

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 30th November 2009

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC)
Cllr John Pickard (JP)		
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press James Leach		

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD), Cllr Martin Hill (MH), District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW), Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)	
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 BH.	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>BH said that he had been approached by a member of public wishing to clarify the situation re the vacancy on the PC. He had told BH that the post should have been advertised for 14 days on the notice board. BW said that as we had decided not to fill the vacancy there was actually no vacancy o advertise. He had contacted LALC and they had confirmed that we were within our rights not to fill the post and therefore had carried out everything correctly. BH said he would feed this information back to the person concerned.</p> <p>JP said he had contacted the council and BT and informed them that we did not wish to adopt the telephone box in the village. He had confirmed that the box was listed so could not be moved and felt that it should remain in the village as a phone box. This had been fed back to SKDC and BT.</p> <p>JL had not yet had chance to complete the Land Registry forms as the person he needed to speak to was on holiday. He will endeavour to get this done before the next meeting.</p> <p>BW said the skip had been another success and had been filled as last time. It was decided to continue with the larger skip in future.</p> <p>All other action points had been cleared.</p>	JL

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7	<p>Planning</p> <p>Notifications had been received to say that permission had been given to take down 2 trees in the village. One had already been removed and the other will be started this week.</p> <p>A planning application had been received to build a large property at High Park Farm. No objections were raised. BW will drop off the form to SKDC before Wednesday.</p> <p>FC said that planning rules for wind turbines were currently under review. If someone applied to erect 19 or more turbines it would no longer be dealt with by the local planning department. No applications were currently in the pipeline, however this may change should they decide to close RAF Cottesmore as there would no longer be an argument for declining an application as it interfered with their flight path.</p>	BW
8	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>No thing to report.</p>	
9	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Over the past few months a total of 6 cats had gone missing from the village. Only one owner had got their cat back, following a visit to numerous houses on Kirkby Underwood Road. The owner had said he had seen something suspicious at one address and it was agreed to keep an eye on the situation. If the problem persists a report will be made to the PCSO.</p>	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>Works on the new drains had now been completed and they seemed to be working properly. Comments had been received about the silt traps and the amount of water being trapped in them. Highways are awaiting some grills to be made to go over the top of them.</p> <p>JL said he had cleared out muck and leaves from all the drain gulleys as required and unblocked the overflow pipe just outside the village. He said he had spent approx 4 hours doing this and there were still 2 to sort out. He said that in future it may require us to pay someone to do the work as he could not guarantee he could always do it. FC said we will keep an eye on the amount of time it required clearing and decide then if we should pay someone to do the work. JL said he had now received a letter from Chris Maw at SKDC stating that it was now our responsibility to keep all drains etc clear, now that the drains had been re-newed.</p>	

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	<p>Comments had also been received about the level of the banks near the new silt traps as lorries had been mounting and flattening the banks. BW said he would contact Highways to see if we could get some reflective posts erected to try and stop this.</p> <p>JL said there was a lot of water overflowing from the top end of the gully on the bend and asked if we could get the gullies deepened. BW said that Highways were adamant they did not want deep gulleys for safety reasons however he said he will have another word when it was pointed out that when this water froze it would be a very dangerous corner.</p> <p>BW said there was a large pothole near the pipe in the bank where JL had cleared away debris, he will contact Highways to get this filled in.</p> <p>FC said she had had an update on the weir that had been put across the beck. This had now been passed on to the Environmental Agency to investigate.</p> <p>JP had spoken to the electricity board about the overhanging trees. The work will be carried out but no date for the work had been set.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>BW</p> <p>BW</p>
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>JL said he had received the Precept forms for next year. It was decided to leave this until the next meeting in January when, hopefully there would be more Councillors present. JP said he will update the books in readiness for this. JL will pass the books to JP to do this.</p> <p>JP had not yet been able to get his name as a signatory on the bank books but he will try and do this with BW for next meeting.</p> <p>A cheque had been given for the skip totalling £230.00</p>	<p>JP JL</p> <p>JP & BW</p>
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed around the list of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Only one item required action. A response was required by SKDC asking if we wished to take up their offer of receiving all planning applications electronically. It was decided that, as we were not set up to deal with applications this was, that we did not wish to sign up to this. JL will send a reply.</p>	<p>JL</p>

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12	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
13	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>JP said that he had been approached by Rick Miller to see if we could still email him meeting minutes as he still wanted to offer help if he could. It was agreed we could do this.</p> <p>JL asked JP if any further work had been done on the notice board. JP said no as the person doing the work had been extremely busy. He has not forgotten and will do it as soon as possible.</p>	
14	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Monday 04th January 2010 – 8 pm Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at 08.55pm.</p>	