

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 21st January 2008

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)	Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)
Cllr Brynley Heaven (BH)	Cllr John Pickard (JP)	Cllr Rick Miller (RM)
County Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	Cllr Frances Cartwright (FC)	James Leach – Clerk (JL)
Press Mr & Mrs Pickering	Chris Maws - SKDC	Tony Hardwick, Chris Dale from Jeremy Ben Associates

25 members of the public

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – District Cllr Andrea Webster (AW)	
2	<p>Before the meeting started in earnest Chris Maw from SKDC gave a brief update of what his role was and what the purpose of his presence was at the meeting. He introduced the 2 employees from Jeremy Ben Associates who have been employed by SKDC to carry an initial survey to assess the flood risks in Aslackby and hopefully come up with some suggestions on how to prevent these in the future. Chris asked members of the public to give as much information as they could concerning the recent floods in Aslackby and to also give any photos or videos they had available. Members of the public were invited to speak and were then able to speak with Jeremy Ben Associates. They will now take all the information away and will start the initial survey work next Wednesday, 30th January, by a company called Stormgerm.</p> <p>BW gave an update on the work that had been carried out recently on the drains on Aveland Way. Work should be completed next week, however he was still hopeful that further work would be carried out at a later date on the drains at the top end of Aveland way which in fact were old land drains and needed replacing with proper drains.</p>	
3	FC left the meeting after the talk by Chris Maw and gave her apologies. MD was not present at start of meeting but appeared later on.	
4	Declarations of Interest – None.	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by AD and seconded by BH.	
6	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>MH pointed out that AW is in fact a District Councillor and not</p>	

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	<p>a County Councillor. JL said he would amend this for next time.</p> <p>JP questioned the action point for AD re Perspex from the last meeting as he had now found a price. After discussion with AD it was agreed to go with the price JP had found, as this was cheaper. JP will order Perspex to replace that broken on the village notice board.</p> <p>RM asked that the minutes be noted that the every one was extremely thankful for all BW's efforts in sorting out the council and finally getting work carried out on the drains on Aveland Way. To this effect the Aslackby And Laughton Parish Council wish to express their sincere thanks for all Brian's efforts.</p>	JP
7	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>BW stated that the Church Cemetery fees will go up from January and that he felt that the Cemetery fees should be bought in line. BW did not have the new Church fees with him but will bring these to the next meeting so that a discussion can take place on whether the Cemetery Fees should be increased to mirror the Church fees.</p> <p>JL said he had received an email from a company called IMG offering their services to clean and check all headstones and monuments in the Church and Cemetery. It was agreed that we would not be taking up their offer, as we had recently had an inspection and 3 headstones in the Churchyard had been laid down for being unsafe.</p> <p>BW said that the Cemetery had received £500 in payments so far this year.</p> <p>AD bought the form that required filling in for Land Registry. He said that it looked very easy to complete and said that he would contact BW to fill it in once he had read through it. BW said that JL should also be involved. JL agreed.</p> <p>RM asked why the form needed completing and BW gave an update.</p>	AD, BW, JL
8	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Mr Alan Pickering said that he had nothing to report. He has contacted all the elderly folks in the Parish to warn them about bogus phone calls for con men.</p> <p>AD said he had had a quad bike and tractor mower stolen from one of his sheds at his farm in Graby. He was very disappointed with the Police response, as he had followed</p>	

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	<p>the thieves and given the Police details but no one turned up until 1.5 hours after the event. Since then SOCO and the Police had been to take detail. AD said he had the reg of the vehicles involved in the theft and had given these to Police but nothing seemed to have been done so far.</p> <p>BW said he did not understand why this had not been reported to Neighbourhood Watch. Mr Pickering said that this was not unusual.</p> <p>MH gave details of how 999 calls should be handled and said that the 999 operator should have sent a rapid response unit.</p> <p>BW gave an update on the Church lead. He had been told by the Church Warden that the lead was properly now on a container ship as many lead thefts did not go through scrap dealers but straight on to a ship. He said that an alarm had now been fitted to the Church and this worked very well as he had tested it.</p>	
9	<p>Planning</p> <p>JL said that one application had been received for The Cottage, Aveland Way, for an extension to the front and rear of the property. The application was discussed and no objections were raised.</p> <p>BW said he had received no more information about the Dovecot planning application but would endeavour to get an update for the next meeting.</p>	BW
10	<p>Highways</p> <p>BW & RM commented on how badly the road from Aslackby Cross Roads to Millthorpe had been patched up and in some areas were dangerous.</p> <p>MH said he would go and have a look. He also stated that Highways had been given an extra £2 million for next year to repair potholes throughout the county so hopefully the roads would improve. MH also said money had been made available to repair/improve the drains for which BW thanked him.</p> <p>AD asked if a road sweeper could be arranged to sweep the roads in Graby. MH said he would take this away.</p> <p>It was mentioned that the roads near Low Park Farm were in a state but it was agreed that we should not do anything about this'd until all the developments had been completed.</p>	MH
11	<p>Finance</p> <p>BW said a bill had been received from Lionel for £177.50 for the Cemetery. It was agreed to pay this.</p>	

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	<p>BW gave an update on his visit to the bank to get JL as the nominated person to receive statements etc. There were a number of names on the account, which should have been removed. This had now been done.</p> <p>JP said he was now up to date with all the accounts and would contact JL in the next couple of weeks to hand over this to him.</p> <p>BW said he had asked for 2 skip this year. The first one had been booked for 29/03/2008.</p>	JP
12	<p>SKDC Update AS FC and AW were not present no update was available.</p> <p>MH gave an update on the County Council instead. He said that there would be a 3.5% increase in Council tax for this year. He stated that the Police had asked for an 80% increase in their share due to the lack of funds from central Government, which had left a £7 million gap.</p>	
13	<p>Correspondence JL went through all items of correspondence that had been received since the last meeting. See attached list of all correspondence received together with any action taken.</p>	
14	<p>A.O.B None.</p>	
15	<p>Date of next meeting 25th February 2008 – 8 pm Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.55 pm</p>	

Correspondence – December 2007

Date	Author	Description	Action Required/Date
01/12/2007	East Midlands Development Agency	Letter asking for up to date Parish Clerk details	Already completed and returned
08/01/2008	Rural South Local Forum	Agenda for Meeting – 17/01/2008	None
08/01/2008	SKDC	Healthy Communities/Leisure Directory	TBA
09/01/2008	Development Services	Planning Application for The Cottage, Aveland Way	Yes
10/01/2008	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine	Change Name & Address
10/01/2008	Electoral Services	Polling District & Polling Station Review	Questionnaire to be completed by BW
10/01/2008	LALC	Change of Address	None
11/01/2008	Economic Development & Town Centre Management	Workshops for starting your own business	None
16/01/2008	SKDC Planning	Hierarchy Settlement Update Land Availability Statement	Yes – questionnaire to be returned by 24/03/2008 by JL
18/01/2008	I.M.I.	Memorial Inspections	None