

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 10th January 2011

Present:

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

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1	Apologises – Cllr Martin Hill (MH), Cllr John Pickard (JP)	
2	The Chairman 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 FC and seconded by BH.	
6	Matters Arising There were no matters arising from the last meeting.	
7	Planning No planning applications had been received. A member of the public had raised a query about the temporary building that was put at Temple Farm last year. JL said he had approached SKDC Planning about this last year and again this week and was still awaiting a response he will get an update for the next meeting.	JL
8	Cemetery JL said he had been contacted by Carlton's Undertakers as an ex resident had died in Bourne and wished to be buried in the Cemetery. This had been agreed by BW and a double plot had been purchased. BW said that the cemetery was now 3 plots off being half full so within the next few years we may have to start proceedings to purchase additional land to extend the Cemetery. A discussion was had about the increase in Cemetery fees. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that fee's will be set at the next meeting following consultation with other Cemetery's/Parishes as there seemed to be a vast	

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	<p>discrepancy in what charges other Parishes in the area charged. Some charged up to £1400.00. Aslackby was by far the cheapest and in view of the fact that we were now nearly half full it was felt we may need to bring our charges in to line with others in the area. JL to get idea of other Cemetery prices locally.</p> <p>Once the new charges had been agreed it was agreed that the residency statement should be removed from the price list as this was confusing to some undertakers. It would then be up to the Parish to decide if those to be interred satisfied the residency status and therefore the entitlement to a discount.</p>	
9	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Nothing had been reported since the last meeting.</p>	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>JL gave an update on the grass cutting contracts. He had contacted all the newspapers again asking for prices to place an advert but had still had no firm reply. He will try again.</p> <p>No update had been received from Lincolnshire County Council about the revised budget allowances for grass cutting but will chase this up for the next meeting. Once the figure was known JL will place an advert in the local press, in the Parish Magazine and on the website asking for interested persons to quote for the work.</p> <p>JL said he had received one quote for the work of £2640. The entire PC agreed that this was too expensive even before the proposed cut backs. As a result it was decided that rather than ask for a quote it may be better to asking interested companies to say how many cuts they could do for a fixed price, once we knew this price from Lincs CC.</p> <p>JL said he had received a letter from Highways stating that they agreed to the PC maintaining Footpath number 4 at a cost of £90 per year.</p> <p>BW said that all potholes had been reported. AD said there was a large one that had appeared in Graby so BW said he will report this one as well.</p> <p>BW said he had also reported the state of the railings on the bridge over the Ford. He also said that he had received a complaint about the hedge bordering the bridge as this was now protruding onto the bridge. A discussion was had as to</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> <p>BW</p>

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	<p>who owned the hedge, it was thought to be a local land owner so AD said he would have a word to see if he would cut it. BW said if we could not find out whose responsibility it was, that he would cut it back.</p> <p>BW said that Highways had requested two residents at the top of Kirkby Underwood Road had been asked to cut back their hedges as they were encroaching on to the Highway. JL said he had been approached by one to quote for the work but said he needed to speak to Highways to see exactly what they wanted.</p>	AD
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>The 2011 precept was discussed at length. JS proposed that in the current economic climate that we should not ask for an increase this year, especially as SKDC were looking at cut backs. He felt that as a responsible PC we should help in this endeavour, no matter how small. This suggestion was put to the vote and all were in favour. As a result JL will send off the forms requesting £2800.</p>	JL
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed round a list of correspondence. The flooding questionnaire JL had received last month had been passed to BW who had completed this. He will send it off in the next couple of days.</p> <p>JL had received correspondence about this year's Parish Council Elections which will take place on 05th May, together with a request to confirm the number of Parish Councillors. He will send this information back to SKDC.</p> <p>A request had been received from The Secretary of State for the Dept. for Culture, Media & Sport, asking for details of events that the village had planned for the Queens diamond Jubilee in 2012. As no date for a reply had been given it was felt that further discussions would be required with residents and other village groups before a reply could be sent.</p>	All
12	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>SKDC had decided that green bins should only be collected once a month during winter. This would actually save the Council money but also release the refuse staff to do other duties so is a double saving.</p>	
13	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>JS said he will look at drafting another PC Newsletter in March as some time had now elapsed since the last one had been issued. Also he will be trying to set a new date for the</p>	

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	<p>Home Insulation meeting that was cancelled due to bad weather before Christmas. As soon as a date was known he will issue details to residents.</p> <p>JS also asked if people had any ideas for events for celebrating the forthcoming Royal Wedding. It was decided that people should ask residents for ideas.</p> <p>BW said he had spoken to JP and the new PC Notice board was nearly finished. All that was required was a colour choice. After looking at a colour chart a dark green was chosen. BW said he will feed this back to JP so that the notice board could be finished.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>All</p>
14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 28th February 2011 – 8.00 pm Village Hall Meeting closed at 09.00pm.</p>	