

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 18th October 2010

Present:

Cllr John Pickard (JP)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr John Smith (JS)
Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)	Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC)	
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach	None	

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises –Cllr Martin Hill (MH), Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW), Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD), District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW)	
2	JP stood in for BW and welcomed all present.	
3	No members of the public were present.	
4	Declarations of Interest – None	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by FC and seconded by JS.	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>JP said he had had a request from the Auditors that future minutes be numbered. JL said he did not understand what was meant by this request as he thought our minutes were numbered. As no one seemed to understand the request JL said he would ring the auditors for clarification.</p> <p>JP said that Highways need a letter from the Clerk to confirm that the PC will maintain footpath number 4 for the sum of £90 per year and that there will be a minimum of 3 cuts per year. JL will put the letter together. He will also ask BW where the letter needed to be sent to. We were not allowed to bill the council until December and payment would then be issued by the end of the financial year. Once the PC had been paid for the work they could then reimburse JL for the work he had already done this year.</p> <p>FC said she had spoken to the relevant person about replacement sand bags. She had been told they would be replaced but would speak to them again to find out how we actually got hold of the replacements.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JLx2</p> <p>FC</p>
7	<p>Planning</p> <p>No planning applications had been received.</p>	

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8	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>A request had been received from Shepherd Memorials to erect a headstone on Adam Connolly's grave. This had been agreed and we are now awaiting a date for the work.</p>	
9	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Attempts ad been made to steal oil from an oil tank in the village. Only a little oil had been taken and the tank had now been moved.</p> <p>There had been a lot of scrap metal dealers knocking on doors in the village and during the scrap collection in the village last Saturday 2 gentlemen had been disturbed trying to steal the scrap the village had collected. When accosted they said they were looking for the dog rescue place on Aslackby Fen and drove off empty handed.</p>	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>JP said that BW had reported the potholes to Highways.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion was had around the decision for the PC to take on its grass cutting from next April. JS had put a schedule together with suggested timescales and items that should be in the advert and contract etc.</p> <p>JL was tasked with finding out how much an advert would cost in the local papers. He will also come up with a draft advert and contract and email it to all council members for agreement before going to press. It was also decided that the advert should be placed in the Parish Magazine and on the village website.</p> <p>JL will issue copies of the requirements for insurance to the 3 parties that had already shown an interest in the grass cutting contract.</p> <p>The grass cutting contract sent out by Lincs County Council was discussed and it was agreed we should now sign this and return it as we shall be taking over the contract next year. JP signed the document & will return it.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>The skip had arrived on Saturday at a cost of £230.00. This had now been paid as agreed at a previous meeting.</p> <p>A bill for £150.00 had been received from Lionel Fisher for</p>	

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	<p>maintaining the cemetery. This was agreed and JL will send a cheque.</p> <p>JP said that no one had asked to inspect the accounts this year & the notice had now been removed from the notice board.</p> <p>JL said we had raised£50 from the scrap collection on Monday. This will be donated to the Village Hall to help towards their re-build/maintenance costs.</p>	JL
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed round a list of correspondence. JL had received a letter from SKDC about an initiative to get subsidised Cavity Wall and loft insulation for residents. JS said he would take this on board and contact the person concerned and then look at getting the information to all residents that may qualify for help.</p>	JS
12	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>FC said that SKDC Planning were currently going through a “Lean” exercise looking at their processes and why they did certain things a certain way. It had already thrown up a lot of questions and hopefully it would help them create a new leaner and cheaper way of working.</p>	
13	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>JP asked what style etc. the PC would like the new PC noticeboard to be like. Details and sizes were given and JP will now get the board made.</p> <p>JL said that he had received a number of complaints about how cars from the factory were parking as it was felt that some were parked dangerously. JP said that he would talk to his staff and try and get it sorted.</p>	JP
14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 29th November 2010 – 8.00 pm Village Hall Meeting closed at 08.55pm.</p>	