

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18 MARCH 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Councillors: David Young (Vice Chair) James Egginton
Paul Andrews Robert Vincent
David Cleverly

Officer attending Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)

Present: 2 Parishioners

APOLOGIES

12.123 None

REMEMBRANCE

12.124 Members joined the Chairman in standing in remembrance of Councillor and Chairman Roger Waygood, who died on 19th February 2013. Councillor Roger Waygood had been Chairman of Ardeley Parish Council for nearly 30 years and always gave his time and best efforts to help people who needed advice and assistance. He was dedicated to doing the best for Ardeley Parish that was possible. Members expressed great sadness at this loss.

MINUTES OF MEETING

12.125 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 January 2013 were signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA

12,126 None

FINANCE

12.127 Finance Report and cheques for approval

The finance report was noted and the cheques before Council were signed. The balance in the current account was £5,802.58. The anticipated balance at 31 March 2013 was £5,850.55.

The following cheques were approved:

578	D Beaseley	£265.28	Litter February-March 2013.
579	M Kilby	£408.93	Clerking and expenses February-March 2013

PLANNING

12.128 Planning Schedule

The planning schedule is an appendix to the minutes - there were no new planning applications.

HIGHWAYS

12.129 Cromer Traffic Calming

Cllr Egginton reported that depending on the Highways budget, the signage and road markings may be scheduled for the coming year, but how the overall scheme might go ahead is not finalised. District Cllr Crofton supported the Parish Council but everything depended on the Highways budget.

12.130 Roadside signage relating to Church Farm

A meeting had been held with Tim Waygood (Church Farm) to meet and discuss the concerns raised by parishioners relating to the number and siting of signs. Cllr David Young (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Jim Egginton attended the meeting together with the clerk. It was noted that all except 2 signs had been removed from within the parish boundaries and that the Parish Council considered that Church Farm had done enough to remove signs within the parish. Cllr Egginton suggested that if parishioners were concerned about signs erected in other parishes, then they should contact Church Farm.

Relating to brown tourist signs, this was discussed fully. Some parishioners had expressed concern about actively inviting more visitors to the parish, which would inevitably result in more cars and people coming into Ardeley, and trespassing on private land, which has been a problem in the past.

After a full discussion it was proposed that Church Farm be encouraged to enquire about brown signs, and that the Parish Council actively support brown signs.

Proposed: Jim Egginton **Seconded: David Young**
Agreed: 2 in favour, 3 against **- motion failed.**

12.131 **School Lane Surface**

Noted that this surface was very badly potholed, though some holes had been filled. Noted that Ringway had said that there was very little money for repairs and this funding was spent on major roads.

12.132 **Hedges**

The hedges had been cut, but the surplus originally left on Lodge Hill had not been removed. Clerk to request Owen York to take away.

RIGHTS OF WAY AND COMMON LAND

12.133 **Byway 51**

The Countryside Access Officer and Cllr Paul Andrews were finalising the work required to repair the damage to Byway 51.

12.134 **Trail Riders Fellowship**

Julian Thornton will be reporting back on his meeting with the Trail Riders Fellowship.

PLAYGROUND REPAIRS

12.135 **Wooden Climbing Frame**

Ardeley School had requested that an active facility, like the climbing frame, should be the replacement equipment item. Clerk was meeting with one of the better known playground companies on Monday to ascertain possible replacements and will bring report to next meeting.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

12.136 **Community Safety Partnership Public Meeting**

Cllr Jim Egginton had met with Brian Mould, the Community Support Officer, and PC Duncan Wallace who had updated him on the Probation Services, and Safety in the Environment. Cllr Egginton will prepare a report on Community Safety Partnerships for the magazine including the fact that pedestrian safety was discussed.

12.137 **Speed recording equipment**

The Chairman informed everyone about the new scheme for speeding signs. The Chairman said he thought that new schemes could be supported by all councillors.

WEBSITE

12.138 **Parish Council website**

Website now online, Parish Clerk asked that all Councillors visit the site and pass any comments to the Clerk.

NEW STANDARDS REGIME

12.139 **Standing Orders**

Cllr Vincent asked that the standing orders be adopted as they are. A list of Cllr Egginton's proposed changes had been circulated for discussion at the next meeting.

CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

12.140 Before the meeting and noted.

URGENT MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED

12.141 **Luton Airport**

Cllr Vincent advised Council over concerns regarding the proposed expansion of Luton Airport which would at least double the noise problem. If it was necessary, due to increased traffic, to move to a single red route as per the 2008 NATS consultation, this would result in the majority of Luton landings going over Ardeley with a doubling of the traffic we objected against in 2008.

The Parish Council wish to lodge an objection relating to the fact that if flights at Luton Airport are increased, this will mean an unacceptable increase in the concentration of aircraft noise over the parish.

Proposed: Robert Vincent Seconded: David Young
Agreed: 4 in favour, 1 against - motion agreed.

It was agreed that Cllr Robert Vincent could write the objection letter on behalf of the Council. Cllr Robert Vincent advised that the Comet newspaper had raised an e-petition to have the application called in due to concerns of a conflict of interest arising as Luton Borough Council who were deciding on the application, were also the owners of Luton Airport. Cllr Robert Vincent agreed to have details of the e-petition put in the May Forum magazine.

DEATH OF CHAIRMAN

12.142 The death of Chairman and Councillor Roger Waygood was noted and registered in the minutes with huge sadness and regret. Roger Waygood had given a large amount of his time over a number of years to ensuring that the Parish Council did the best it could for the village, and kept the Council on a very even path.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th May 2013 at 7.00 pm (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)
7.15 pm (Parish Council meeting)
8.00 pm (Annual Parish Meeting)

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed _____

Date _____

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Giles Scrivener expressed his deep regret at the passing of Roger Waygood and gave tribute to the sterling work he did as Parish Council Chairman.

Giles Scrivener supported the Church Farm signs but was concerned that discussion was taking place about signs not in the village. GS was also pleased that the Blind Lane hedge had been cut, but expressed concern that the hedges were not cut far enough back for large vehicles or horseboxes.

A request was made to change the public participation slot to the beginning of the meeting rather than the end. After discussion by councillors it was a majority view to keep the public participation to the end of the meeting.

The public participation closed at 9.20 pm.