

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 27th July 2010

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr John Smith (JS)
Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)	Cllr John Pickard (JP)	Cllr Martin Hill (MH)
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach	None	

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW), Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC), Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)	
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 issue around increased volumes of traffic during harvest was discussed following concerns raised at the last meeting. BW had approached Highways and discussed road signs. He had been informed that we would not be allowed to place temporary road signs on the grass verges and if we did they would be removed. They were currently having a blitz on un-sanctioned signs and these would fall in to that category. Highways said that they would be surprised if farm traffic did actually speed through the village. It was the general consensus that it was not a speed issue but a respect issue. Some one's pet cat had already been run over this year and the harvest traffic was not at its peak. Some may consider it is only a cat but it is someone's pet and should be respected as such.</p> <p>BH will put a small article in the next village news letter asking both residents and landowners to drive through the village with respect for others. Also people will be asked to park sensibly during harvest as these vehicles were now very large and struggled to get down the main road when cars were parked on it.</p> <p>JS & JL will review the proposed letter to be sent to landowners and send it out this week.</p>	JL, JS

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7	<p>Planning</p> <p>No planning applications had been received.</p>	
8	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
9	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>A resident had had some heating oil stolen from their tank. This was the second reported incident in the village in as many months so residents should be reminded to be aware of anyone acting suspiciously and if necessary report it to the police.</p> <p>Someone had spotted some scrap dealers helping themselves to scrap metal out of a skip bag on the green. Again people should be aware of such individuals in the village.</p> <p>A lad from Kirkby Underwood Road had been reported to the PCSO for riding his moped without a crash helmet. The PCSO will keep an eye on the situation.</p> <p>A car parked near BW's house had had about £1000.00 worth of damage done to it one weekend whilst they were out for the day. Someone had thrown stones at the vehicle but there were no witnesses.</p> <p>JL said he had been informed by the PCSO that the animal that had been found in a bin bag was a cat so no further action will be taken.</p>	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>MD said that a pothole had appeared by the ford. BW will report this to Highways.</p> <p>BW gave an update on how far he had got with looking at taking over the grass cutting contract for the village. BW had received figures from Shelly Hamblin about the costs/amounts we would be paid if we took on the contract. The figures quoted amount to approx £200.00 per cut, the current contractors were contracted to do 7 cuts per year although they had been given permission to only make 6 this year due to being so far behind. BW had received confirmation of this in writing. MH was unaware of this and asked to be sent a copy of this so that he could look in to it. JL said he would email MH a copy of this letter. We will not be able to take on the contract until April 2011 when the current contract runs out and the amount we would receive</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>JL</p>

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	<p>would be the same for 2012 due to budgetary restraints.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion was had around whether we would want to do the cutting ourselves as a Parish Council or whether we will look at taking on our own contractor. The pros and cons for both were discussed. Further questions were raised and BW will take these back to Shelly so that we could make an informed decision. In principal all were in favour for controlling the grass cutting via the PC. We did not need to make a decision until October.</p> <p>The above contract would deal with the Amenity Cutting and not the footpaths as this was separate. BW said he had spoken to Highways and they were in favour of the PC looking after the footpath at the side of the Dovecote. JS also asked about the footpath by the Old School House. BW said he would ask about this. Highways said they would pay the PC for the work but we needed to give them a price. After some discussion a price of £90.00 was given in view of how long it had taken JL to clear the footpath the first time. JL had also removed the style at the top of the footpath as instructed by Highways.</p> <p>JS proposed that we should seek re-imbusement for JL's time from Highways as a separate issue than maintaining the footpaths. This was agreed and BW will approach them. Any future work on the footpaths will be taken on as a PC responsibility and not an individual's responsibility.</p> <p>BW said that he had heard of a complaint from one resident that his hedge had been cut back. BW had spoken to Highways and had been told that if the hedge had been overhanging the public footpath the PC were within their rights to cut the hedge back. If any other problems occurred as a result the PC should put them in contact with Highways.</p> <p>MD asked JL if he would be interested in taking on the Grass cutting contract. JL replied no as this would be a conflict of interest with his PC work. It was therefore decided that invites should be advertised for people to quote for doing the work. JL said he would place an advert with the press with the Parish minutes to see what interest could be raised.</p> <p>The grills for the new head walls had still not arrived and BW has spoken with Highways who had no update. We will keep asking until we get an answer.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>BW</p> <p>JL</p>
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>JL said he had received a refund from SKDC for £4.00 and</p>	

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	<p>this had been banked.</p> <p>BW presented a bill from Lionel Fisher for looking after the cemetery grass etc. This was for £180.00. This was agreed and JL will send a cheque this week.</p>	JL
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed round a list of correspondence. There were a couple of requests for leaflets to be put on the notice board which BW will do.</p>	BW
12	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>No update available as no one from SKDC was present.</p>	
13	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>JS showed round a final draft of the proposed newsletter. All agreed that this was a good first version. JS said he will finalise the final bits and send it out shortly together with information on the Auction in the Village Hall and proposed future scrap metal collections.</p> <p>JL raised the issue of the village notice board as it was now getting to the point where it kept blowing open and the doors were falling apart. He had looked into the cost of replacing it with a new hardwood notice board and prices ranged from between £500.00 and £1000.00. JP asked to look at the designs and said he will raise it at his next board meeting and see if his factory could make one up. He will report back sat the next meeting. If he is unable to do anything it was agreed that we should look into buying a replacement. JP apologised that he had not managed to get a board made sooner.</p>	JS
14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 6th September 2010 – 8.00 pm Village Hall Meeting closed at 09.25pm.</p>	