

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 10th September 2007

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson	Cllr Rick Miller	Cllr Malcolm Dodds
Cllr Andrew Dodds	Cllr Brynley Heaven	Cllr John Pickard
Cllr Frances Cartwright	Cllr Andrea Webster (SKDC)	James Leach - Clerk

Mr & Mrs Pickering
 Mr Chris Maw – SKDC –
 item 2 only
 2 members of the public

Item	Notes	Action
1	No apologies	
2	<p>Mr Chris Maw (Project Officer, SKDC) outlined his role which is to deal with the causes of flooding and to suggest measures to prevent them occurring again in the future. He outlined a current successful project at Pickworth, where flooding into households has almost been alleviated. He explained the legal responsibilities for clearing dykes, ditches and land drains and what action SKDC could take for non-compliance by local landowners. The powers of enforcement for SKDC are discretionary.</p> <p>He asked the Parish Council to approve the recommendation for a Catchment Study to take place in Aslackby – this is an independent study and will be funded by SKDC. It will involve all the community, as specialist engineers will want to talk to residents about their experiences and knowledge.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that this was a good idea and that the whole of the village would need to be involved.</p> <p>CM left a map of Aslackby with BW – he asked that the houses that have been affected by the floods could be marked.</p> <p>BW informed the Council that Highways are scheduled to commence investigation work outside 'Dama' on Aveland Way to re-lay the pipes which have gone 'missing'</p> <p>RM raised the question of the £90k that had previously been allocated to Aslackby and Rippingale in 2001. He would like to know how this had been allocated as little money was spent in Aslackby</p> <p>CM was unaware of this, but promised to investigate and get back to the Council. He requested copies of any paperwork to substantiate this.</p> <p>BW will source the minutes referring to the £90k</p> <p>MD informed that the Environmental Agency draws £4k from landowners and wanted to know what this is used for.</p> <p>CM said that he has never been able to get this information but understands it is only used for 'main' watercourses</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>BW</p>

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	<p>BW commented that the Environment Agency had recently said to a resident that the Rive Ave does not go through Aslackby!!!</p> <p>AD asked for the number of properties flooded this time. BW informed him that it was 7</p> <p>JP asked for time scales on the study</p> <p>CM advised that it would be from funding this financial year. CM clarified the term '14 day notice' after a question by BH and why it had been issue to Mr Ash</p> <p>BW thanked CM for his time and CM said he would be more than happy to return and give an update</p>	
3	<p>The public were invited to speak:</p> <p>Claire Leach advised the Council of the new Aslackby and Laughton Parish website http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/aslckbyandlaughton . An email address is also available for the Parish Clerk aslackbyparish@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>She asked if the Council would give approval for the minutes to be published on the website. Approval was given.</p> <p>David Hearnshaw asked what action was being taken on the motorbikes that keep racing up and down Aveland Way. BW advised that this was ongoing and the PCSO was aware an investigating.</p>	
4	Declarations of Interest – None	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by RM and seconded by MD.	
6	<p>Matters Arising – these had been covered by item 2 about the floods and blocked drains</p> <p>Agreed that BW will send a letter of thanks to Maureen Blackwell's family</p>	BW / JL
7	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>One interment for which the Council has been paid £80.00</p> <p>No invoice has recently been received for grass cutting</p>	
8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch – no matters to report. Mr and Mrs Pickering are unaware of what the incident was on Sunday 9th September on the track leading to Maureen Wood. JL will ring the PCSO to enquire further</p>	JL
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>A discussion was held on the planning application for the Dovecote for a further 6 houses. It was agreed to send in a strong objection to this based on the Sustainability Policy. There was further discussion on the meaning of the Sustainability Policy. It was announced that Planning had been approved for Mr & Mrs Leach of Aveland Way and Mr R Jackson of Low Park Farm.</p>	BW
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>BW reiterated the works to start in Aveland Way on 5th November 2007 regarding the 'missing' drains – it is expected that the road will be closed during works for 8</p>	

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	<p>weeks</p> <p>RM said that there had been some complaints about the number of vehicles parked on the road outside the 'new' house next to Dama. BW will inform the police</p> <p>JP also reported a pot hole near the Ford in Aslackby</p>	BW
11	<p>Finance</p> <p>BW – bill received from Anglian Water for the cemetery – JP will raise a cheque</p> <p>BW provided a statement of the current account – passed to JP</p> <p>JP advised that the annual audit had been approved but they advised that the reserves should be reduced. There was a general discussion on this and it was agreed that the amount is not large and should be left where it is.</p> <p>Invoice had been received from the audits – agreed for payment</p> <p>JP mentioned that JL need to be taken through the budget element of the Clerk's position. BW and JP to arrange a meeting</p>	BW / JP
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>BW handed out the new 'Code of Conduct' that is to be agreed by all Parish Councils. All Cllrs were advised that they needed to complete the questionnaire and return to JL by 14th September.</p> <p>BW proposed that the Code is adopted – seconded by FC</p>	ALL
13	<p>AOB</p> <p>RM had received a complaint regarding the overgrown garden and hedge at number 5 Aveland Way. AW to chase</p> <p>MD mentioned there had been damage to the bus shelter that needs to be repaired. BW to investigate</p>	AW BW
14	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>22nd October 2007 – 8 pm Village Hall</p> <p>FC gave apologies as she is unable to attend</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9:30 pm</p>	