



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL/FIRST MEETING held on MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010 at 7.30PM in the Village Hall

Present: Stan Bennett, Terry Cavender, John Hockley (Vice Chair), Mike Mortimer (Chairman), Elaine Rowlands, Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk). **M.o.P:** None.

1. **APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Pearl Lewis, Brian Coxall, Jackie Corcoran
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:** TC-8. Planning- applicant- 7 Buckingham Rd.
3. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN and VICE-CHAIRMAN**
MM stood down and JH took the Chair, inviting nominations for Chairman for the coming year. MM was nominated and elected unanimously. Likewise, JH was elected again as Vice Chairman.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The funding and completion of a patio area in front of the Village Hall.
 - Resurfacing and patching work has taken place along parts of the A413.
4. **The MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Monday 8th March 2010 were proposed as a true record by TC, seconded by ER and signed by MM.
 5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

5a. **Recreational Field - Grass cutting** – the contractors continue to do a good job. **Wildlife Area** – AVDC bio-diversity team wish to bring a group of trainees to the site in June as it is a good example of such an area. A quote to be obtained for the redefining of the **concrete footpath**. The **shed** will be emptied in due course then renovation work can begin. **Access road footpath fence** – SB to obtain quote for a replacement fence. A bid for community funding to then be submitted. The P/C is willing to contribute financially. The P/C to liaise with the VHC and Pearl Lewis as to how the prohibitive Deed of Grant may be overcome and then an approach to Bucks CC to be made. **E-on trimmed trees** near power cables on the Recreational Field.

5b. **Roads and traffic** –The new **salt bin** has been installed on the corner of Church Hill and Leckhampstead Rd. The **Winter Gritting Survey** has been completed by MM. The idea of paying local **farmers to distribute salt/grit on highways** will be confirmed by the LAF. **Area 14 Speed Limit Review** – TC attending the meetings. The installation of **2 VASs** will go ahead with LAF funding. **WVOI initiative** – Only one quarter of eligible parishes apply for works to be done through this scheme (deadline 30/6/10). However, the LAF will not fund resurfacing. It appears that several of the drains around the village have sunk (JH to survey) and a drainage ditch needs to be installed near the resurfaced stretch of Leckhampstead Rd to prevent the springs coming up through the good surface. **Church Farm House sewer** – The road gully sucker that came to clear this found that the foul sewer has collapsed. Simon Dudley (Bucks CC) has written to Anglian Water and asked the P/C to contact Environmental Health at AVDC and ask them to take action.

5c. **Wi-Fi proposal** (TC) – There will be a Rural Broadband and Wi-Fi workshop this summer. Pearl Lewis is keen to form a consortium of some of the parishes in her ward to investigate.

5d. **Insurance cover** - annual review – no changes required since major overhaul a few years ago.

5e. **Village Hall Representative/Trustee** – A 5th elected member/trustee is required. None of the P/Councillors is in a position to take up this post at present.

6. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The accounts 4/3/10 to 10/5/10 were proposed and seconded (SB & MT)

The Annual Accounts were proposed and seconded (TC & MT). Both were signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts & Payments Book.

The Audit return was completed and signed by MM.

It was agreed to spend some of the street light renewal program funds on extending the bracket on the light outside The Rectory Leckhampstead Rd if this is feasible.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Vital Villages grant scheme – passed to The Bull & Butcher – may be a suitable source of funding for works to the kitchen.
- Affordable Housing – a meeting to take place 12/5/10.

8. PLANNING

* **8 The Close, Leckhampstead Rd** –single-storey side and rear extension, new pitched roof over existing single-storey side element-**APPROVED**

* **Manor Farm, Leckhampstead Rd (Listed Building)** –modifications to link, single-storey rear extension, creation of living accommodation in loft with dormer windows and roof lights, glazed gable end to kitchen, internal alterations – **APPROVED**

* **Ashwood, Chapel Lane** – Conversion of roof into ancillary living accommodation, single-storey side extension and porch, change of use of part of land into residential curtilage, new access – **APPROVED**

* **The Old Rectory** – Applic. for demolition of garage, side extension to outbuilding and creation of swimming pool.

* **7 Buckingham Rd** – Applic. for installation of air source heat pump.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING..... July 12th 2010