

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 06th September 2010

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr John Smith (JS)
Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)	Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC)	District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW)
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach	None	

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD), Cllr John Pickard (JP), Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	
2	BW welcomed all present.	
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 JS.	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The letter that was to be sent to land owners re traffic through the village was not sent but most had been spoken to personally. It was decided that the item should be included as an Agenda item for next year and a letter sent then. During the harvest time one vehicle had been damaged to the tune of £2500. This highlighted the fact that landowners should be reminded each year to drive carefully through the village, especially during harvest time. No family pets had been run over this year so JS suggested that a note be put in the newspapers thanking landowners for their co-operation this year. JL said he would do this.</p> <p>JL had spoken to JP about the notice board. JP said that his firm would be happy to make a replacement notice board and he hoped to have this completed before Christmas.</p>	JL
7	<p>Planning</p> <p>A planning application had been received from Victoria Farm to build a horse riding arena. The plans were passed round and no objections were made. JL will send relevant paperwork to SKDC.</p>	JL
8	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>Mrs Pickering has spoken with BW about erecting a</p>	

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	headstone for her late husband. BW had advised her to wait until after the new year in case the ground moved during the winter months.	
9	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Lead had been stolen off the pub roof. Also lead had been stolen from Morton Church roof. No incidents had occurred in the Parish but residents should be reminded to be vigilant and report anything suspicious.</p>	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>BW has spoken to Highways re the grass cutting contract and asked them if we could be paid 3 monthly, should we take it on. He had been told that payments would be made at the end of the financial year which means the PC would have to stand the cost for the first 12 months. Before BW signed the contract and sent the letter back he asked JL to check with the insurance company to make sure we were covered for public liability etc. as requested by SKDC. JL will do this and let BW know. BW asked if all were in favour of taking over the cutting contract. All were in favour. BW said we will await clarification of insurance before asking for tenders.</p> <p>JL said he had already had one contractor asking for details & had also spoken to another contractor in Billingborough. He will send them a copy of the letter received from SKDC outlining terms and conditions for their information.</p> <p>BW said he had still not sorted out payment for JL for the work he had already done on the footpath but would chase this in time for the next meeting.</p> <p>JS proposed that the PC schedule what needs to be done at the next meeting in readiness for taking over the contract next year. He said he will put together a schedule in time for the next meeting. JL said he will include it as an Agenda item.</p> <p>A pot hole had appeared outside the Old Bakery. BW will report this to Highways.</p> <p>A number of positive comments had been received about the removal of the style from the public footpath at the side of the Dovecote. JL was thanked for removing this.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>BW</p> <p>JS JL</p> <p>BW</p>
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>The Auditors had signed off last years accounts and sent a notice to be displayed on the notice board. JL will give this to JP once he had returned from his holiday so that it could be</p>	<p>JL</p>

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	<p>signed off and displayed. A bill had been received for £58.75. This was agreed. JL will issue this.</p> <p>The Clerks wages & expenses were agreed and signed. These totalled £466.18. JL will send a cheque this week.</p>	JL
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed round a list of correspondence. All items that required action had already been dealt with.</p>	
12	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>£300,000.00 had been saved in wages following re-organisation. Further savings and possible cuts were still on the cards but until the Government had completed their spending review it was unclear exactly what would need to be done. They still hoped to offer the same levels of service.</p> <p>BH asked if any areas at the Council had been ring fenced for protection. FC said "no".</p>	
13	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>MD said that the free sandbags we had received following the floods had begun to disintegrate and needed replacing. FC said she would order some replacements.</p> <p>BW said he would be absent from the next meeting so JP will be standing in for him.</p>	FC
14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 18th October 2010 – 8.00 pm Village Hall Meeting closed at 09.06pm.</p>	