

## Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

### Minutes from meeting held on 06<sup>th</sup> February 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) - late |
| Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)      |                          | James Leach – Clerk (JL)      |
| <b>District Councillors</b>  |                          |                               |
| Cllr Martin Hill (MH) - late |                          |                               |
| <b>Press</b>                 |                          |                               |
| James Leach                  |                          |                               |

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| 1    | Apologises – District Cllr Debbie Wren (DW),   |                     |
| 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 JP and seconded by BH.  |                     |
| 6    | <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>The Village Hall has agreed to match the PC contribution to the Queens Jubilee celebrations. A decision had still not been made as to what form these celebrations would take.</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>The Church has had planning approved to replace the wooden gates.</p> <p>FC had spoken to Environmental Health and Planning re the burning of horse manure the Laughton Manor site. She had been informed that they were keeping a close eye on site as one or two concerns had been raised not only about the burning of waste but also the erection and removal of certain boundaries.</p> <p>We were advised to keep a close eye on proceedings and report any misgivings to the appropriate sections at SKDC.</p> |                     |
| 8    | <p>Cemetery</p> <p>A phone call had been received from Set in Stone to go ahead with the erection of Mr A Pickering's headstone. They had been informed that the plot had not been marked out or levelled yet and until the weather improved this could not go ahead. BW will endeavour to do the necessary work within the next few days, weather permitting. JL will notify Set in Stone of this.</p>  | <p>BW</p> <p>JL</p> |

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| 9    | <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Victoria Farm on Kirkby Underwood Road has had its Farm Sign stolen. Anybody with any information should contact the local police.</p> <p>Two gas canisters had been dumped on the verge on the road going towards Milthorpe. JL will report this.</p>   | JL       |
| 10   | <p>Highways</p> <p>The street light outside Monks Cottage had now been fixed.</p> <p>JL had contacted Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to find out the outcomes of the speed survey last year, but the person he needed to speak to was unavailable. He will contact them again to get an update in time for the next meeting.</p> <p>Aveland Way will be closed intermittently, from week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February for tree removal work.</p> <p>JL had spoken to Highways and they had informed him that the Aslackby village sign on the main A15 was the correct size.</p> <p>The broken road sign outside the pub had been replaced.</p>   |          |
| 11   | <p>Finance</p> <p>JL said he had received a refund for the grills on the headwalls. He will bank this next week.</p> <p>The renewal of the grass cutting contract was discussed. JS had asked Lincolnshire Highways if they were prepared to reduce the cut they had proposed but had not received a favourable response. He assumed it was because the PC had proved that we could obtain a much better service for the same money. He will keep asking the relevant questions to see if they will move on their decision. MH was asked the same question when he arrived and informed the PC that he felt there would be no movement on the proposed cuts. JL said he had contacted the contractor and he had agreed to reduce his cost per cut which would make a saving over last year of approximately £100. A vote was taken and all were in favour that we should keep the same contractor as they did such an amazing job last year and we would review it again next year once next year's budgets were known. JS will inform LCC that we will continue to manage our own grass cutting and JL will inform Britain's that we wish to keep them again for this coming year.</p> <p>MH said he would make a donation of m£100 to any Queens Jubilee Celebrations. JS will let him know what the plans were so that we could bid for some of this money.</p> | JS<br>JL |
| 12   | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence that required action had already been actioned prior to the meeting.</p>   |          |

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|      | No other correspondence required action.   |                               |
| 13   | <p>SKDC Update</p> <p>SKDC have announced that they will be freezing Council Tax for this next year.</p> <p>The East Heckington Wind Farm application had been thrown out but it looked like it may go to the Secretary of State on appeal.</p> <p>The re-vamp of Bourne Wherry's Yard site was going before planning this week and as long as all was agreed demolition of the old warehouse would commence soon afterwards.</p>  |                               |
| 14   | <p>Lincs County Council Update</p> <p>Gritting had been a great success in the recent bad weather and many of the side roads off the main routes had been gritted.</p> <p>The move of services in Bourne to the Corn Exchange had finally been agreed and this move would start in the near future.</p> <p>JL asked if there were to be any more job cuts at LCC as in a radio interview last year he had stated there would be none as most of the savings required had already been made. MH said there would be further job cuts but they would only be in Education and Support Services.</p>  |                               |
| 15   | <p>A.O.B</p> <p>JS gave an update on Community Land Trusts and affordable housing. He felt that the recent meeting in Church had been well attended and some useful points had been raised. The PC has taken on board all the points raised. He felt that the PC should continue dialogue with all interested parties but that a sub-group should be set up to do this so that the whole of the PC was not required all the time. Members of the public will be asked to join should they wish as it was felt this is the only fair and transparent way forward. This was agreed. JS, PM and BW volunteered to represent the PC and JS will seek volunteers from the local community and set up a sub-group. The next step is to approach SKDC and arrange for a needs survey to be carried out. Once the results of this were known would then decide the way forward. Morton had recently gone through a similar survey and it had highlighted the need for 13 affordable houses. It was not envisaged that Aslackby would need anywhere near this amount but until the survey had been carried out no one could guess. FC said she will ask SKDC to start the ball rolling for the survey.</p> <p>Details of a Community Oil buying scheme were passed round. JP will look in to this and compare with others locally and feedback results at the next meeting.</p> <p>PM gave a quick update on what he had found out about getting improved broadband to the village. He stated that details were still</p> | <p>JS</p> <p>FC</p> <p>JP</p> |

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|      | <p>quite vague and although it was possible to bounce signals from Ripplingale to Aslackby however this was dependant on the use of BT's fibre optic cable and the current developer was finding this to be the sticking point. He had still not managed to get a meeting with the developer in Ripplingale but would feed back as soon as he had any additional information.</p> <p>BW said he had spoken to the Church about having a Beacon on the Church Tower for the Jubilee but the insurance would not cover this so there would not be one here. Further thought needed to be had as to where a Beacon could be sited. JS said he would fill in the necessary funding application to help get money towards any celebrations.</p> <p>The date of the AGM will be 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012</p> | JS     |
| 16   | <p>Date of next meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2012 – 8.00 pm at the Village Hall.<br/>Meeting closed at 09.35pm.</p>  |        |