

# AKELEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a General Parish Council Meeting of Akeley Parish Council held VIRTUALLY on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

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### **21/21 Attendance and apologies**

#### **Present:**

**Cllrs:** John Hockley, Cara George, Debbie Coxall, Sherri Holland

**Clerk** – Natalie Tolley

**Members of the public:** John Norman, Angela Hawker, Ade Osibogun, Cllr Howard Mordue, Neil Easton, Cllr Warren Whyte, Jo Ackerman

**Apologies:** Cllr Gerry Millard

**Absent:** Cllr Terry Cavender

The Meeting was chaired by Cllr Sherri Holland

**22/21 Members interests.** None

#### **23/21 Environment:**

**23/21a** Footpaths/Voluntary Footpath Monitor Role. DC has researched this role and whether Akeley can benefit from it as we have had several issues lately pertaining to footpaths. SH thinks this role would be a good idea, but we probably need to do a risk assessment. In the meantime, can we ask those that are walking or dog walking in the area to report any issues on an informal basis. JH supports this idea. CG is happy to be a point of contact in the future for reporting of issues however this should be confirmed after the May elections. Clerk to contact the insurance company to ask about risk assessments and what is covered. When we had the shed roof repaired the insurance company said it was ok as long as we completed a risk assessment. DC will put a message on Facebook requesting if anyone is walking and happens to see an issue then this should be reported to the parish clerk.

#### **24/21 Planning –**

**24/21a 21/00659/APP The Oaklands Leckhampstead Road Akeley Buckinghamshire MK18 5HD.**

**Application to regularise alleged breach of approved details (relating to permission reference 18/04628/APP). Change of roof design to rear first floor extension. Change of position of window on west elevation. Insertion of stairs. Garage change of use to habitable space, although the exterior finish would not differ from the approved plans.** SH has looked at the planning website. JH has no comments and has also looked at the planning application. JH has spoken to one of the adjoining property owners who has no issues. DC has no comment. CG has no comment on the planning, however has a query relating to the footpath outside the property. The gully is blocked outside the property where the footpath has been damaged. It was **RESOLVED** that the clerk would respond to the consultation with 'no comment'.

**24/21b** SH will look at devolved responsibility similar to the Maids Morton parish in respect of planning applications.

#### **Update from Cllr Warren Whyte:**

**a Speed watch.** TVP paused the current system prior to lockdown. The deputy police commissioner is starting a new scheme which will include an online service which will help to record speeding issues. There will also be some funding for the police and crime commissioner office. There is no start date available yet but any interest in the scheme should be recorded.

**b Gullies.** Akeley shares the same issues as many other villages. All the gullies should now be shown in fix my street which is a step forward. If you see a gully with water up to the metal work and it is dry around then it needs recording. There was a new budget agreed last week which is £4m for gullies. Regular cleaning of gullies, maintenance and repair of structural issues are included. The more issues that are reported on fix my street then the more chance there will be of getting funding. Cllr Whyte can view fix my street, however if there are specific major issues let him know directly as well as recording the issue.

The meeting ended 7.55pm