

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 15th February 2010

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC)
Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)	Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach	One member of the public	Mr P Morris

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD), District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW), Cllr John Pickard (JP)	
2	BW welcomed all present.	
3	One member of the public, Mr Peter Morris (PM), was present. BW invited PM to speak. PM asked if the PC had done anything about trying to find out when a daily postal service would return. BW said he had spoken to the postman who had informed him before Christmas that things should be back to normal in the New Year. As the village was still only receiving post every other day BW said that the PC would write to the Manager at the Sleaford sorting office to get an update.	JL
4	Declarations of Interest – None	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by MD and seconded by FC.	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>All pot holes have now been repaired.</p> <p>JL had written to Highways to seek an additional 2 salt bins. A response had been received stating that our request was now on the list with all the other requests and would be dealt with as soon as possible.</p> <p>All other action points were still outstanding and were carried over to the next meeting in view of the fact that the persons responsible were absent from the meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Planning</p> <p>Three revised planning application has been received for High Park Farm. The revisions just related to the planting schemes. Replies had already been sent back to SKDC as</p>	

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	<p>there had been no objections.</p> <p>No other applications had been received.</p>	
8	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>BW had now received the updated Cemetery fees from the Church and it was agreed to increase the Cemetery fees in line with the Church. This means that our fees will increase by £3.00. This was accepted. Proposed BW & seconded BH. JL will update our fees and distribute them to the undertakers. The increase will take affect from 01/04/2010.</p>	
9	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>The phone box had been damaged and a window pain had been smashed. JL to report to BT.</p> <p>Also the road sign near the church had been damaged and the bench on the green had been pulled over and thrown across the grass.</p> <p>All the above had occurred on the same night.</p> <p>JL has informed the PCSO and has updated the crimes list.</p>	JL
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>All pot holes have been repaired and no new ones have appeared.</p> <p>A BT telephone cable was sticking out of the grass verge on the road to the airfield, It is believed that this cable is not live but JL to report to BT to get in checked out.</p>	JL
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>A bill for £79.90 had been received from LALC for the yearly subscription. This was accepted and JL to send payment.</p> <p>BW asked if there were sufficient funds to order a skip. JL said currently there was but we may have to review the size etc of the skip later in the year as this would depend on funds following the forthcoming election.</p>	JL
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL that a number of items of correspondence had been received most of which had already been dealt with. JL said he had received notification of a Standards training course being held at Colsterworth by Democracy Services. In light of recent events he said he was going to attend this course. There is no cost involved.</p>	

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12	<p data-bbox="352 237 555 271">SKDC Update</p> <p data-bbox="352 309 1219 450">FC said that SKDC had recently been praised for their Finance management. Although there were anticipated hard times ahead she said that SKDC were not planning to offer a lower level of service.</p> <p data-bbox="352 495 1203 674">BH asked who had supplied the Private Street Wardens in Sleaford. FC said SKDC had nothing to do with this as Sleaford came under NKDC jurisdiction. SKDC have no plans to use Private Security firms to patrol the streets as in Sleaford. BH said he will contact NKDC.</p> <p data-bbox="352 719 1219 1077">MH gave a brief update for LCC. He stated that following the recent cold spell there was a lot of damage to the counties road surfaces. To repair all the damaged roads will run to millions of pounds. Lincolnshire had not suffered with shortage of salt as other areas of the country had. LCC took a decision a few years ago to go with a “wet” salt system and the salt in the UK is not pure enough for this. LCC therefore source their salt from abroad which meant we were not dependent on salt being mined in the UK and were therefore able to keep on top of salting the counties roads.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1122 1219 1368">There will be a 2.5% increase in Council Tax this year and we still remain one of the lowest increases in the country. MH said that no matter which party got in at the general election they are anticipating a large cut in grants from central government. Also LCC have been tasked to make savings off £100 million over the next 3 years so pressure on budgets will be great.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1413 1187 1592">BH asked if, due to the obvious strain on budgets, the very successful Call Connect bus service would be cut. MH said he would do everything in his power to ensure that this service was not cut as it provided a valuable life line to villages.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1637 1219 1809">MH gave an update on Aveland School at Billingborough. No new intake will be taken from now and the school will close in the next 2 years. All Aslackby & Laughton students that would have gone to the Aveland will now go to Bourne and free transport will be provided.</p>	
13	<p data-bbox="352 1816 448 1850">A.O.B.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1895 1187 1995">BW said he will order a skip for 10/04/2010. All agreed that we will go for the larger skip this time but that we may have to review this next time.</p>	

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	<p>The next item to be discussed was the forthcoming election of a new Parish councillor. BW asked Mr Morris if he wished to say anything as he was the other candidate. Mr Morris asked that anything from this point on was not minuted. BW agreed to the request. For the next 20 minutes heated exchanges/discussions were had around the forthcoming election and to do with the inaccuracies in the leaflet Mr Morris had delivered to residents as part of his campaign. Following further discussion Mr Morris agreed to re write this leaflet and redistribute it to households.</p>	
14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 29th March 2010 – 8 pm Village Hall Meeting closed at 09.10pm.</p>	