

Aslackby Parish Council Meetings

Minutes from meeting held on 3rd December 2007

Present:

Cllr Brian Wilkinson
(BW)
Cllr Brynley Heaven
(BH)

Cllr Frances Cartwright
(FC)
Cllr John Pickard (JP)

Cllr Andrew Dodds (AD)

County Cllr Andrea
Webster (AW)
James Leach – Clerk
(JL)

No members of the
public

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologises – Cllr Rick Miller, Cllr Malcolm Dodds, Cllr John Pickard, Mr Pickering	
2	Declarations of Interest – None.	
3	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by AD and seconded by BH.	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>BW explained that the spelling of Connant Estate was incorrect. This was altered to the correct spelling. BW also stated that the information requested by the Estate had now been sent.</p> <p>FC and AW pointed out that their names were incorrectly spelt also. JL assured them this would not happen again.</p> <p>BW said that the flooding issue would be dealt with under Highways.</p> <p>BW informed the meeting that the letter to Maureen’s family had been done by JL and had now been sent.</p> <p>BW stated that it appeared that planning on the Dovecote had seemed to have disappeared for now. He had heard that the Environmental Agency had put a stop on any further developments in Aslackby for now. However we will keep a close eye on the situation and report back if anything happened.</p> <p>AD stated he had just ordered some toughened Perspex which is shatterproof, measuring approx 4’ by 4’6” at a cost of £65.00. This should arrive tomorrow so will report back once he has received it and let the meeting know how good it was and how easy it was to cut to size. It was agreed that if it were suitable then some would be ordered for the village notice board.</p>	

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	<p>All other action points from the previous meeting will be dealt with in the appropriate sections.</p>	
5	<p>Cemetery AD has received a leaflet from the Land Registry concerning registering of land. He is being sent a form to complete to register land and will inform BW how easy this is to do. As far as he was aware as long as we hold conveyancing details for the cemetery then no solicitors should be required. In order to do this we also needed to have owned the land for at least 15 years. BW said this was the case so there should be no issues.</p> <p>JL stated that 2 requests had been received for Memorials to be erected. These had been dealt with.</p> <p>BW said there had been one interment and the purchase of one double plot. Also the Cemetery finances were currently showing a profit.</p>	
6	<p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>The action point re the Perspex had now been dealt with by AD. The point about putting a metal grill over the notice board will be carried forward as JP not present at the meeting.</p> <p>BW reported that 2 thefts of lead had occurred from the Church in a week. The thieves had caused considerable damage on the south transit and scaffolding had now been erected to prevent any of the loose stone from falling. The police had been but had no leads. It does appear that cars are involved with the removal of the lead and we should keep an eye out for a VW Golf and Vauxhall Astra acting suspiciously. No registration details known.</p> <p>There had been a reported break in at the Manor but BW said that no one could confirm this.</p> <p>JL asked if there had been any further sightings of Ryan in his car to which BW reported "no".</p> <p>BH said there had been 3 police cars over the weekend up towards Low Park Farm but no one knew why this was. JL said he had spoken to the PCSO who said that the mini-moto riders had been dealt with and moved on on Sunday so it may have had something to do with this.</p> <p>JL said he had contacted the PCSO who had apologised for</p>	JP

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	<p>not being at the meeting. He said he would try and come to the next one. He said there were no issues as far as he was aware apart from the mini-moto riders that had now been dealt with.</p>	
7	<p>Planning No planning applications had been received.</p> <p>JL said he had received a letter from Development Control Services attaining to the Certificate of Lawfulness re the Old Bakery. This was to do with the change of use back to a dwelling from a pub. BW said he had had to provide a statement in respect of this and all was now in order.</p>	
8	<p>Highways BW showed a letter to the meeting that had been received from Chris Maws. This contained a map of the village, which BW had completed re flooding and drainage etc. The meeting checked this and agreed that a couple of amendments needed to be added to the map. BW said he would do this.</p> <p>Also a copy of a letter sent to residents of Pickworth village when they had a survey concerning their flooding issues. It was agreed that we would copy this letter for Aslackby residents and send it out once it was known who had won the tender to do the work. JL said he would sort this letter/questionnaire out and would also annotate it to inform who had won the tender so that residents were not surprised when some people knocked on doors asking for information, especially in view of the recent bogus callers that had been operating in the area. It was agreed that returned questionnaires should go to BW or JL. No update had been received to who had won the tender yet but AW said she would chase this up when she was next in Grantham.</p> <p>JL said he had tried to contact Jamie Tomlin at SKDC to try and find out what was happening with the sandbags we had ordered but had had no joy. He will try again and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>BH reported that the culvert had now been dug out from the ford to way beyond the village boundary. He was unable to say exactly how far it had gone beyond this but that it was extremely deep and wide.</p> <p>BW informed that we had now received copies of this years gritting routes if anybody wanted a copy.</p> <p>Work had started on replacing the drains on Aveland Way but no details were available as to when this was likely to be</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>JL</p> <p>AW</p> <p>JL</p>

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	<p>completed. There had been a slight hold up due to the fact that the Water Board had had to re-route the water main due to the fact that it had gone through the main drainpipe. This had now been done.</p>	
9	<p>Finance BW explained that we had received the Precept Forms for 2008. Last years figure was £2300.00. It was agreed that the figure for 2008 should be increased to £2400.00. BW will complete the forms and return them to the Council.</p> <p>The action point from the last meeting was still outstanding. A meeting will be arranged as soon as possible to go through the Parish Clerks financial responsibilities with JL.</p> <p>The Deposit Account now has a balance of £6883.90. This balance was mainly as a result of the fact that the Cemetery had had a good income this year and as a result we had not had to dip into other funds.</p> <p>BW said that we had been unable to organise a Skip for the latter part of the year but agreed that we would have 2 for 2008. One in the Spring and one in the Autumn.</p> <p>BW asked for agreement that £250.00 in wages be paid to JL for the 3 months he had been in post. This was agreed. BW said he would pay this as soon as possible.</p>	<p>BW</p> <p>BW/JP</p> <p>BW</p>
10	<p>SKDC Update FC gave an update on SKDC. SKDC should find out about their budgets this week. FC asked that we as a Parish Council do not ask to increase our Precept by 28% as one PC had done. The Grantham Growth bid should be here in January and some discussions are to had re new housing sites in Grantham.</p> <p>BW asked that an Agenda Item for SKDC Update be included on all future meetings, between Correspondence and AOB. JL agreed to do this.</p> <p>AD asked FC on some clarification around recycling and who was responsible for collecting fridge –freezers that had been dumped. He had recently had to take 6 to the local amenity tip, but due to the quantity had made several trips, as it had been impossible to locate a department at the council who would take responsibility for collecting the items. FC said if item had been dumped on the road verge/highway it was councils responsibility but if it was in a gateway it was not classed as the highway and was possibly the landowners responsibility. She did agree that 6 was excessive and would</p>	<p>JL</p>

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	try and find out whether the Council had a responsibility in such circumstances and if so who the contact was.	FC
10	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>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> <p>One item that was discussed was the letter received from Lincolnshire Police asking for Parish Councils to consider helping towards the police budget deficit. A questionnaire had been sent which was to be returned. After some discussion it was decided that we did not wish to contribute, as such funding should come from Central government. BW said he would complete the questionnaire to this affect and return it.</p> <p>JL had received an invite to take a CPD qualification. FC said that if he wished to partake in the course as long as the cost was not prohibitive the PC would meet the costs.</p>	BW
11	A.O.B None.	
12	<p>Date of next meeting 21st January 2008 – 8 pm Village Hall</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9:05 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
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
18/01/2008	I.M.I.	Memorial Inspections	TBA