**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE GUILD HALL, ASTON CANTLOW**

**ON THURSDAY 11th MAY 2017 – NO. 89.**

1. **Record of Members Present:**

Cllr. Harvey, Cllr. Wallis, Cllr. Berry, Cllr. FitzGibbon.

**2. Apologies:**

There were no apologies.

**3. Written requests for Disclosable Pecuniary Interests where that interest is not already in the register of members’ interests:**

 No requests were received.

**4. Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting and ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 12th April 2017.**

These were approved by all Cllrs. and signed by the Chairman.

**5. Public Participation:**

No members of the public were in attendance.

 The Clerk had received a telephone call from Mr. Evans asking for his thanks to be passed to Cllr. Berry for clearing and tidying up the debris he reported around the bench.

**6**. **County and District Cllrs. reports for information only.**

 A final report was received from County Cllr. Horner and is attached

 on page 7.

 Cllr. Gittus explained that the Council is still in a moratorium period awaiting the upcoming general election. He is no longer a County Cllr. for Alcester Division and has been replaced by Mark Cargill. The new County Cllr. for Studley Division is Liberal Democrat Clive Rickhards.

 Cllr. Gittus had been attending a Conservative Group meeting and Chris Saint had been voted in to remain leader of the Council.

**7. Planning matters – update on current planning applications:**

*Planning Application No. 17/00610/COUQ* Barn, Salters Lane, Aston Cantlow: Prior approval notification for the proposed change of use of agricultural building to 1 dwellinghouse, associated curtilage and building operations (Class Qa and Qb). Prior approval granted.

*Planning Application No. 17/00900/TREE* 6-8 Brook Road, Aston Cantlow: Poplar tree reduce by approximately 30% to height of 20-30ft. Tree works approved.

3 Holyoake Cottage, Little Alne: Awaiting a response from the Planning Enforcement Officer.

**8. Progress Report for information only:**

Orbit footpath to the rear of the Social Club: Concerns about lack of general maintenance reported by Mr. Anslow at the Annual Parish meeting. The Clerk had eventually made contact with a member of the Estates Division and is awaiting a return call from them.

 If they continue to dispute ownership of this footpath Cllr. Harvey suggested that Mr. Anslow is asked to make direct contact with the parties concerned, Orbit Heart of England and Stratford District Council as it is not a dispute that can be settled by the Parish Council.

 Mr. Anslow had also expressed concern about the number and speed of tractors passing through the village. It had been suggested that a number of these are travelling between Cadle Pool Farm along the Ridgeway and Pools Barn Farm in Little Alne. Cllr. Berry made contact with Mr. Turney who said he is aware of concerns in the parish and people’s perception of speeding. He explained that his tractors have speed limiters fitted restricting them to 30mph. Adams Transport also visit the farms regularly and he will ask them to ensure they keep to 30mph and in the busy season share journeys such that some come through Little Alne and other through Great Alne.

 Mill Lane: Mr. Knott expressed concerns about the width of this road due to encroaching verges and hedgerows between Brook Road and Island Meadow. Mr. Brown, Warwickshire County Council Communities, advised that there is no legal limit of a road width and in this instance they have inherited this layout. Currently the full width of the road is available and is more than wide enough to allow one-way traffic only with room. Hedgerows are privately owned and they are unable to influence how owners should keep their boundaries looking. Mr. Brown will write to these owners to advice of the concerns raised. In the meantime the verges along Mill Lane are due to have a swathe cut in the next few weeks and this will include embankments.

**9. Correspondence received:**

- Temporary road closure of Salters Lane, Aston Cantlow 15th – 19th May nightly.

 - Nationwide event to find Britain’s Best Village.

 - Code of Conduct Review timetable.

 - WRCC notification of a small amount of funding for printing of Parish Plans.

 - Temporary road closure of Salters Lane 12th June – 21st July from the entrance to Silesbourne Farm to the entrance to Wheathill Farm.

 - Insurance renewal documents providing quotations from three companies. It was agreed by all to renew with Ecclesiastical our current policy provider.

**10. Parish Plan status:**

 After some difficulties due to the size of the file Matthew Neal has now confirmed receipt of the pdf version of the Plan apart from two maps which will be forwarded to him separately.

 Sarah Brooke-Taylor from WRCC has advised Ms. Edkins that they have a small pot of funding available to support parish plan groups and if we were to supply a quote they could look to assist with the cost of printing a copy of our plan to each household within the parish. Cllr. Harvey proposed accepting this offer and the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for printing and binding. Cllr. Berry seconded the proposal and all were in agreement.

 **11. Annual Accounts of Aston Cantlow Parish Council 2016/17:**

The Annual Governance Statement was approved by all and the Audit Commission Annual Return was duly signed by Cllr Harvey and the Responsible Financial Officer.

 The Income and Expenditure statements had been circulated prior to the meeting, were approved by all and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer. The accounting statement in the annual return was approved and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

**12. Parish Council events:**

Cllr. Wallis put forward various ideas for a Treasure Hunt and the suggested date is 17th June to coincide with the Great Get Together in honour of Jo Cox. The Clerk had been made aware that various events have been planned for that date already and it was recommended that Cllr. Wallis contacts Sue Kershaw for information about these events before making any further plans.

**13. Millenium Plaque status:**

 Two excellent references had been received and it was proposed by Cllr. Harvey that the Clerk accept Mr. Watt’s quotation number 0804 of £1,440.00 to refurbish the stand and relocate it across the road on the green to the left hand side of the public house. Seconded by Cllr. Berry and agreed by all.

**14. Lengthsman scheme:**

Riaan Koelman’s training is due to take place tomorrow so Cllr. Berry will get in touch with him next week to discuss priorities.

**15. Defibrillator progress report:**

Unfortunately it hasn’t been possible to arrange a site meeting with a representative of the Community Heartbeat Trust prior to submitting a planning application for change of use. They do provide a list of recommended defibrillators and Cllr. Berry will chose one and place an order accordingly. The Clerk reminded Cllr. Berry that we are required to provide proof of purchase to WCC by the end of this month.

**16. Website:**

Cllr. FitzGibbon has had a meeting with David Hannaford who is quite happy to continue adding information to the website. Updating and modernising the site will have to be carried out by SDC and Cllr. Fitzgibbon has discovered that Sam Hamilton who was directly involved with setting up this site had long since left SDC. The Clerk suggested she contacts James Cushing.

**17. Payment of outstanding invoices:**

 SDC website hosting £ 308.04 (200481)

 Cheque to BT cancelled - (200482)

 Mrs. G. Comfort (Internal Audit) 75.00 (200283)

 Came & Co. Insurance 288.46 (200284)

**18. Councillor’s reports and items for the agenda for the next meeting:**

Cllr. Berry suggested that the two benches in the village could do with refurbishing. The Clerk will ask Mr. Watt if this is something he would undertake.

Items for the next agenda:

Draft Communications & Community Engagement Strategy

Lengthsman Scheme update

Defibrillator update

Website update

Parish Plan update

**18. Date of next meeting:**

8th June 2017.

No further business – Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

For information only

The following payments were made between meetings:

#  Aston Cantlow Village Hall £ 13.00 BACS payment

 WALC membership 156.60 BACS payment

 Aston Cantlow Village Hall 8.25 BACS payment

# County Councillor Report –2016/2017

An independent think tank, “What Works Centre for Wellbeing”, has placed Warwickshire in the top 5 out of 143 local authority areas of the most equal places for wellbeing in the country and Warwickshire County Council is one of the 'Top 100' Apprenticeship Employers in the country.

County Council Tax will increase by 1.99% for general purposes and 2% ring fenced for adult social care. Adult social care is often regarded as just care of the elderly. In fact nationally more than 40% of the adult social care budget is spent on adults aged between 18-64, with 35% being spent [on people with learning disabilities alone](http://www.publicsectorexecutive.com/Search/learning%20disabilities) and Warwickshire will spend

£1m more to extend the successful school safety zones programme, will maintain the Home to School Transport budget, continue investing in LED lighting and maintain the current level of fire cover so that no retained fire-fighter post will be lost. The £67 million reduction in annual Government grant by 2020 will be met by £62 million of annual savings and £5 million taken from accrued reserves. Warwickshire County Council will spend £152 million in each of the next four years each year on adult social care.

Growth in council tax from new housing development will be used to fund road improvement schemes that fall below regional level funding, priority road safety schemes across the County targeted at reducing the numbers killed or seriously injured, LED lighting, “extra care housing”. Warwick town centre will be given a traffic management makeover designed to reduce the serious levels of air pollution and the Warwick University/Stonelieigh junction on the A46 will be upgraded to manage the high volume of traffic going to Jaguar Landrover and the University.

Trading Standards team have continued to work against fraud and rogue trading throughout the year. Successes have been in Estate Agency, Illegal and dangerous cigarettes, faulty electrical goods and rogue insulation salesmen.

If you are worried about rogue traders Warwickshire Trading Standards has entered in to a new partnership with [No Rogue Traders Here](http://links.govdelivery.com/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTcwMTI2LjY5MTkwMTgxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE3MDEyNi42OTE5MDE4MSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE2ODk2MTU5JmVtYWlsaWQ9YW1hbmRhd2lsc29ucGF0dGVyc29uQHdhcndpY2tzaGlyZS5nb3YudWsmdXNlcmlkPWFtYW5kYXdpbHNvbnBhdHRlcnNvbkB3YXJ3aWNrc2hpcmUuZ292LnVrJnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mZXh0cmE9TXVsdGl2YXJpYXRlSWQ9JiYm&&&105&&&http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders) - an approved trader scheme. ‘No Rogue Traders Here’ puts customers in touch with traders who have been fully vetted. ‘No Rogue Traders Here’ vetted traders include: Builders – Roofers – Plumbers – Double Glazing – Central Heating & Boilers – Electricians – Carpenters – Decorators – Bathrooms – Kitchens – Driveways. They also have handymen who will carry out small jobs. To find out more and register, visit: https://www.noroguetradershere.com/ or phone 0800 233 5000.

The final event of the year was the County Council elections where due to boundary changes Aston Cantlow Division ceased to exist and the parishes being shared between four other divisions. I won Arden with 82% of the votes cast on a turnout of 35%. Mark Cargill won Alcester, Mike Brain won Bidford and Welford, Anne PARRY won Wellesbourne and Clive Rickards won Studley. The Conservatives took overall control with 36 out of 57 seats.

I have enjoyed my time representing Aston Cantlow and look forward to the new challenges Arden Division will bring.

John Horner