

Aslackby Parish Council Annual General meeting

Minutes from meeting held on 13th May 2019

Present:

Parish Councillors		
Cllr Brian Wilkinson (BW)	Cllr Rachel Stevenson (RS)	Cllr Katie Long (KL)
Cllr Malcolm Dodds (MD)		Cllr John Pickard (JP)
		James Leach – Clerk (JL)
District Councillors		County Councillors
	Cllr Martin Hill (MH)	
Press		
James Leach		

Item	Notes	Action
1	Apologies – Cllr John Pickard (JP). Absent – Dist Cllr Peter Moseley (PM2).	
2	The Chairman welcomed all present.	
3	Election of Officers JL welcomed all present. He asked if BW was willing to stand as Chairman again? BW said he may not be nominated. JL said that he had received a note from JP proposing BW be elected as Chairman again which RS seconded. BW accepted the nomination and was duly elected as Chairman. JP had sent notification to JL which said that he was willing to stand as Vice Chairman again if nominated. RS proposed and PM1 seconded so JP was duly elected as Vice Chairman. All other Councillors accepted their posts.	
3	There were four members of the public present – Mr & Mrs Mike Taylor (MT), Rick Miller (RM) and Alison Ray (AR) At this point BW asked if the public wished to speak. MT said he wished to raise the issue of the recent planning application for a Green Burial site up near the airfield. He stated that they had no objections in principal, but that they were really concerned about the amount of traffic that would be going through the village, especially around harvest due to farm traffic and straw lorries and also that there were no passing places as it was a single-track road. He suggested that all funeral traffic should be advised to go via Laughton to avoid going through the village and asked if the PC would approach Mr Atkinson and ask that he support this. After much discussion around practicalities, policing and the state of the roads etc BW agreed that he would approach Mr Atkinson and ask if he would consider doing this. MT accepted this offer. PM1 asked MT to explain how he felt the PC would be able to influence Mr Atkinson, especially as SKDC had passed the application? He also asked how funeral traffic was different to dog walkers using the road? MT said he was aware that this would be difficult but would appreciate the PC's support.	BW

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4	Declarations of Interest None.	
5	Minutes of the Last Meeting – agreed and signed. Proposed by MD and seconded by RS.	
6	Matters Arising PM raised the issue that there was still a vacancy on the PC. JL said he had received one notification of interest from someone who worked at the factory. PM 1 said that before this could be accepted and the person co-opted on to the PC, the vacancy should be advertised for a minimum of 21days to see if we received any other applicants. This can then be put on as an agenda item at the next meeting and a decision made as to who the PC would like to co-opt onto the council. JL said he will place an advert on the PC Notice Board. No other matters arising will be dealt with in the relevant sections below.	JL
7	Planning JL said he had received 2 planning applications. One from Mr Baxter to remove two ash and one spruce tree from the ground adjacent to the Chapel, and one from Mr & Mrs Jackson to erect a single-story extension on their bungalow. There were no objections to either of these applications. The application for a Green Burial Site had been unanimously accepted by SKDC at Committee.	
8	Cemetery JL had received an invoice from L Fisher for the maintenance of the Cemetery. He will arrange to pay this.	JL
9	Neighbourhood Watch There had been an attempted break in on Aveland Way but nobody was able to say where the attempt had been made. Residents are to be reminded to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity.	
10	Highways MH mentioned the overhanging hedges on the A15 towards Osbournby. He stated that Highways will ask the owners to cut them. If this was not successful then Highways will look at cutting them back before they cause an accident. MD asked the question as to whether 20MPH signs could be purchased and erected at each entrance to the village following a comment from MT that traffic, including farm traffic tended to speed through the village. JL said he would look into the cost and feedback at the next meeting. JL said he had received no contact from Highways re the verge	JL

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	<p>markers he had requested however you can buy them for around £15.00. He will try Highways again and feed back at the next meeting.</p> <p>MT asked if the PC could ask Highways to move the sign on the left of the main A15 junction as it got in the way when looking left when trying to pull onto the A15. MH asked JL to email this to him and he would get Highways to have a look.</p> <p>AR asked MH where she may find the Highways Inspection report that is mention on the LCC Website following a complaint re the state of the grass verges opposite the entrance to her property. MH said there would be no report unless Highways deemed that there was an issue. Highways did an inspection every year of all roads within Lincolnshire and any issues were reported. MH said he would not be happy if loads of reports were raised to say that there were no issues. AR was unhappy with this explanation.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JL</p>
11	<p>Finance</p> <p>JL said he did not have a current balance as the books were with JP however they were not vastly different to the financial statement given at the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p>JL had received one invoice from L Fisher for the Cemetery maintenance. This was for £422.50. He will issue payment for this.</p> <p>JP will arrange an Internal Audit if the accounts in the next few days, he will also make a VAT refund.</p> <p>JL said he had spoken with JP with regards taking out Insurance so that we could claim a part refund of costs for the grass maintenance. Two quotes had been received which were within £10 of each other. JP had made a recommendation of Came & Company and JL asked if the PC were OK with this. PM1 proposed that this should be accepted and Insurance arranged asap and RS seconded this. JL will call the Insurers in the next couple of weeks and arrange insurance.</p>	<p>JL</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JL</p>
12	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>All correspondence had been gone through in previous sections. The only item not mentioned was an email he had received from SKDC Environmental to state that they were in talks with the owner of Laughton Manor about the correct disposal of the horse manure that had recently been burnt. They will keep the PC informed of progress but asked that the PC advise of any more fires in the future.</p>	
13	<p>SKDC Update/Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>No one was available from SKDC to give an update. PM1 asked JL to email District Councillor PM2 and request that he send an update if he is unable to attend the meetings. JL said he would do this.</p>	<p>JL</p>

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14	Lincolnshire County Council Update MH said there was no update from LCC as they were awaiting to see the outcome of Brexit.	
15	A.O.B None	
16	Date of next meeting Monday 01 st July 2019 – 8.00 pm at the Village Hall. Meeting closed at 08.28	