

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 11th July 2016

Present:

Parish Councillors		
Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr Peter Morris (PM1)
Cllr John Pickard (JP)	Cllr Rachel Stevenson (RS)	Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)
Cllr Francis Cartwright (FC)		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
District Councillors	County Councillors	
	Martin Hill (MH)	

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Peter Moseley (PM2) Absent -	
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 JP	
6	Matters Arising None	
7	Planning No planning applications or decisions had been received since the last meeting	
8	Cemetery BW said he had received an application to lay a headstone on a grave. After some discussion this had been agreed that a flat stone would be laid instead. This will be done in the near future. BW stated that later this year we would need to discuss the Cemetery Fees with a view to increasing them next year as fees had remained the same since 2013. These will be discussed at a later date.	
9	Neighbourhood Watch A couple of attempted break ins had been done on garden sheds but nothing taken. The Police were aware.	
10	Highways BW reported that he had a meeting with Highways today to discuss the outstanding the current back log in Highways works etc. Unfortunately due to the cut backs works will be delayed until time and budgets allowed. The re-surfacing work for the road to the Vicarage will be done and is currently working its way along the	

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	<p>system. Concerns were raised re the new railings that had been put up along the bridge at the ford. Concerns were that the railings were too far apart and a child may be able to fall through these. BW had raised this with Highways. The point was also put across to MH. BW said Highways were looking in to this with a view of altering it.</p> <p>MD asked if a letter should be sent to Highways at Lincoln, it was agreed this would be done if alterations were not forthcoming.</p>	
11	<p>Finance</p> <p>No payments had been received since the last meeting but a number of Invoices had been received.</p> <p>Water Rates, totalling £8.96. These had already been paid by JL and were to be refunded with his wages.</p> <p>BDG Mowing - £170.00 x2 – already paid</p> <p>Lionel Fisher - £288.00 – to be paid</p> <p>JL said there were insufficient funds to pay all of the above so it was agreed that funds will be transferred to the Cheque Account to cover this.</p> <p>JL said that there had still been no payment for last year's Amenity Grass Cutting. He was awaiting correspondence from LCC and would continue to pursue this until resolved. MH said his secretary was looking in to it and JL confirmed he was in correspondence with her. MH also commented that we should get the same for this forthcoming year, although JL said he had not received confirmation of this yet. MH also explained that next year there would be no payment for amenity grass cutting and all other grass cutting would be severely reduced.</p> <p>BW said that between now and the end of the year the PC had to decide if it could continue to cover the cost of grass cutting once funds from LCC ceased. This will be discussed at a later date. It was agreed that before a decision was made a letter should go out to all residents to see k their views and whether they would support an increase in their Council Tax to cover the cost.</p> <p>It was agreed to Transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Cheque account in order to cover the Invoices received. JL will do this.</p>	JL
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The only correspondence received had been invoices mentioned under Finance. JL was still in correspondence re the Amenity Grass Cutting....this is ongoing.</p>	

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13	<p>SKDC Update/Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>There have been some Portfolio changes at SKDC. FC was no longer Housing, she now covers Governance.</p> <p>The Local Plan was currently in consultation re sites proposed for development. Our Local Plan is at Billingborough VH on 21st July between – 2PM and 8P.</p> <p>The above is not yet a done deal and all sites will be assessed for suitability.</p> <p>With regards the Neighbourhood Plan, there had been no contact between PM1 and PM2. PM1 had nothing to report.</p>	
14	<p>Lincolnshire County Council Update</p> <p>MH gave a brief update on LCC happenings. Most of this was around the Devolution Consultation and the further reduction in budgets.</p> <p>He gave the pros and cons of devolution and having an elected Mayor and some discussion was had as to the benefits or lack of benefits this would incur. The jury was still out and a decision would be made in the near future but it was too close to call.</p> <p>A decision had been made that all Street Lighting, unless in a vulnerable area would be switched off at Midnight to try and save money and lights now had LED's bulbs which were more efficient.</p>	
15	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>BW gave next meeting dates – Aug 22nd, Oct 17th, Nov 28th, Jan 9th 2017, Feb 20th 2017, April 3rd 2017, May 22nd 2017 (AGM, APM)</p>	
16	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 22nd August 2016 –8.00 pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 09.15pm.</p>	