Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 28th November 2016 Present:

Parish Councillors		
Cllr John Pickard (JP)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC)
Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)	Cllr Rachel Stevenson	
	(RS)	
Cllr Peter Morris (PM1)		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
District Councillors	County Councillors	
Press		
James Leach		

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW), Peter Moseley (PM2), Absent - Martin Hill (MH)	
2	The Vice Chairman JP welcomed all present	
3	One member of the Public was present Mr Rick Miller (RM).	
4	Declarations of Interest – None	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by RS and seconded by FC.	
6	Matters Arising	
	Several spelling mistakes were highlighted and JL apologised and will try harder to do better in the next minutes.	
7	The Skip had been delivered and had been a big success.	
7	Planning	
	JL said 1 application had been received for from Mr Carrington to fell a tree near his property. No objections were raised.	
8	Cemetery	
	Nothing to report	
9	Neighbourhood Watch	
	There had been an abandoned vehicle on Marholm Lane which was reported to the Police but this was removed before they could act. The assumption was it related to hare coursing.	
10	Highways	
	Some of the pot holes reported at the last meeting had now been filled in.	
	The broken Street Light was now working.	
	MD said he had received a complaint re the footpath between Deresby House and West Cottage. JL will inspect and if necessary report to Highways but did say he walked this every day and was not aware of any faults.	JL
	RM – reported that the road leading down to Graby Ford was substantially higher in the middle and some cars had been caught by it. JL said he would report this to Highways. Also, the drains near the Church tend to get blocked in heavy rain so JL will report this also.	JL

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11	Finance	
	JL said no payments had been paid and not receipts had been received. There was no bank statement available for a balance.	
	JL said he had received the forms for next year's Precept. A full discussion was had as to how much we should increase it by next year. JP reminded members that up until last year we had not increased the Precept for several years. Also, next year we would not be refunded the cost of grass cutting and will need to cover the costs somehow.	
	Following the discussion, it was agreed that the amount should be £500. This was proposed by FC and seconded by PM1. A vote was taken and all members voted in favour.	
	JL will return the forms to SKDC before the deadline of 17 th January 2017.	JL
	JP gave some feedback re the new rules on Transparency Funding, this is whereby the PC can apply for funds to buy computer equipment etc. However, to qualify for this the PC must be fully transparent with their income and outgoings. And these needed to be published on the PC website. Also, part of the criteria meant that the PC would need to pay for the building and maintenance of a website, which it currently did not do. JL said he was happy to continue to use his own equipment and that the PC did have access to the LCC Website where it could publish such data. JL had tried to gain access to this since the resignation of the last Parish Clerk but had been unable to contact someone at LCC to get a new	
	Password, despite numerous attempts. JL will try again but it was suggested that if nothing was forthcoming then to contact MH or LALAC who may be able to assist.	JL
12	Correspondence	
13	JL went through and nothing needed auctioning. SKDC Update/Neighbourhood Plan	
	FC gave an update on the result of Devolution. Both SKDC and LCC had voted against, and therefore it would not go ahead Nationally. They have received a note from Central Government expressing their disappointment at this decision.	
	FC said that plans had been put forward to have a Designer Village on the outskirts of Grantham which will be smaller than Bicester but larger than Spalding. If it goes ahead it will create 1500 jobs. A decision is due in January.	
	The future of the Barracks will be decided after 2020 when it will be released for alternative use. The Woodlands Trust have expressed an interest.	
	A proposal had also gone in to create a "Garden Village" on the outskirts of Grantham, if created this will qualify for future Grants. A decision will be made in due course.	
	PM1 gave an update on the current state of play re the Neighbourhood Plan.	
	A meeting had been held on 12 th October and the Designated Area had been agreed. PM1 said he had sent a copy of this to JL but JL had not	

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	yet received this.	
	A further meeting had been held on 16 th November at which PM2 had attended and a representative from one of the other participating PC's had expressed their unhappiness at the slow progress. The meeting got quite heated and thus no more progress is anticipated until the above concerns are addressed. It is unlikely any thing further will be achieved before Christmas. PM1 will update at the next meeting.	
14	Lincolnshire County Council Update	
15	No one was available from LCC so no update was given. A.O.B	
	Defibrillator – FC had spoken to SKDC with regards funding for the item. There are 3-4 bodies we can apply to for assistance should we need to. However, JP said that an anonymous benefactor had approached him and BW and had offered to contribute to the cost. JP also said that SL Engineering where happy to contribute and together with a contribution from the PC it is anticipated that no other external funding would be required.	
	There is still a bit to do and hopefully more will be known at the next meeting.	
	It was unanimously agreed that it was a good idea to go ahead, and SL Engineering have also offered to locate the defibrillator on their wall once it arrived. They have a St Johns Ambulance and Health and Safety person on site always whilst the factory is open so it would make sense.	
	Mr & Mrs Riley had approached BW asking that the PC plant a few trees on the green in memory of a resident who had recently passed away. After some discussion, it was agreed that this was a good idea but it would be more appropriate to plant one tree. FC said she has a tree that she would be happy to donate. A formal decision will be taken at the next meeting.	
16	Date of next meeting Monday 9 ^{tt1} January 2017 – 8.00 pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 09.10pm.	