

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 22nd July 2008

Present:

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| Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW) | Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH) | Cllr John Pickard (JP) |
| Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD) | Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD) | Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC) |
| District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW) | | James Leach – Clerk (JL) |
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| Press James Leach | | |
| 4 members of the public | Chris Maws (CM) - (SKDC) | |

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| 1 | Apologises – Cllr Rick Miller (RM) | |
| 2 | BW welcomed all present especially the 4 members of the public. & CM. | |
| 3 | <p>CM gave a brief update on the recent flood survey that had been presented to the PC at the last meeting. This was for the benefit of the public who had not been at the meeting and who had been directly affected by the floods last year. CM outlined the various options and the reasons why these had either been discounted or were a viable option. CM stated that he was committed to investigate certain hotspots, if not this year definitely next year. He will look at de-silting the River Ave in certain areas, possible enlargement of the current drains, although a decision on this would have to wait until he had received a copy of the updated drain plans from Highways. He will also send cameras down, to investigate where problems occurred this year, and would also look at improving, replacing broken grates that had been pointed out to him.</p> <p>CM said that in order to gain support and money to make the required improvements the village would have to commit to help themselves by appointing someone to check watercourses and drains on a regular basis & report any problems, vandalism etc. The PC agreed with this request unanimously.</p> <p>CM was asked if widening of the River Ave/culverts could be looked at. CM said he would look in to this as it would impact upon the landowners and would need their co-operation. With regards culverts the County Council were now responsible for keeping this clean due to a recent legal case.</p> | |

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| | <p>BW read out a letter from a villager who had looked into building a floodwall around his property, he stated this would cost about £40K and they could not guarantee it would work. Also the Environmental Agency would not give permission for a wall to be built as it was within 9metres of the River.</p> <p>CM answered some questions from the public. He stated that anyone could contact him at anytime to discuss. The PC thanked him for his time and he then left. The members of the public also left.</p> | |
| 4 | Declarations of Interest – None | |
| 5 | Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by JP and seconded by AD. | |
| 6 | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>BW had not seen the Land Registry at their stall at the Royal Show to get advice on the forms we need to complete re the Cemetery, as they were not there. He will speak with his Agent at work after he gets back from holiday to get advice.</p> <p>BW had asked someone if they would be interested in the vacant Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator but they had said “no”.</p> <p>JL said all other AP’s from the previous meeting had been dealt with.</p> | BW |
| 7 | <p>Cemetery</p> <p>JL said 2 of the cheques he had submitted to the bank had been refused as the account had been closed. He had since contacted the person concerned and the matter was now resolved and the account settled.</p> <p>JL had received correspondence from a G H Linnell stonemasons re the moving of Mr Aberdore’s headstone. They were seeking clarification for charges, which JL had given.</p> <p>BW said that the sheep had not returned and MD said he had also had a word with the farmer concerned so hopefully the matter was now resolved.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>There had still been no volunteer to become the NW Co-ordinator. The PC decided that we needed to have a think on what action to take next as it was an important role that needed filling, especially due to the number of incidents that had happened so far this year.</p> | |

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| | <p>MD asked if we should resurrect the list that used to be kept on all crimes/instances that had occurred in the village. The PC agreed that this would be a good idea. JL said he would do this but would need help from others to give him dates etc of what had happened and where. This list could then be given to the PCSO as evidence to the problems.</p> <p>AW said she would talk to PC Smith, who was attending the Dowsby meeting to see if he would attend one of ours, as we had not had a PCSO attend yet despite a number of requests. BH said he had also met PC Smith at the Folkingham meeting and had been impressed by his attitude.</p> <p>JL said that a window had been smashed at the Robin Hood pub within the last week. Also 2 teenage girls had been spotted jumping up and down on the waste bin in the middle of the road on Aveland Way and had left the bin there. JL said he had moved the bin when he had spotted it as it was left in a dangerous position.</p> <p>JL said that certain dog owners had not been clearing up after them, which was causing a mess on various footpaths and was unsightly. BW asked FC if there were still Rangers employed to check this but FC said there were none. It was decided that we should keep an eye out for such owners and take action where possible.</p> <p>BW stated that the village hall had been broken into again. Nothing had been taken but the door had to be repaired and a new lock fitted.</p> <p>BW said there had been an illegal Rave at Newton grange over the weekend and a lot of damage had been caused and mess left afterwards. The owners of the property had been far from impressed on the way that the Police had handled the situation.</p> <p>AD said he had had a social visit from the Police following a break in at Rippingale.</p> <p>BW said his neighbours garage had been broken in to and a number of items taken. He had also had his tyres slashed recently on his truck.</p> | <p>JL</p> <p>AW</p> |
| 9 | <p>Planning</p> <p>JL said that the planning application at the Dovecote had been refused. The Cottage on Aveland Way had been granted planning permission and work had already started, despite JL receiving a notification saying it had been refused.</p> | |

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| | <p>JL had contacted SKDC & been informed that the refusal was on a separate application. JL also said he had not been notified about the Dovecote, but had downloaded the information from the website.</p> <p>No other planning matters had been received.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Highways</p> <p>BH said there were a couple of potholes on Kirkby Underwood Road. One outside Jasmine Cottage & one on the North side of the Ford. BW said he would contact Highways.</p> <p>AD said the pothole in Graby had been filled in.</p> | BW |
| 11 | <p>Finance</p> <p>JP said a couple of things had been raised on the internal Audit. One was that the Clerks Wages should be minuted. Also that no official appointment of the Clerk had been minuted. BW stated that he officially appointed JL as village Clerk and this was seconded by JP. BW said that he would check what the Clerks wages should be and would minute these at the next meeting.</p> <p>JL said he had received a number of questions from the Auditors. He gave these to JP who said he would deal with them.</p> <p>FC asked JP if the person he had used to do the internal audit would be able to do those for Rippingale. JP said he didn't think this would be a problem.</p> <p>JP said he had been asked why the PC reserves were twice the Precept. Some discussion was had and it was agreed that JP should formulate a reply and send it.</p> <p>JP asked if all invoices were minuted and agreed. BW said that this was the case.</p> | <p>BW</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP</p> |
| 12 | <p>SKDC Update</p> <p>AW said that the Police had had their Council Tax budget capped at 26%.</p> <p>The Bus Pass issue had now been resolved but they may look at specialised routes before 9 am. However if this was agreed new bus passes would have to be issued.</p> <p>SKDC were now half way through the Chief Execs absence and the person standing in had now changed.</p> | |

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| 13 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed around the list of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting. No questions were raised.</p> | |
| 14 | <p>A.O.B.</p> <p>JL said that a member of public had complained about the amount of litter, especially McDonalds wrappers that he kept finding on his walk. It was agreed that little could be done about this unless the culprits were caught in the act.</p> <p>JL also stated that a Buzzard had been spotted in the village and that someone thought it had taken 4 of his chickens so other chicken owners in the village should be made aware.</p> <p>MD said that he thought we should draw up an emergency plan in case of flooding i.e. where the sand etc is kept and who needed to be contacted etc. He said he would attempt to do this.</p> <p>FC said we might need to do some risk assessment on certain options. It was decided that we would do the emergency plan and then decide if we needed to do a full risk assessment.</p> <p>It was decided that once the plan had been drawn up a contact list would be advertised in Aslackby News.</p> <p>BW said that the village Notice Board was broken and may have to be repaired. JL said he would look into the cost of a replacement.</p> <p>FC said that SKDC had quite a bit of money available for play equipment if it was needed. BW said that as a village we were not insured for this and there was no land available to erect any on.</p> | <p>MD</p> <p>JL</p> |
| 15 | <p>Date of next meeting Tuesday 8th September 2008 – 8 pm Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.25pm</p> | |