Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 29th June 2009

Present:

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

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1	Apologises – Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD), District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW), 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 JP and seconded by RM.	
6	Matters Arising The Bus Shelter had still not been repaired. It was agreed	
	that if it had not been repaired within the next week then another local person would be asked. BW will speak to AD to see if and when it is likely to be done and if AD could not do it he would approach another local builder to get it done.	BW
	JP had checked the green wheelie bin and it had again not been emptied so he had got one of his men to empty it as it was overflowing again. JL said he would contact SKDC again to find out why it had not been emptied despite their promise to do so.	JL
	All other action points had been cleared.	
7	Cemetery	
	BW said that it was about time that Mr Aberdore's plot should now be levelled as it ad had long enough now. He said a decision should be taken as to whether the PC should do it as the family lived down South and would be unlikely to do it in the near future. It was agreed to take a decision on it at the next meeting.	

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8	Neighbourhood Watch	
	There had been a theft of a birdbath from Rose Cottage. Also a pot had been taken from Field View. Both thefts were from front gardens. JL will update the crimes list.	JL
9	Planning	
	No planning applications had been received.	
	BW said that Manthorpe Construction had appealed against the decision to refuse planning permission on the Dovecote. The PC had already noted their objections but did not know if their had been any other objections by residents although they had been advised to do so.	
10	Highways	
	BW said that Mr Morris from The Pantiles had complained about a smell of sewage at the ford. He had contacted Environment Agency who had sent out some workmen, who had then cleaned out the river. The sewage had escaped from a pipe near the entrance to the Dovecote. The main sewer had been blocked for some time and had leaked into the Beck. BW had contacted Highways but had been unable to speak to the main person as they were on holiday. He will	
	contact them again as this was a major concern as sewage should not be able to enter the watercourse under any circumstances and needed further investigation.	BW
	JP said there was a pothole opposite the Church on the T -junction. BW said he would check this and inform Highways.	BW
10	Finance	
	BW said he had received a bill from Lionel for the cutting of the grass in the Cemetery. This was for £180.00. This was agreed and a cheque was written. JL will send cheque to Lionel.	JL
	JP said the Audit had been sent off and the VAT had been reclaimed. The Internal Audit had raised a couple of points. One was for us to issue receipts for money received with regards to the Cemetery stating exactly what the money was for. JL said he had already started doing this on the PC but would buy a proper receipt book for the future. The point was that when we increased fees in the Cemetery, we should put a copy of the increased fees in the accounts. JL said he	JL
	would do this in future.	JL

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11	Correspondence	
	JL passed around the list of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting. Nothing required action.	
12	SKDC Update	
	Due to a change in policy with regards Council House rent charges by the Government i.e. they had said that all rents should increase and then changed their minds. As a result of all this SKDC had been left with a bill of approx £18,000 for admin etc.	
13	A.O.B.	
	RM said that the pothole near the ford in Graby had been filled in but that he was still concerned about it. BW said he had spoken to Highways who were monitoring the situation. But as it stands at present Highways consider that nothing needs doing. BW said he would mention it again.	BW
	JL said that the conifers that had been dumped in the ditch on Kirkby Underwood Road had now been cleared.	
	BW asked that the meeting scheduled for July be cancelled, as it was only a few weeks away. This was agreed with the proviso that if anything urgent arose an ad hoc meeting could be called.	
14	Date of next meeting Monday 7 th September 2009 – 8 pm Village Hall Meeting closed at 08.50pm.	