

## Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

### Minutes from meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> January 2012

**Present:**

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| <b>Parish Councillors</b>   |                          |                              |
| Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)   | Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH) | Cllr Francis Cartwright (FC) |
| Cllr John Pickard (JP)      | Cllr John Smith (JS)     | Cllr Peter Morris (PM)       |
|                             |                          | James Leach – Clerk (JL)     |
| <b>District Councillors</b> |                          |                              |
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| <b>Press</b>                |                          |                              |
| James Leach                 |                          |                              |

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| 1    | Apologises – District Cllr Debbie Wren), (DW Cllr Martin Hill (MH), Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD),   |   |
| 2    | The Chairman welcomed all present.   |   |
| 3    | Two members of the public were present. Mr R Jackson & Mr D Balderson  |   |
| 4    | Declarations of Interest – BW declared an interest in a planning application that will come under Planning.  |   |
| 5    | Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by BH and seconded by PM.  |   |
| 6    | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The fly tipping at Graby had been cleared from the road side but SKDC would not clear that dumped on Mr A Dodds land as this is private property. Mr Dodds had been informed of this.</p> <p>All other Action Points from the last meeting have been cleared. Any matters arising from these, will be discussed in the appropriate section below.</p>  |   |
| 7    | <p>Planning</p> <p>One planning application had been received from the Church to replace the main gate with a new one. No objections had been raised prior to the meeting and a response had been sent to SKDC. BW declared an interest as he was on the Church</p> <p>JL asked for an update on the issue concerning Laughton Manor starting work before planning had been granted. FC said she had asked the question but had had no response to date. She will chase this up.</p> <p>BW said he had received complaints from Pointon regarding the amount of horse manure being set light to at Laughton Manor as they believed that if you had more than two horses you could not burn the waste and required a Waste Licence to dispose of it. FC said she would check with Environmental Health and feed back at the next meeting.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">FC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FC</p> |

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| 8    | <p>Cemetery</p> <p>An increase in Cemetery Fees will be discussed at the next meeting as they were not due to increase until April. Also the Church had not made a decision on their fees yet and as we try to keep ours in line with theirs the decision was put on hold.</p> <p>JL said he had received a request to put up a head stone on Mr A Pickering's plot. No objections were raised and approval was given. This work should be carried out in the next few weeks. BW said that work would be required to level the plot out before the work could be done. He and JL will sort this out.</p>  | JL, BW                        |
| 9    | <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>A number of scrap vehicles had been seen in the village and details of these had been passed on to the Police. A truck was seen behind the council garages behind Aveland Close taking scrap from behind the garages. The men were approached but drove off. Details were passed on to police.</p> <p>A local farmer had had his truck stolen but this had been recovered minus metal wire and other items from the back of the vehicle. Residents are reminded to be alert and report anything suspicious to the Clerk or BW who would report it.</p> <p>A number of complaints have been received about a resident in the village and all relevant authorities had been informed and are trying to deal with the situation. BW had informed residents that the PC could not take any action but we would report any concerns to the relevant authorities.</p>   |                               |
| 10   | <p>Highways</p> <p>The grills for the head walls at the end of the village had finally been fitted. The PC had paid for the work and JL has now written to Highways for re-imburement of the costs. JL said he had purchased 3 padlocks for the grills and he would claim this back in March with his wages and expenses claim. This was agreed.</p> <p>JS said the street light at the top of Kirkby Underwood Rd was still not working. BW will report this again.</p> <p>A road sign outside the pub had been blown over in the recent high winds. This had been reported to Highways (ref.1088833) and they will repair it as soon as they can.</p> <p>PM said that the main village sign was unclear when you came towards the village from Folkingham and wondered if we could have a bigger one. JL said he would speak to Highways but he was under the impression that it was of the correct dimensions.</p> <p>JS asked JL if there was any update from the speed survey. He said he had not received anything yet but would chase it up before the next meeting.</p> | <p>BW</p> <p>JL</p> <p>JL</p> |

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| 11   | <p data-bbox="352 230 459 259">Finance</p> <p data-bbox="352 297 1225 562">JP gave a brief state of finances and projected finances for next year. It looked as though, on previous years examples that the PC may break even next year. Following this next year's Precept was discussed at length. It was proposed that this should be kept the same as last year at £2800, despite the PC possibly having to find additional money for grass cutting etc. next year. This was proposed by JS and 2<sup>nd</sup> by PM. JL will return the forms to SKDC to this effect.</p> <p data-bbox="352 600 1230 1200">JL had received a letter from Lincolnshire Highways to state that the budget allowed for grass cutting next year had been cut by approx. £400.00 As a result JL had approached the current contractor with the new budget to see what he could do. The contractor said he could keep the fees the same as last year which would mean the PC would have to find additional money to subsidise the shortfall, or he could cut his visits by half to meet the new figures. JS and PM proposed that we write to Lincolnshire Highways to say that we could not subsidise such a shortfall and to see if they could reduce this, also that we should re-approach the contractor to see if they could reduce their costs in anyway but maintain the current cutting schedule? JL said he would approach both parties again. All agreed that we should endeavour to keep the same contractor and not hand cutting back to Lincolnshire CC as the service last year had been fantastic. A number of residents had also commented on how nice the grass had looked last year. JP said he will prepare a report in time for the meeting so that an informed decision could be made.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1238 1182 1301">JL had paid the invoice for the new grills and had requested reimbursement from Highways.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1339 1230 1805">JS proposed that the PC should agree an amount to put aside to help with the Queens Jubilee celebrations next year. He said he would also be approaching the Church and Village Hall Committee for the same. He proposed that a maximum of £250.00 be donated. PM seconded this. FC said that we should look at Awards for All to also help with any celebrations. It was proposed that more in-depth discussion be had at the next meeting to discuss what we might do as a village and also to form a sub-group with other groups in the village to agree what we should do. JL said he had received a catalogue offering memorabilia for the event and said that commemorative coins engraved could be obtained for as little as £2.00. He offered it may be nice for the PC to purchase these for children in the village. This will be discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p data-bbox="352 1843 1214 1973">JL asked BW if any further discussions had been had at the Church re a beacon for the top of the Church Tower. BW said nothing had been mentioned but he will chaise this up for the next meeting.</p> | <p data-bbox="1302 499 1334 528">JL</p> <p data-bbox="1302 969 1334 999">JL</p> <p data-bbox="1294 1944 1342 1973">BW</p> |

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| 12   | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence that required action had already been actioned prior to the meeting.</p> <p>No other correspondence required action.</p>   |                     |
| 13   | <p>SKDC Update</p> <p>SKDC have launched a Local Authority Mortgage Scheme to help first time buyers get on the housing ladder. They had already had a lot of enquiries even though it was not due to be launched until March. Further details can be found on the SKDC website.</p> <p>The re-development of Wherry's Yard in Bourne was due to start this month with the demolition work taking place first. The new development will be a combination of shops and accommodation.</p>   |                     |
| 14   | <p>Lincs County Council Update</p> <p>No one from Lincolnshire CC was available to give an update.</p>   |                     |
| 15   | <p>A.O.B</p> <p>Ronald Jackson gave a brief talk on the possibilities of getting faster broadband to the village by connecting with a scheme in Rippingale, He had had initial discussions with the person concerned and said he will try and get him to attend our next meeting to give a better idea of what this would entail and the possible costs involved. PM agreed to be the contact for Mr Jackson to organise this.</p> <p>JS gave an update on Community Land Trusts and affordable housing. He had attended a meeting recently and as a result proposed that a meeting for the village be held towards the end of January. He had spoken to the Bishop of Grantham and he had agreed to chair the meeting. JS will post leaflets through resident's doors, after slight amendments, in the next week to invite them to attend the meeting. Mr Balderson thanked JS for the update and said he would be attending the Public Meeting at the end of January as he had some land that may be available.</p> <p>JS proposed that future meetings be held on a Tuesday due to the fact that the local pub now closed on a Monday evening. JL said he would not be able to attend future meetings if they were held on a Tuesday and this had nothing to do with the fact that he had been barred from the pub but more to do with the fact he was starting a new job in February and had already negotiated he was available for Monday meetings. He stated that if the PC voted to move meetings to a Tuesday then he would have to consider his position as Clerk. The PC voted to keep meetings to a Monday for the foreseeable future.</p> | <p>PM</p> <p>JS</p> |
| 16   | <p>Date of next meeting Monday 06<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – 8.00 pm at the Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at 09.20pm.</p>   |                     |