When the details have been confirmed, details will be put in the Akeley News. The **bus shelter** next to The Old Greyhound was hit and damaged beyond repair by what was thought to be a foreign lorry on 27th August. This was quickly dismantled and removed as it was unsafe. The P/Council is not in a position financially to replace this bus shelter. The Footpaths Officer to be asked to check the stile behind the site.

4d. **Gravel on footpaths from private drives** – There have been complaints that gravel from drives is spilling onto footpaths making walking, pushing pushchairs etc. difficult. An item to be put in the Akeley News re. this, dog-fouling and overgrown boundaries.

4e. **Scouts storage container on Chapel Lane field** – We have been advised by AVDC Planning Dept. that full planning permission would be required to site a container in this field and that it is unlikely that it would be granted. The Scout leaders have been advised and they will have further discussions and request a meeting with the planning officer.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

Accounts 15/7 to 11/9/09 – Proposed and seconded (JH, TC) and signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

Clerk’s salary – annual rate of pay increase as agreed by NALC. This was approved and an increase to SCP 28 proposed and seconded, in the Clerk’s absence, by BC and TC.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- The **NAG** survey has not been completed as the Parish Council is not involved.
- The incinerator proposed for Edgcott will now be built at the alternative site at Stewartby, Beds. The majority of the P/C was against this form of incineration and the Clerk to forward the suggested proposal stating such.
- The source of comments from speakers during the Public Sessions at the beginning of meetings will now have to be recorded.
- A letter of support, for the application for funding for the V. Hall patio, has been provided by the P/C.

7. PLANNING

* **Victoria House, Lillingstone Rd – Double garage – APPROVED**

* **Willow Tree Cottage, Leckhampstead Rd – Sun canopy - APPROVED**

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING..... November 9th 2009**