

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ARDELEY VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

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

Officer attending Marty Kilby (Clerk and RFO)

Present: 3 Parishioners (DCllr Ken Crofton; Auditor Alan Herbert; Giles Scrivener)

APOLOGIES

12.71 Roger Waygood; David Cleverly

MINUTES OF MEETING

12.72 The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 September 2012 were before the meeting and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA

12.73 None

FINANCE

12.74 Finance Report and cheques for approval

The finance report was noted. The balance in the current account was £7,254.62

The following cheques were approved:

570	D Beasley	£217.76	Litter picking October November 2012
571	M Kilby	£279.05	Invoice for clerk and expenses Oct-November 2012

12.75 Budget items

Budget items for consideration were before the Council. Discussion included the fact that a new homes bonus would be eligible for 2013, so this might be taken into consideration. The January 2013 figures would be able to predict more accurately the surplus in the Council accounts. It was hoped the precept will not include an increase and might indeed be reduced to £3,000 from £4,000. Considerations in January, when the final figures are known, might include donations to parish organisations, the web site, and the village hall.

PLANNING

12.76 Planning Schedule

The planning schedule is an appendix to the minutes.

12.77 3/12/1770/FP - Woodside Cottage, Moor Green

Erection of oak framed 2 bay garage and store
Council had no objections to this application

12.78 3/12/1819/LB - Woodside Cottage, Moor Green

Secondary glazing to existing windows
Council had no objection to this application.

12.79 3/12/1435/FP - Kingswick, Cromer

Raising of roof to provide first floor accommodation, side and rear extensions, replacement garage
This application has been withdrawn

HIGHWAYS

12.80 Cromer Traffic Calming

Noted that with the change in Highways management, a new person would be co-ordinating any change in traffic calming in Cromer. The new Highways Officer contact was Rosemary Chatindo (Highways Locality Officer, Eastern Herts, Highways Operations and Strategy: HCC, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Heertford, SG13 8DN - telephone 01992 658145. Eralp Yucelt hqd stated hat the work had been included in the Cllr Hammond HLB list of works. He had asked Cllr Bryan Hammond to give an update on the programming of this work as soon as possible.

District Cllr Ken Crofton was invited to comment and said that the budget might not have any unallocated finances to help with this problem.

12.83 **Roadside signage relating to Church Farm**

Cllr Egginton reported he had received complaints from parishioners that roadside signage advertising Church Farm was excessive and had been erected on private property without permission. Cllr Egginton had taken a selective parish poll on what was thought about the signage.

Roadside signage falls into four categories:

1. Allowed - that with no consent required, i.e. buses etc.
2. Deemed Consent - included many rules but basically related to advertising on land owned by the advertiser.
3. Consent of the landowner local events, builders boards, charity consents, sale of property
4. Express consent - needs planning permission

Cllr Egginton said he had contacted Church Farm and discussed the concerns with them. It was acknowledged that when the Church Farm complex had been set up then many village activities had asked to be included and extensive advertising was welcomed. Some parishioners had now expressed to Cllr Egginton that the proliferation of signs was detrimental to the rural aspect of the parish by encouraging more visitors, and therefore cars, and this increased activity was ruining the village. It was acknowledged that Church Farm provided facilities for disabled people and that some parishioners were unhappy with this provision.

After a full discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council write to East Herts Council Planning requesting the situation to be reviewed regarding the erection and number of highway signs relating to Church Farm, Ardeley.

Proposed: Jim Egginton Seconded: Robert Vincent
Agreed: 3 in favour, 1 against.

12.84 **Salt Provision**

The Clerk had contacted Derek Twigg on 20 September requesting the provision of the 850 kg salt bags.

12.85 **Mill Lane Hedges**

The two landowners in Mill Lane had been asked to cut back their hedges.

12.86 **Blind Lane**

Noted that the pot holes were prolific. Agreed to report this via the web site.

12.87 **Cromer Road**

A very large pothole was reported beyond Bury Grange Cottages and Ash Tree Corner going towards Cromer. Agreed that this should be reported via the website.

12.88 **Hedges outside Mead Farm and Cherry Tree Farm**

Agreed Clerk to write again to Ian and Luke Neal regarding the overgrown state of the hedges (initial letters written on 26 July 2012).

12.89 **East Herts Highways Locality Meeting 13 December 2012**

To receive date of the meeting noted, which was that the new Highways Locality Team would present the new highways service to their stakeholder membership and include an overview of the Highway Locality Budget and a briefing from Ringway on the contractor-directed service.

12.90 **General**

Noted that generally the emergency ploughing to clear highways was carried out by local farmers. There was discussion on the gritter emergency list between a councillor and a parishioner (not minuted because it was outside the standing orders of the meeting), but no maintenance details had been received by the clerk.

RIGHTS OF WAY AND COMMON LAND

12.91 **P3 Update**

Clerk to ask on progress of work requested along Byway 51 (Moor Green to Munches Green) which had more potholes than previously, but it had previously been agreed the work surface should be repaired, so an update was requested on this work.

ANNUAL PLAYGROUND REPORT

12.92 **Repairs**

Agreed to accept the quotation from CPM playgrounds for the repair of the Burma bridge and the Stepping Logs in the sum of £210 and £95 - a total of £305.

12.93 Wooden Climbing Frame

The wooden climbing frame had been removed because of safety issues. Adrian Waygood was thanked for removing this the day after the safety concern had been expressed.

Agreed to ask the Friends of Ardeley School what type of recreational equipment they might think appropriate for that position.

LUTON AIRPORT

12.94 Luton Airport Arrivals

Luton Airport had sent a response to the concern expressed about increase aircraft activity over Ardeley parish. The reply was noted but as it said there had been no change over the past year, then its veracity was questioned. Agreed to report any increased activity to Luton Airport.

WEBSITE

12.95 Parish Council website

It was agreed to let the website go live. The question of whether to put up Parish Council minutes before or after approval was discussed and agreed to put on the agenda of the next PC meeting. It was agreed to put insert a Google map (the cost would be £10).

NEW STANDARDS REGIME

12.96 Standing Orders

Clerk to suggest appropriate standing orders, based on the model standing orders now issued, and bring to next meeting.

CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

12.97 Before the meeting and noted.

Of particular reference was the request from the Community Safety Partnership to promote a short presentation by members of the partnership to parishioners. The presentation is part of a promotional campaign to generate a feel-good factor for those living and working in the district of East Herts. The district Councillor suggested that this presentation would be best introduced and lead by a parish councillor. The emphasis is on highlighting the many positive facts about the area which often go unreported. After a full discussion it was agreed that Cllr Egginton would approach the Leisure Club and the WI to see if a presentation could be combined with one of their meetings.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21 January at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed _____

Date _____