



Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th July 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Terry Cavender, Brian Coxall, John Hockley (Vice chair), Elaine Rowlands, Mary Taylor, Mike Mortimer (Chair) and Ellen Sayer (Clerk)
M.o.P: Jackie Corcoran, Sherri Holland

1. APOLOGIES: Stan Bennett for first part of meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The presentation of a Long Service Award to Stan Bennett had taken place earlier in the evening, recognising his 31 years of service on this Parish Council.
- The Chairman welcomed Elaine Rowlands to her first meeting as Parish Councillor after being co-opted on 25/6/07.
- An interim meeting had taken place on the above date which had incorporated a presentation from the Conservation Areas Officer. Public consultation to follow.
- TC had attended the recent cluster meeting and had leaflets from the Fire and Rescue Service which are to be distributed with the next Akeley News.
- An Outreach Youth Programme was also discussed at this meeting –TC to liaise with SH as regards the possible use of the hall.
- ER reported that several stiles on footpaths in Leckhampstead's parish need attention. ES to report to John Cowley.
- The pavement outside Copper Beeches has been damaged by a vehicle. ES to report.

2. The MINUTES of the meetings held 17/5 and 25/6/07 were proposed and seconded as true records (JH, TC and BC, MT) and signed by the Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA: None

4. MATTERS ARISING

4a. Recreational Field:

Annual RoSPA Safety Inspection of the Children's Play Area: 3 items, all medium/low risk, need to be addressed. The larger swings need new seats and chain fork ends, the safety surfacing underneath them needs its gaps filling (up to £100 budget agreed), and the grind box needs to be secured to the ground (the users of the box to be consulted as to the best location). SB to order replacement parts as necessary. The holes in the fence bordering the school p/field were also mentioned, but this has since been replaced by the school.

Dog Bags: These are no longer available free from AVDC – ES to purchase a regular supply.

Waste bin: In the play area, inappropriate items are being left in the bin – an item to be put in the Akeley News and a sign put on the bin (ES)

4b.Parish Council Website: Thanks to TC for investigating. The domain name of *Akeleyparishcouncil.gov.uk* was proposed and agreed (JH, MT), and this will cost £25 to register (ER, MT). The hosting by ZEN will cost £4.99 per month (£60 p.a. -BC. JH). A template incorporating the minutes of meetings will be set up. Costs to be reviewed annually before setting precept. Should Parish Councillors be provided with individual e-mail addresses for Parish Council business? TC and MM to liaise with Gemma Ramshaw who is going to keep the site up to date.

4c. The Revised Code of Conduct must be adopted by 1/10/07 including, or excluding, para. 12.2, relating to the right of a Councillor who has declared an interest to remain and speak in any discussion on that subject. It was proposed to include this paragraph (TC, JH) but also amend the order of the agenda to put the Declarations of Interest as the second item i.e. after '1.Apologies' and before the 'Public Session and Items of Interest'. MM to amend the Standing Orders accordingly.

4d. A413: The speed survey took place over a 7-day period beginning 26/6/07. The results should be available in 4 weeks. These will be published in the Akeley News. MM to respond to Tim Fowler's defensive reply regarding the school bus incident, in which he argues that the 'collision only, no injury' statistic does not add weight to our case. A meeting to be requested. Any width/weight restriction has to be agreed by Thames Valley Police, who will not do so as they do not have the resources to enforce them.

JH met with David Cairney (Signing and Lining) in The Square. Bollards cannot be placed in front of the bus shelter to prevent vehicles reversing into it as the pavement is not wide enough. Should the bus shelter be moved further up the hill? DC to prepare a new application for funding to provide kerb build-outs on the hashed areas and move the white line at the junction 2ft forward on to the A413. ES to check progress.

5. FINANCE

The accounts for the period 18/5 to 9/7/07 were proposed and seconded (MT, JH) and signed by the Chairman. The Receipts and Payments Book was signed by MM and ES. It was agreed to pay the Village Hall Committee the £500 towards their public liability insurance, allocated in the precept, at this point (JH, TC) as they have just paid the premium.

It was noted that MM had paid for the traffic survey with a personal cheque and had been reimbursed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: None

7. PLANNING

- Akeley House, Buckingham Rd – Applic. for tennis court
- 5 Manor Rd – concrete base & LPG tank –APPROVED
- 2 dwellings rear of The Roses – addition of conservatories –APPROVED (planting schedule query)
- A/Wood School – window & roof repairs, replace roof tiles & assoc. works – LISTED BLDG CONSENT, and erection of temporary classroom – PERMITTED

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.....10th September 2007..... 7.30pm