



AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL **DRAFT**
MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY 2010
at 7.30pm in the School Hall

Present: Stan Bennett, Terry Cavender (Item 5 onwards), Brian Coxall, John Hockley (Vice Chair), Elaine Rowlands, Mike Mortimer (Chair), Mary Taylor and Ellen Sayer (Clerk).
Members of the Public: Jackie Corcoran, Angie Hawker, John Tibbetts, Sherri Holland, Pearl Lewis.

1. APOLOGIES: None.

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

PUBLIC SESSION & ITEMS OF INTEREST

- It was reported that the stables at Coppice Farm, Akeley Wood, may be being used for business purposes. A question arose as to whether the relevant permission had ever been applied for and granted. The Clerk to check.
- It was reported that Manor Road had not been visited by the road sweeper for a long time and there was a build-up of leaves.
- There had been a car accident during the recent bad weather at the junction of The Square with the A413.
- The District Councillor, Stefan Balbuza, has resigned and there will be a by-election on 11/2/10. The Conservative candidate, Pearl Lewis, was present. Literature had been received from John Russell, the UKIP candidate and Ian Metherell, the LibDem candidate.

3. The MINUTES of the last meeting held on Monday 9th November 2009 were proposed and seconded as a true record (BC, ER) and signed by MM.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

4a. Recreational Field – Children’s Play Area – In good order after recent maintenance. Outdoor fitness equipment – A recent village survey to gauge support for this project yielded only 5 replies. This would indicate that there is insufficient interest in the village for this, but a second chance for replies would be put in the next Akeley News.

Playing Field hut – The Scouts have reviewed the contents and will take some items for their use. A skip will be hired for unwanted items (£100 agreed) and then the hut will be emptied and renovated.

4b. Roads and traffic – Funding of £450 for an extra salt bin has been approved. This will be sited preferably on the corner of Church Hill and Leckhampstead Rd, or at Manor Rd. The public footpath whose entrance is next to The Old Greyhound on the A413 is to have sleeper steps installed by the P3 scheme. The old stile will be removed.

The Clerk has reported various potholes around the village.

The grass verge in Manor Rd continues to be churned up by vehicles. A small amount of funding for highways problems had been made available last year and the above was one

of 5 sites in Akeley put forward by the P/Council as needing attention. The Area Technician and the County Councillor decided to give priority to resurfacing part of Leckhampstead Rd.

Flooding outside Church Farm House – This is due to a blocked/broken drain. An order to clear the gully was issued by Bucks CC on Nov 17th '09 and correspondence received by the householder, dated Jan 11th '10, states that there are no resources for this at present. It is suspected that the flood water may also contain sewage. MM to report this to our County Councillor and also contact Anglian Water.

5. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS

The accounts 6/11/09 to 8/1/10 were proposed and seconded by MT and TC and signed by MM. MM and ES signed the Receipts and Payments Book.

Review of Scouts' rent for 1/4/11 to 31/3/12 – to be kept at £50.

Review of Chackmore turn field rent for 1/4/10 to 31/3/11 – to be kept at £140. Contract renewal to be invited. (SB, ER).

It was agreed to replace the street light outside 1 Manor Rd as this has failed for the second time in recent weeks (see 6 below).

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Buckingham Rural NE N.A.G. mtgs. 7.30pm, 9/3/10 and 4/5/10. TC is now Chairman of the NAG. PC Nikki Tipping is to return to work alongside PC Dan Beglan.

The **Affordable Housing** project process is ongoing.

Buckingham LAF mtg. 7-9pm Thurs. 18th February. MM has completed the Community Issues Survey, commissioned to enable the effective direction of resources and services.

The idea of purchasing a snow plough attachment for the village has been mooted. If there is a willing local volunteer with a tractor, this could be used, in the event of a recurrence of the recent snowy conditions, to clear roads and keep the school open. Bucks CC's gritting policy is to treat A roads first, then bus routes, then school routes.

ER to look into **sustainable LED/solar lighting** and investigate what Winslow Town Council has installed. The EU is enforcing changes to equipment. MM to contact Paul Jones at E-on regarding replacement lanterns.

7. PLANNING

* The Mount, Buckingham Rd. – 2-storey side extension - APPROVED

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

* The Cottage, The Square – Applic. for ground floor rear extension - APPROVED

* The Scouts are pursuing discussions regarding a storage container in the field on Chapel Lane although they have not applied for planning permission, should it be required, as yet.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING...Annual PARISH meeting..... March 8th 2010?

Reports invited from:

Parish Council Chairman

Allotments Officer

Gardening Club

Footpaths Officer

Akeley C of E Educational Trust Fund

Parish Council website webmaster

Village Hall Committee

Social Group

Akeley Charities

Neighbourhood Action Group representative