

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 04th January 2016

Present:

Parish Councillors		
Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Francis Cartwright (FC)
Cllr John Pickard (JP)	Cllr Rachel Stevenson (RS)	Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
District Councillors	County Councillors	
	Martin Hill (MH)	
Press		
James Leach		

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – None Absent - Cllr Peter Morris (PM1) - absent, Peter Moseley (PM2) – absent - no apologies received.	
2	The Chairman welcomed all present & wished everyone present a Happy New Year	
3	No members of the public were present.	
4	Declarations of Interest – None	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by BH and seconded by RS.	
6	Matters Arising At the last meeting dates for future meetings were agreed. One of these dates was incorrect as it fell on a Bank Holiday. Therefore the meeting for 28 th March has now been re-scheduled for the 4 th April 2016. It was agreed that any Other matters arising will be covered in the relevant parts of the Agenda.	
7	Planning No planning applications or decisions had been received since the last meeting. However Planning Permission had been agreed for the conversion of outbuildings at Mr C Greens Farm.	
8	Cemetery Nothing to report.	
9	Neighbourhood Watch No incidents had been reported.	
10	Highways JL reported that the damaged road sign on Kirkby Underwood Road had been partly repaired and was just awaiting a new sign to be made. BW reported that he had spoken to Highways re the damaged access road near the Vicarage and the Church that he had received complaints about. Highways have agreed to repair this road and it will be completed by the end of the financial year.	

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	A large pot hole had been reported on East Lane. BW will report this to Highways.	BW
11	<p>Finance</p> <p>No payments had been made since the last meeting.</p> <p>A detailed discussion was made around the Precept requirement for this forthcoming year. Taking in to account the fact that money for grass cutting would be seriously reduced and the fact that the grant from SKDC would either be reduced or scrapped altogether and also that the PC had made no increase for the last few years, it was decided that the Precept should be increased this year to take these facts in to account. It was agreed that the Precept should be set at £3400 in total. This would cover any decreases in Grant from SKDC and the reduction in funds for grass cutting. JL will send the forms off to SKDC.</p>	JL
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL said he had received a Planning Policy Survey. He had completed this and returned it.</p> <p>A 58 page report on the Draft Recommendations on new Electoral Arrangements for LCC, had been received. JL offered to forward copies by email to all Councillors but this offer was declined.</p>	
13	<p>SKDC Update/Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>No update on the Neighbourhood Plan was available as both PM1 & PM2 were absent from the meeting.</p> <p>FC said that agreement had been reached to increase Council Tax by £5. Also that due to budgetary cuts no new Council Houses would be built in the foreseeable future.</p>	
14	<p>Lincs County Council Update</p> <p>MH gave a brief update. LCC had to find another £170 million in savings over the next 4 years. This meant that many services currently provided would either be cut or stopped altogether. These included such things as Street Lights being turned off, Pot holes not being repaired, Road side Verges only being cut once a year, amenity grass cutting only being cut once a year. This would mean that the PC would need to fund any additional cuts over and above the one cut to be funded by LCC. Other services that would/may be affected would be bus service subsidies and PCSO's. MH said that LCC had done a lot of "nice to do" services in the past but these would have to be reviewed and possibly stopped altogether. The next 4 years will be very challenging.</p> <p>A 2% increase in the Council Tax had been agreed.</p> <p>MH then went on to say that the ongoing discussions with a resident in a neighbouring village re the Byway/Bridle Way between Aslackby Airfield and Keisby in Temple Wood, was still on-going but agreement had been made to repair/replace the</p>	

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	broken bridge. Also a new fence would be put up at the entrance near the airfield to allow access. The Forestry Commission had also agreed to cut back some of the overgrown trees etc. along the route.	
15	A.O.B There was no other business.	
16	Date of next meeting Monday 15 th February 2016 – 8.00 pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 09.05pm.	