**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**ON THURSDAY 9th AUGUST 2018 – NO. 100.**

1. **Record of Members Present:**

Cllr. Harvey, Chairman, Cllr. Wallis, Cllr. FitzGibbon, Cllr. Berry and one member of the public.

Part meeting: County Cllr. Rickhards.

**2. Apologies:**

District Cllr. Gittus, Liz Butterworth, Clerk, due to date change.

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

 No requests had been received.

**4. Minutes of the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 14th June 2018:**

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

**5. Public Participation:**

The member of the public present was there only as an observer.

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

Cllr. Rickhards said it is fairly quiet at the County, but gave a number of local updates, including the road closure & public footpath adjustment (covered in section 8), as well as mentioning that the council continues to work on the E-road re-designation.

Cllr. Rickhards also reminded us that the deadline for a member’s grant was fast approaching, and any requests would need to be received by 31st August (5pm). To be considered it would need to benefit the community and serve a ‘good number’ of parishioners.

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

*18/00603/FUL* Badbury Hill Barn, Burford Lane, Shelfield Green: Erection of dwelling, garage and creation of vehicular access for an equestrian worker (Resubmission of 17/02467/FUL).

Amended plans submitted incorporating the garage into the dwelling:

Permission Granted.

*18/01009/FUL* Pools Barn Farm, Little Alne: Erection of a 6,000 Tonne (1,455 square metre) combinable crop store (extension to existing crop store) and associated hard standing, drainage lagoon and landscaping:
The application is going to committee on 15th August and it was agreed that Cllr. Harvey will represent the Parish Council objecting to the proposals.

*18/01512/FUL* 25 Chapel Lane, Aston Cantlow: Proposed single storey extension to replace existing conservatory:
Pending consideration.

**Consideration of Planning Application**

*18/01719/FUL* The Old School House, Church Lane, Aston Cantlow: Demolish late addition brick outbuilding solid fuel store and install PPG tank with associated works.

Cllr. FitzGibbon wondered if the PPG tank would easily be visible, but Cllr. Berry explained that the plans were for the tank to be buried in the ground.

It was agreed by all councillors that in principle there would be no objection to the proposal, however, Cllr. Berry explained that a comment had been left from the conservation officer on the SDC website. It explained that removal of the outbuilding would be harmful to the listed building’s significance.

It was therefore proposed by Cllr. Harvey that the council would object to the proposal based on this response.
Cllr. Berry seconded this, with all councillors in agreement.

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

The second bench has now been reinstated after refurbishment work was completed.

Several black and white marker posts have been replaced near to the Brook Road junction with Mill Lane.

Warwickshire County Council have explained that the verge adjacent to 6/7/8 Brook Road has now been hardened with a porous material allowing for the occasional overriding and flooding. They report that the area now appears in a safer condition and that they will arrange to monitor this situation.

Cllr. Berry explained that he will look into obtaining quotes for the phone box glass to be repaired since a panel has been broken/smashed.

Cllr. Berry also said that he has informed a committee member of Aston Cantlow Club of the broken sign/bollard. As it is on private land the Parish Council will not take any further action on this matter.

Parish Plan: Cllr. Harvey explained that she will look to make a plan for all councillors to help deliver a copy of the final Parish Plan to local residents during the month of August. This follows the successful grant application to have 300 copies printed.

**9. Correspondence:**

- Advance notification of the Alcester Seco 10k run on Sunday 7th October 2018.

- Closure of C39 Whitehouse Hill, Aston Cantlow 13th – 24th August to facilitate drainage works and remedial works to gabions.

- Councillor Briefings – Planning Consultation 9th or 23rd August.

- Family Fund Day flyer - 50th anniversary of the playground celebrations.

- Confirmation of Definitive Map Modification Order AL86.

- Notification of adoption of the Canal Quarter SPD.

The following were received after the agenda was circulated:

- Understanding and Responding to Planning Applications - training 15th September.

- Setting of local speed limits

- A letter from resident Mike Flood confirming that the river clearance has been completed on the Alne by the environment agency, which should help increase wildlife levels in future months/years

- 3rd Tier Highway Event - Parking 6th September – Cllr. Berry expressed an interest in attending this event.

- Planning training is being provided once more on 15th September

 **10. Aston Cantlow Playground – to consider proposal and quotation for fitness equipment**

Cllr. Harvey reminded the councillors that the Parish Plan had identified a desire from residents for additional leisure activities to be provided within the parish. As part of this, the Village Hall committee have explored the potential for some adult/teenage equipment to be installed in the playground.

The proposal was for a parish council donation to cover the costs of purchase & installation of flooring, a self-weighted rower, and a leg lift station. The total cost would be £3.5k.

Cllr. Berry explained that if this were successful, then it would be a good idea to monitor the usage of the equipment, post implementation, to see if further equipment like this would be beneficial in the future.

Cllr. Harvey explained that a ROSPA inspection on the existing playground equipment is planned for September, and that this would highlight if any of the existing equipment would need fixing. It was agreed by all councillors that this should be the priority ahead of fitting any further equipment.

Cllr. Berry therefore proposed the council supported a donation for the full amount, subject to the ROSPA recommendations (if any) being actioned within 6 months by the Village Hall.
Cllr. FitzGibbon seconded this, with Cllr. Harvey & Wallis in agreement.

**11. Traffic speeds through Little Alne**

Cllr. FitzGibbon discussed the current speed limit being too fast for the vehicles using the road and the type of housing within Little Alne. Residents had raised this as an issue during a previous development application and it was felt that it needed to be investigated further.

Cllr. Harvey proposed that Cllr. FitzGibbon completed a draft email in time for the next meeting, so that it can be shared with the public/councillors at that meeting, before being forwarded on to Highways.
Cllr. Berry seconded this, with Cllr. Wallis in agreement.

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

 Following on from a Village hall committee, Cllr. Harvey asked Cllr. Wallis to record the current itinerary relating to the emergency equipment located in the village hall that is owned by the Parish council.

**13. Date of next meeting:** 13th September 2018.

 No further business – Cllr. Harvey closed the meeting at 21.20 p.m.

For information only.

The following payments were made between meetings:

Aston Cantlow Village Hall £11.00 BACS

Aston Cantlow Village Hall 6.50 BACS

Aston Cantlow Village Hall 11.00 BACS

D.G. Watt (Bench refurbishment) 480.00 BACS

HMRC (PAYE) 207.00 BACS

PSW Paper & Print (Parish Plan) 1,160.00 BACS