

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 23rd February 2009

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)
Cllr John Pickard (JP)	Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)	Cllr Rick Miller (RM)
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach		
One member of the public present.		

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1	Apologises –Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC), District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW), Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	
2	BW welcomed all present.	
3	BW asked member of public, Mr D Gill (DG) for any comments. DG said he had come to the meeting to ask if the PC could do anything to try and get the field land drains dredged and cleared as when we had the snow earlier this month, when it thawed the ditches over flowed and he has a river of water flowing through his garden. DG showed the PC photos of the water. He said that last time the ditches were cleared it had cured the problem for about 5 years but has progressively got worse again. BW said that DG should talk to Chris Maws (CM) at SKDC as flood water where his domain. BW gave DG contact details. DG will contact CM and keep the PC updated.	
4	Declarations of Interest – None	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by BH and seconded by JP.	
6	Matters Arising BW still had not been able to clarify the situation with Land Registry so this was carried forward. AW & MH were not present so their AP's were carried forward. JL & JP had cleared all their action points.	
7	Cemetery There had been one internment since the last meeting. BW said he had also sold an additional 4 burial plots so the bank	

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	<p>balance was very healthy at present.</p> <p>Cemetery Fees were discussed and it was agreed that these should be increased in line with the Church Cemetery fees. JL said he would update the fees and send these out to the various undertakers and stonemasons. These fees will increase from 05/04/2009.</p> <p>One new gravestone had been erected.</p> <p>The problem with people parking on the grass verge at the entrance to the Cemetery had been sorted out.</p> <p>JP said he had spoken to Mrs A Wickens as her late husbands gravestone has listed very badly. She is going to speak to the stonemasons to get this rectified. BW said we would keep an eye on the situation.</p>	<p>JL</p>
8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>There had still been no volunteer to become the NW Co-ordinator.</p> <p>BW said that it was with great sadness that Alan Pickering, the old NW Coordinator has passed away on 07th February. It was agreed that a letter of condolence should be sent to Alan's widow as Alan was also an ex Parish Councillor and had served as a member of the press for a number of years. JL will do a letter and BW will sign it.</p> <p>BW said there had been an arson attack on a house in Aveland Close. His was still under investigation but it is believed someone had been arrested in relation to the incident. JL will update the crimes list.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>The retrospective planning application from Mr O'Shea at Low Park Farm had been passed.</p> <p>The planning application from Manthorpe Construction to build 2 houses at the top of the Dovecote had been refused. BW said he believed that this would go to appeal.</p> <p>No other planning applications had been received. JL said he had received a copy of the tyre shredding plant planning application for information only as it was outside our PC boundary.</p> <p>AD asked why people were so against the application to which BH gave details as to why people in Folkingham were</p>	

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	against it.	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>The drain out side Monks Cottage had now been repaired.</p> <p>BH said the drain outside Mrs Halls bungalow kept overflowing whenever it rained. BW said he had spoken to Highways about this together with other drain problems. He had been told that these drains had been jetted but obviously they had not so BW had gained agreement that when Highways were sending the jetter again they would contact him so he could show them exactly where the problems were.</p> <p>JP said he had looked at the conifers outside Inglenook Cottage and had arranged for these to be lowered and the hedge thinned out. This work would be done as soon as possible.</p> <p>BW said there were a number of potholes but these were not a priority for Highways at present but that they would be sorted as soon as possible.</p> <p>AD said that the lane in Graby needed some attention, as the lane was getting narrower and narrower. BW said he would contact Highways about this and also the missing drain cover, which still had not been sorted.</p>	BW
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>JL said he had sent the 2009 precept form off but had received nothing back yet.</p> <p>JL said that, as a result of the recent monies received for the Cemetery, the bank account was standing at £7500.00 and if we received the amount requested from the Precept it would be nearer to £10,000, he said that if we were not careful we would receive another telling off from the auditors. JP said he would do a letter to send off with this years accounts to pre-empt this.</p> <p>RM said that he had spoken to BW about opening a separate account for the Cemetery, which would, then help show why there was so much money in the bank. After some discussion it was agreed that this would not serve any added benefit.</p> <p>BW said that there might be some major works on the village drains this year and if this were the case we would possibly have to use some of the money towards these works.</p>	JP

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	<p>BW also said that as we had a good balance in the bank we should get someone to quote for repairing the bus shelter. AD said he would speak to Stuart Radley, who was a local builder in grabby who was looking for work. He will get him to give a quote for repairing the missing bricks and to block up the window. BW said we had the bricks and JL said he had sand so we would just need a quote for labour.</p> <p>JP asked JL if he could get the bankbooks updated with interest before the end of March. JL said he would do this.</p> <p>JL said there had been an automated bank credit last year for £74.16 but there was o record where this had come from. He said he had asked the bank to find out but had not received a reply yet. JP said he would have a look at the account records to see if it was a tax refund but thought this was too much for that.</p> <p>JL said he had looked at prices of new notice boards but no were available for less than £500. It was agreed that this was too expensive so JP said he would see if he could get one of his workers to make one out of metal. BW thanked him for this offer.</p>	<p>AD</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JP</p>
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed around the list of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting.</p> <p>No items required any action.</p>	
12	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>No one from SKDC was at the meeting so no update was available.</p>	
13	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>JL said that we needed a bill from the Village Hall for the times the PC had used it. BW said he would get his wife to prepare this. It was agreed that the bill should be for £158.50. This was £120.00 for the hall use plus £38.50 that was underpaid last year.</p> <p>JL said that we needed to organise a skip for April. BW said he would organise this. A date of 18/04/2009 was agreed.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>BW</p>
14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 6th April 2009 – 8 pm Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.55pm.</p>	