

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 22nd October 2007

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson
(BW)
Cllr Brynley Heaven
(BH)

Cllr Malcolm Dodds
(MD)
Cllr John Pickard (JP)

Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)

James Leach – Clerk
(JL)

Mr Pickering (AP)
No members of the
public

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Cllr Rick Miller, Cllr Frances Cartwright	
2	Declarations of Interest – None. MD did ask if he was required to declare an interest re the recent floods but it was decided that he did not.	
3	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by AD and seconded by MD.	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>MD asked that item 2 of the previous minutes were amended to read “the Environment Agency draws approximately £4000....., this was done.</p> <p>BW gave an update on item 2 of the previous minutes. He explained that he had not yet found the minutes relating to the £90k that had previously been allocated for flood prevention but explained that a lot of the money had been spent in Rippingale and Grantham Canal to the Wharf. The remainder of the money was not spent and went back into SKDC funds at the end of the financial year. BW will look into this further.</p> <p>BW went on to give an update on a meeting he attended recently about the recent floods. Representatives from SKDC were at the meeting and stated that SKDC were not duty bound to supply sand bags at time of flood but they did. It was agreed to “gloss over” the fact that we were charged this year, as this would not happen in future. It was agreed that SKDC would deliver 400 bags and sufficient sand to fill them to an address in Aslackby. A form was completed re this and will be returned to SKDC. MD will allow the items to be delivered to his address. Cllr Martin Hill was at the meeting and said he will chase up Chris Mawes re the £10k required for the flood survey. BW will also chase him up once Chris gets back of holiday. JP said if BW could not contact him he was happy to contact him via e-mail. BW also stated that some of the recent problems were possibly as a result of the new procedure introduced around sorting out the land drains.</p>	BW

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	<p>The dyke from the ford in the village had now been sorted but no one knew who had initiated it.</p> <p>Item 6 from previous minutes – a letter had not yet been sent to Maureen’s family. It was decided this needed doing as soon as possible.</p> <p>All other action points from previous meeting will be addressed in the appropriate section.</p>	<p>BW</p>
5	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>BW had recently had a query from the Conaught Estate re the deeds for the cemetery as they were in the process of registering their land with Land registry. BW has located these and will send a copy to Mr Bennett who is the Estate Agent acting on behalf of the estate.</p> <p>It was decided that it was in the Parish council’s interest to register the cemetery in our name. AD will provide BW with the necessary forms required and will advise.</p> <p>Alan Ellison’s ashes had been interred and paid for.</p> <p>Maureen’s ashes are being interred on Sunday.</p> <p>A bill has been received from Lionel in respect of grass cutting. It was agreed to continue to allow Lionel to decide when the grass needed cutting, as it had required more cuts this year due to the weather.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>AD</p>
6	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>The notice board glass had been smashed now making it difficult to read any of the messages so it was agreed that new glass could be bought. JP will look into putting a metal grill over the notice board to try and prevent the glass being smashed in future. MD asked if we should consider toughened Perspex instead of glass. JP will also look into this.</p> <p>AP said there had been a lot of calls concerning the conning of OAP’s. Two pensioners had been conned in Morton and one in Dowsby, but none so far in Aslackby. The con men are using the Water Board trick.</p> <p>Crown Walk in Bourne had been stripped of its lead, but nothing had gone missing in Aslackby.</p> <p>Two men had been acting suspiciously in Rippingale and had tried the Water Board con, they were seen driving away in a car with the registration F68MGU.</p> <p>Alan had been asked for an update on the stolen lfor Williams trailer. It was still missing.</p> <p>AP asked if the PCSO could be invited to the next meeting to give an update or go to AP’s house to do this. JL said he would contact David and invite him.</p> <p>AD said he had had a “Mud on Road” sign stolen over the</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JL</p>

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	<p>weekend.</p> <p>BW said he had caught an under age local village youth driving a car behind the council houses, and it looked like one of the garage doors had been damaged.</p> <p>BW also stated that a caravan belonging to one of the council residents sons had appeared and this had been reported to the council, who seemed reluctant to do anything. FC and AW are looking into this.</p> <p>The action point from the last meeting – a lady from Aveland Close had apparently been attacked which is why the field had been cordoned off.</p>	
7	<p>Planning</p> <p>BW had had a word with the planning officer, Miss Briggs re the proposed development on the Dovecote. He also gave her an update on the flood risks. No decision had yet been made on the application.</p> <p>No other planning applications had been received.</p>	
8	<p>Highways</p> <p>We now had confirmation that work will start on 5th November for 4 weeks for exploratory works to try and locate and repair the missing drains. The road will be closed for this period and there will be “access only”. Work will be carried out on Aveland Way and also from the Robin Hood pub to Millthorpe.</p> <p>The action point from the last meeting had been addressed and the PCSO had been informed of the problems caused by the amount of traffic parked on the road.</p>	
9	<p>Finance</p> <p>A bill had been received from SKDC for £31.00 in relation to the Local Elections in May.</p> <p>A bill for £192.50 had been received in respect of grass cutting at the cemetery for the period June to September. Both bills were agreed and paid.</p> <p>The action point from the last meeting was still outstanding. A meeting will be arranged as soon as possible to go through the Parish Clerks financial responsibilities.</p>	BW/JP
10	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>All Codes of Conduct had now been signed and returned to the Parish Clerk to send back to SKDC.</p> <p>A Flood Fare is to be held at the Engine Shed on 23/11/07 from 10am to 8pm. This will be placed on the notice board.</p> <p>A notice advising that the Local Development Scheme & Statement of Community Involvement had been updated had been received.</p> <p>Two events are to be held on Education for Parish Councillors on the Code of Conduct on 6/11/07 at Caythorpe and on 26/11/07 at Marston. Both events run from 7.00 – 8.30pm</p>	
11	A.O.B	

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	<p>BH requested that representation was made to Andrea Webster to ask her to come and give an update on what is happening at SKDC. BW to follow up.</p> <p>AP asked if the Parish Council would support the petitions to keep Rippingale and Folkingham Post Offices open. It was agreed to support both.</p> <p>The concern about the damaged Bus shelter is still outstanding. BW to investigate.</p> <p>The property at 5 Aveland Way had now had the grass cut and the property had been re-let.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>BW</p>
12	<p>Date of next meeting 3rd December 2007 – 8 pm Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9:05 pm</p>	