

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 6th April 2009

Present:

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

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)	
2	BW welcomed all present.	
3	BW asked member of public, Mr Morris for any comments. He said he had come to the meeting to ascertain the PC's views on the Wind Farm planning application at Sempringham Fen. BW said this would be discussed under a later agenda item.	
4	Declarations of Interest – None	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by RM and seconded by JP.	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>RM raised the point about having separate bank accounts for the Cemetery. After much discussion JL said that this had been raised at the last meeting and a decision had been made that this would not be appropriate. It was agreed that this decision should remain.</p> <p>RM raised the matter of the amount of money we would have in the accounts once the precept had been received. JP said that we should not look at spending the money for the sake of it and also said that some monies may be needed to help towards the cost of flood defences. A length discussion ensued in which MH advised that the flood defence work had been agreed in the latest budget so it would definitely happen this year. It was agreed to leave monies in the bank account to help towards this work if required.</p> <p>Ad's action point to get a quote for repairing the bus shelter was raised and carried forward to the next meeting although</p>	

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	<p>RM asked why the Parish councillors could not do the work. It was pointed out that we had looked at this option for the last 12 months with no success and so it was agreed at the last meeting to pay some one to do it once we had received an acceptable quote.</p> <p>FC said that we should agree to obtain more than one estimate for any work likely to exceed £500. This was agreed. Proposed FC seconded JP.</p> <p>The skip will be ordered for the weekend of 18th/19th of April. BW asked if we should order a 12-yard skip instead of an 8-yard skip. The price of the bigger skip was £230.00. It was agreed that the 12-yard skip should be ordered and if it was not successful an 8-yard skip would be ordered next time. Proposed BW seconded BH.</p> <p>BW still had not been able to clarify the situation with Land Registry so this was carried forward.</p> <p>MH said he had completed his action point but would re-send the information.</p> <p>AW had seen a PCSO but was unable to pin them down for attending future meetings. It was agreed not to carry this AP forward.</p> <p>All other action points had been cleared.</p>	
7	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>There had still been no volunteer to become the NW Co-ordinator. It was agreed not to carry this forward as we seem to be fighting a lost cause.</p> <p>No crimes had been committed since the last meeting.</p> <p>JL will do a letter and BW will sign it.</p>	
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>No planning applications had been received.</p> <p>BW asked for member's views on the Wind Farm application at Sempringham Fen. A number of views were expressed especially in view of the rumours that other applications were in the pipeline. There was mixed opinion for and against however as the application was outside the village jurisdiction</p>	

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	we would not necessarily be copied into any application. Mr Morris said he had no particular view but was just interested in the PC's views.	
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>BW gave an update on the new drain being installed by the Church. A new pipe was being laid but this was bigger than the pipe that would carry the water away. He had been informed that SKDC would see how this worked before deciding on any further action.</p> <p>MD said the large pothole out the village towards the airfield had been repaired but the road at the side of it was now breaking up and would soon need repairing. BW said he would keep an eye on this.</p> <p>RM said the drain cover in Graby was still missing and the road near the ford was still an issue. BW said he would contact Highways about this.</p>	BW
10	<p>Finance</p> <p>JP said he needed the information for the accounts by 18th May. He will collect books from JL and sort the paperwork out.</p> <p>A number of bills were presented and these were agreed and paid. These were:</p> <p>Clerks wages & expenses - £409.30 Aslackby Village Hall - £158.50 SKDC Rates – £8.90 Anglian Water – £154.81 LALC - £75.90</p>	JP
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>JL passed around the list of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting.</p> <p>The insurance renewal had been received. The information was passed to JP for action.</p> <p>The application to become affiliated to the Campaign for Rural England was discussed and rejected.</p>	JP
12	<p>SKDC Update</p> <p>SKDC have decided to give free swimming to the over 60's in line with the Governments promise but are unable to give it to under 60's as it is not cost effective. The free scheme will only last until Government funding ceases i.e. 2 years.</p>	

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	<p>A copy of a press release was passed round about senior staff changes to SKDC that will be made public tomorrow.</p> <p>RM asked MH if LCC were looking to become a unitary authority. MH said not for the foreseeable future.</p>	
13	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>MH said the Secretary of State had now approved the Spatial Planning Strategy. Information is downloadable from the Government website and all local authorities would now have to use this guidance when making decisions on planning applications.</p>	
14	<p>Date of next meeting Monday 18th May 2009 – 7 pm Village Hall. AGM & APM</p> <p>Meeting closed at 09.13pm.</p>	