



**AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2009**  
**at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:** Stan Bennett, Terry Cavender, Brian Coxall, John Hockley (Vice-Chair), Mike Mortimer (Chair), Elaine Rowlands, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).

**M.o.P:** Barry Atkinson, Jackie Corcoran, Angela Hawker and John Tibbetts.

**1. APOLOGIES:** None

***PUBLIC SESSION & ITEMS OF INTEREST***

- The Social Group's AGM will be held 20/1/10. The dancing lessons have been cancelled.
- The History page on the website is being updated. An email was received through the website from New Zealand seeking information on a Thomas Blackwell who was christened in Akeley in 1808.
- A poppy wreath has been ordered and will be laid at the War Memorial at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November. A wrought iron wreath holder has been made and donated by Rod Phillips of Manor Rd.

**2. The MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009 were proposed and seconded as a true record (TC, JH) and signed by MM.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS**

**AGENDA:** BC –not on this agenda, but regarding movements of soil to his field on Chapel Lane. The matter has now been resolved.

**4. MATTERS ARISING:**

4a. **Recreational Field** – Grass cutting – it was agreed to accept E.Scapes' quote for 2010 (MT, TC); the autumn flail of the Wild Flower Area has been done (Costs will be 50% reimbursed by AVDC); Children's Play Area – swings dismantled, checked and photographed and equipment stained, and so all RoSPA inspection remedial action is completed; Outdoor fitness equipment- BC looking into an alternative manufacturer for the potential communal outdoor fitness area.. Response slips (to be returned by 15/12/09) to gauge community support for the project to be put in the next Akeley News (ER).  
Playing Field hut – 2 quotes for its refurbishment received. It was agreed to accept the lower quote subject to clarification on some points. JH to advise. E-on will cut the hedge along the northern side of the Recreational Field, fell a poplar tree and grind the stump, and fell 1 Ash tree also. Residents will be given advance notice of the disruption to the power supply.

**4b. Roads and Traffic.** It was agreed that 2 Vehicle Activated Signs would be applied for via the Delegated Budget Scheme (deadline 30/11/09) @ £ 3,800 plus VAT and £250 p.a. maintenance costs each. If the bid is successful (dependent on a £300 speed survey) it is proposed that these will be sited on the A413 at the north and south entrances to the village. Running costs are £30 p.a. PC Dan Beglan will support the application. BC to approach Bellway Homes to apply for a share of their S106 contribution as the new development will create more traffic along the A413 and through Akeley.

The LAF has initiated a Traffic Calming sub-group, meeting 13/11/09. TC to attend.

**4c. Bus service and shelters.** It was confirmed that the bus shelter opposite Coronation Cottages will not be replaced due to financial reasons. The Saturday bus service to Buckingham has now been discontinued. Dial-A Ride funding request: Not at this time. Funding for 2 salt bins will be applied for via the LAF.

**4d. Annual review of Risk Assessments for under 16s.** – No changes needed.

**4e. Local Transport Plan draft submission** - This will be effective from 1/4/11 for a period of 15 years. MM to complete and return the questionnaire.

## **5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS**

Accounts 12/9 to 5/11/09. Proposed and seconded by SB and MT. Signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

It was decided not to increase the 2010-11 precept and so this was set at £9,500 (MT, SB).

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Refuse Freighter 9/12/09 Manor Rd 7.30 to 11am.
- One Patrick Phillips has announced that he will be contesting Speaker John Bercow's Buckingham seat at the next election, standing as an independent.
- The new Buckingham Police Inspector, Emma Garside, introduced herself via the recent NAG meeting. A replacement PCSO has been allocated to work 20 hours per week.
- TC to prepare an item for the Akeley News inviting young people in Akeley to join a Youth Parish Council.
- Touring Arts Holiday Programme – Play in the Parishes have allocated Akeley 2 sessions next Easter.

## **7. PLANNING**

\* Verendale, The Square – Applic. for works to trees – Permission granted.

\*The Mount, Buckingham Rd. – Applic. for 2-storey side extension.

\*Ashwood, Chapel Lane – Applic. for conversion of roof space into ancillary accommodation, single-storey side extension, porch, change of land use into domestic curtilage, creation of new access.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING..... January 11<sup>th</sup> 2010**