



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on July 12th 2010 at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall

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

M.o.P: Angela Hawker, John Tibbetts, Chris Ouston, Barbara McClachlan, Mr and Mrs Peter Hay, Sherri Holland, Jackie Corcoran, District Councillor Pearl Lewis.

1. APOLOGIES: Mary Taylor.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS

AGENDA: TC – 7. Planning; Householder, 7 Buckingham Rd.

BC – Public Session - Owner of land through which the sewage pumping station is reached.

ITEMS OF INTEREST & PUBLIC SESSION

- **The recently-constructed patio in front of the Village hall was officially opened.**
- A 10ft extension to the rear of the school is underway.
- **Local Area Forum, update by TC – A consultation on flooding along the Great Ouse is underway. This is relevant to the local area as it is its tributaries which cause flooding at points along the A413. TC also asked for a consultation document on Adult Care to be circulated by the Clerk.**
- It was reported that part of the field to the rear of the flats in Manor Rd is being used by a resident as domestic curtilage and fly-tipping is also happening. It was requested that the details be put in writing to the Clerk.
- **DC Pearl Lewis reported that she is heading a steering group for Parish Councils situated around the Silverstone motor racing track. This is to collate feedback and assess how the events held there affect the local communities.**
- Pearl has also been working with Beachampton Parish Council to set up a forum of local people concerned about the possible 'Route 4' (which would affect Beachampton and Thornton) of the proposed HS2 (high speed London to Birmingham rail link).
- **Since moving to Potterscote, Chapel Lane in August 2007, the owner has been affected by the smell of sewage, possibly from the nearby pumping station. This has been reported to the District Council which referred the householder to Anglian Water. He has also discussed the problem with Environmental Health, but all to no avail. It was requested that he put the details in writing and the Parish Council would be prepared to set up a meeting.**

3. The **MINUTES of the last meeting, held on 10th May**, were proposed and seconded as a true record by TC and ER and signed by MM.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

4a. Recreational Field: Grass cutting satisfactory. Possible extension to the allotments to be put on September's agenda

4b. Roads and traffic: The sites for the two proposed Vehicle Activated Signs (to be provided through funds from the LAF) are to be identified. The bid for a share of the LAF delegated budget has been submitted and it has been requested that all the gulleys in the village are given attention. The bid for funding through the **We're Working On It** scheme requested that The Square and adjoining area be resurfaced. Both bids have been acknowledged.

A section of the A413 has been recently resurfaced; the road markings have yet to be replaced.

4c. Sewers in the village: Since September 09 sewage has, on occasion, been flowing along the road gully on the A413 opposite the junction with The Square. The sewer from Church Farm House and adjacent properties connects to Anglian Water's sewer. This has blocked and backed up. The surface water sewer then took up the excess sewage. A blockage below the give way line in The Square was removed from this sewer. It was not possible to put a camera down as Anglian Water has no licence to put a camera into sewage. Anglian Water, the Environmental Health Department at AVDC and the Environment Agency are all reluctant to take responsibility and state that the sewer is private. The P/Council is not responsible for sewers/drainage in the village, but as the problem is in the centre of the village it is deemed a community problem and a public health issue. MM to write to Anglian Water (and send a copy to Env. Health) insisting that they have a duty to sort out this ongoing problem and should show goodwill in this instance.

4d. Village Hall access road fence: This is in a state of disrepair. It was agreed that the Village hall Committee will obtain a quote for its replacement. It may be removed for health and safety reasons in the meantime.

4e. RoSPA Annual Play Area Inspection report: No action required other than to descale and repaint the toddlers swings with lead-free paint. The Clerk to obtain a quote.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the period **11/5/10 to 12/7/10** were proposed and seconded by TC and ER and signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

The **internal audit** has been completed and submitted. The P/Council is grateful to George Eagle for carrying out the internal audit once again.

A **quote** for £60 plus materials to **re-stain the main notice board** was approved.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – None

7. PLANNING

- **The Old Rectory** – Demolition of garage, side extension to outbuilding and creation of swimming pool – **APPROVED**
- **7 Buckingham Rd** – Installation of air source heat pump – **APPROVED**
- **Manor farm, Leckhampstead Rd.** – Applic. for insertion of roof light in single-storey outbuilding

- **The Coppice, Akeley Wood** – Applic. for part demolition and extension to create new detached dwelling. There were originally no objections to this application. A letter was then received from the residents of the adjoining property. It was realised that the architects had not submitted the full plans regarding the existing party wall. DC Pearl Lewis was asked to look at the application by the adjoining residents. The P/Council’s response was submitted, opposing the application and stating that this application should go to the full planning committee after a site visit has taken place and should not be decided by delegated powers. It was also noted that the planning notice was sited incorrectly. Mr Hay thanked the P/Council for its attention to the application.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....September 13th 2010.