

 Akeley Parish Council

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Parish Clerk Helen Butcher

Dear Councillors and Residents of Akeley,

20th September 2022

I hereby give you notice that the general meeting of Akeley Parish Council will be held in Akeley Village Hall, on Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm. All Members of the Council have been summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting set out below. The public are also invited and are welcome to attend and before the meeting there will be a period of public questions.

Helen Butcher
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

The meeting will commence with a minutes silence to honour the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

- 48/22 **Public Open Forum (under adjournment);** for members of the public to bring issues to the Council's attention. Any issues not on the agenda cannot be discussed but will be noted and discussed at the next meeting if appropriate. Issues relating to the agenda will be taken into consideration when the item is discussed in the meeting
- 49/22 **Attendance and apologies;** To receive and accept any apologies.
- 50/22 **Members Interests;** Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Akeley Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.
- 51/22 **Approval of Minutes;** To agree the minutes from the general meeting held at Akeley Village Hall on Monday 11th July 2022.
- 52/22 **ADMINISTRATION**
- a. **To receive the Clerks report**
 - b. **To receive an update on the recruitment for a new Councillor**
 - c. **To consider further the process for writing a Neighbourhood Plan**
- 53/22 **FINANCES;**
- a. **To receive the financial statement: to end August 2022 current balance £8,529.20**
 - b. **To note invoices to be paid in September 2022 see Financial statement**
 - c. **To consider appointing an Internal Controls Officer – defer until November**
- 54/22 **ENVIRONMENT;**
- a. **Recreational Field; to receive any updates.**
 - **To receive an update on the minor repairs to the shed by the play area**
 - **Location and fixing of new benches.**
 - b. **Play Park**
 - **To receive an update on re-establishing the working group looking at the play area refurbishment.**
 - c. **Scout Field; to receive any reports and discuss any updates**

- d. Grass Cutting; to receive any reports and discuss any issues,
 - to receive an update on the wildflower areas/no mow May areas suggested
- e. Wildflower area; to receive any updates
- f. Trees – to discuss the report from Councillors Hockley & Goodger
 - The apple and willow tree at top of Church Hill
- g. Wildlife conservation
 - Hedgehog Highway Project update
 - Support Wildlife Parish update
- h. Roads and traffic; To discuss any issues, including
 - Community Speedwatch update
- i. Footpaths; to receive any updates from Footpath Wardens
- j. Allotments; to receive any updates
 - To consider quotes & funding for renewing the fence
- k. To receive an update on the maintenance of Parish notice boards
- l. To receive an update on the purchase of more lamp post poppies
- m. To consider Warm Spaces initiative for Winter 2022/23

55/22 CORRESPONDENCE

- To consider residents concern about the heavy traffic in Akeley Lodge Road and the effects on the road surface.
- Manor Road flats – To discuss residents concerns re bin stores

55/22 PLANNING;

- a. **Planning Enforcement update**
- b. **New Planning applications – none**
- c. **Decisions made by Bucks CC Planning Dept**
 - 22/01297/ATC Remove damaged Leylandii, Hillberry Lillingstone Road – Approved
 - 22/01204/ATP Work to trees, The Rectory Buckingham Road – consent given
 - 21/02258/APP land adj to Maple Tree Cottage Chapel Lane – Approved
 - 22/00854/APP Woodland Cottage - application withdrawn
 - 20/A2433/DIS Land adjacent to Leckhampstead Road – Approved
 - 20/O3903/APP Land off Chapel Lane – Refused
- d. **Other planning Consultations –**
 - 20/00510/APP Land Off Moreton Road Buckingham Buckinghamshire- awaiting decision

56/22 **Date and time of next meeting; Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm - Date to be confirmed**

Pursuant to the 1960 Public Bodies Act (amended), the Chairman advises that the participants & proceedings of this meeting may be reported upon (filmed, recorded, photographed, blogged, tweeted or streamed) but verbal reporting may not take place whilst in session. Non-participating attendees not wishing to be subject to such media should indicate this by sitting to one side.

Clerks Report September 2022

Environment

The new picnic benches and a park bench have arrived but need assembling and securing in place.

The notice board by Coronation Cottages has been restored and moved inside the bus shelter. The wire cover has been removed to make it easier and safer to use.

The shed by the play area has had the section of floor by the door replaced plus new boards either side of the door.

E-Scapes are able to sow wild flower seeds at the top of Church Hill, Coronation Cottages between the bus stop and the hedge, outside the Wayleave exchange in Chapel Lane and outside Hillside Farm should we wish to proceed with these sites.

The sign cover still needs to be ordered for the basketball post.

Community Speedwatch

The first training session has taken place during which 4 locations were identified as suitable to monitor traffic into and through Akeley. These have been listed on the Community Speedwatch site and are awaiting approval by Thames Valley Police. A further training session is to be arranged for those who couldn't attend plus any other volunteers who may come forward.

A sign has been placed at the entrance to Akeley from Buckingham warning drivers the village is a Speedwatch area.

Facebook surveys

A couple of simple surveys have been conducted using Facebook and these seem to have gone well

HM Queen Elizabeth II

I am very proud of Akeley Parish Councils response to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Purple filters were immediately placed over the light on the Village Hall and the website and Facebook page were changed to show the Queens tribute. A book of condolence was set up in the entrance to the village hall which was opened daily for people to sign. and a candlelit vigil was held in the village hall to mark the minutes silence on Sunday 18th before the funeral on Monday 18th.

Most of this fell upon Councilor Holland to action as I was on annual leave from 9th -16th September so a huge thank you to Sherri for organizing and overseeing the above on our behalf. We now look ahead towards the new era with King Charles as our sovereign. God Save the King.