



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on MONDAY 8TH MARCH 2010

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

M.o.P: Jackie Corcoran, Angela Hawker, Sherri Holland, District Councillor Laurel Lewis and John Tibbetts.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mary Taylor

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA:**
MM – the two planning applications below – neighbours.

PUBLIC SESSION & ITEMS OF INTEREST

- Laurel Lewis was congratulated on being elected the new District Councillor. She advised us that she had launched a website to make contacting her easier – www.pearllewis.yourellr.com
- It would appear that there has been an increase in cars parking on the verges on Church Hill. The situation is to be monitored.

3. **The MINUTES** of the last meeting held on Monday 25th January were proposed and seconded by ER and SB and signed by MM.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

4a. **Recreational Field** – Children’s Play Area – no problems at the moment. The annual RoSPA inspection will take place sometime in May. Outdoor fitness equipment – there were only 5 more replies received in the second round of the village survey and it was therefore concluded that it is not feasible to proceed with the project, given the lack of support from residents. Playing Field Hut - Items to be kept will be stored at the farm whilst the hut is renovated. It will be emptied when better weather arrives.

4b. **Roads and traffic –Salt bin** – despite MM chasing Bucks CC, nothing further has been received to date regarding the already-approved allocation of funds to the Parish Council for another salt bin. Ken Horne, the Area Technician, was asked on 11/2/10 to contact us. **Flooding outside Church Farm House** – The underground pipes are due to be jetted 9/3/10. If they are found to have collapsed, this will require a later visit to excavate the road. **We’re Working On It** campaign – The P/Council will put forward a list of locations for a share of the ‘patch and plane’ and the ‘work gang’ funding; i.e. repairs to the the carriageway around the Bull and Butcher and the unaddressed highway issues from last year’s bid. **Winter Maintenance Survey** – all views to be forwarded to MM who will collate them and complete the survey. MM to ask County Councillor David Polhill to a meeting to discuss Highways problems. **Area 14 Speed Limit Review** –A meeting will take place at The Villiers, Buckingham on 13/4/10. P/Councillors’ comments to be forwarded to TC. **VAS** – nothing further, apart from confirmation of receipt of the bid, has been received regarding the P/Council’s application for two Vehicle Activated Signs.

4c. **Village Wi-Fi proposal** – TC gave a basic outline of information and this will be discussed further at May’s meeting.

4d. **Main notice board** – repairs needed. SB and JH agreed to carry them out.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The **accounts 9/1/10 to 3/3/10** were proposed and seconded by TC and JH and signed by MM who, along with the Clerk, signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

The **Allotments** Officer's proposal to increase the annual rents by £2.50 from 2011 was approved (TC, SB).

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Sustainable **LED/solar lighting** - Information on the new scheme is very slow to arrive from E-on and, in the mean time, the street light at Manor Rd has had to be repaired instead of being replaced. It has been confirmed that the most recent replacements of compact fluorescent lanterns are not on the agenda to be phased out.

Play in the Parishes sessions will be held on 7/4/10 (10am – 12.30pm) and 15/4/10 (2 – 4.30pm) on the Recreational Field.

£2k of **funding** is available via The Community Chest scheme.

MM recently attended the **Bucks LAF meeting**.

A new edition of **The Parish Councillor's Guide** has been published and it was proposed (TC) and seconded (MM) that the Clerk should purchase a copy at £14.15.

7. PLANNING

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

* **Manor Farm, Leckhampstead Rd (Listed Building)** – Applic. for 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.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING...First/Annual PARISH COUNCIL meeting (Election of Officers) May 10th 2010

(Buckingham Rural NE N.A.G. mtg. 7.30pm, 4/5/10)

(Area 14 Speed limit review 13/4/10)