**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**ON THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2019 – NO. 103.**

1. **Record of Members Present:**

Cllr. Harvey, Chairman, Cllr. Wallis, Cllr. Berry, Cllr. FitzGibbon and five members of the public.

**2. Apologies:**

District Cllr. Gittus who is abroad and County Cllr. Rickhards due to a prior commitment.

**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 15th**

**November 2018.**

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

5. **Public Participation:**

Two residents of Chapel Lane reported having received notification from Western Power of works to the electricity network in Chapel Lane apparently to include moving the pole from land adjacent to No. 1 Sunnyside. The Parish Council has not been notified of this proposed work and the Chairman recommended that the residents make direct contact with Western Power to raise any concerns they may have.

Queries were raised by a resident about whether planning permission had been obtained for re-building the brick wall that runs at right angles to the wall that is currently the subject of planning application No.18/02807/LBC. There is no information on the SDC website relating to this and it was suggested the resident contacts the planning officer direct.

The two other members of the public were two of the Trustees of the Village Hall who were attending in relation to agenda item No. 12.

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

County Cllr. Rickhards reported as follows:

The 2019/20 budget is about to be determined.

The main areas of pressure will be Children and Adult Social care, Infrastructure and Waste/Environment.

The main thing Cllr. Rickhards wanted to draw our attention to is the

proposed removal of the second pump and the Retained crew at

Stratford Fire Station. Consequences are:

1 One pump at Stratford providing 24 hour cover

2 No longer a supporting pump based at Stratford

3 Next supporting pump arrives in 14 minutes

Alcester Day Crew system remains as at present but it often supports Shipston.

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

*18/02302/FUL Land adjacent to 1 Sunnyside, Aston Cantlow* - Erection of new dwelling to the side (West) of 1 Sunnyside. Application refused.

*18/01821/FUL Ardencote Farm, Shelfield Green* – Erection of indoor horse training arena. Permission granted.

*18/02801/FUL* and *18/02807/LBC Cantella Farm, Bearley Road, Aston Cantlow:* Removal and replacement of existing brick boundary wall.

Pending consideration.

Since submitting our response comments had been posted on the SDC website from the Conservation Officer. These were considered and it was proposed by Cllr. Berry that no further comments were required, seconded by Cllr. Harvey and all in agreement.

The following applications were received after the agenda had been circulated:

*18/02874/FUL and 18/02875/LBC Shelfield Park Farm, Burford Lane, Shelfield:* Proposed conversion of existing garage to habitable space, replacement doors and windows and minor alterations.

After consideration, Cllr. Harvey proposed supporting the applications as there would be no impact on the street scene or neighbouring properties and with the proviso that recommendations in the bat and bird survey are adhered to.

*18/03797/FUL and 18/03798/LBC The Cart Hovel, Glebe Farm, Aston Cantlow:* Retention of roof lights and satellite dish together with minor internal alterations to enable use of loft space as additional residential accommodation.

The majority opinion was that the windows, although slightly larger than they should be, are not intrusive and were in the property when it was purchased by the current owners. As there is very little option for residents in this barn group to be able to get internet or cable TV the view of the Parish Council is that a satellite dish is better than a large aerial. A vote was taken and the result was a majority of three recommending grant and one recommending defer to the Conservation Officer.

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

The Clerk has made arrangements for the Brook Road ditch to be cleared as soon as possible, possibly within the next couple of weeks.

**9. Correspondence:**

- Information sheet regarding grievances against Parish & Town

Councillors.

- Police Precept consultation.

- Notification that SDC is committed to assisting the provision of

fast broadband connectivity for our communities.

- Temporary closure of D5339, Shelfield Green Lane its junction

with Burford Lane 10th to 16th January 2019 for drainage works.

- Temporary road closure Mill Lane 13th to 27th December –

Sewerage leak. This is the third sewerage leak in Mill Lane

within a few weeks and appears to be due to unsatisfactory old

pipework. The Chairman will draft a letter to Severn Trent

Water requesting that the pipework in Mill Lane be renewed and made fit

for purpose.

- Reassurance provided that local policing will be unaffected by

alliance changes.

- Christmas information received from Information Commissioners

Office.

- Notification of new pay scales for Clerks and other employees

due to the introduction of the National living wage.

After the agenda was circulated the following were received:

- Details of S137 expenditure for 2019/20 received. The appropriate sum

for the parish council to grant is £3,272.00 in total.

- Notification of a Public Consultation from the Heart of England Forest to invite members of the public to attend an informal walk with the opportunity to discuss the future plans for land recently acquired by the charity south of Newnham village between Aston Cantlow and Wilmcote.

- Election timetable: Nomination papers will be available from the Clerk. Notice of election will be published on 19th March 2019 and completed papers can be received on or after that date. The deadline for returning completed papers to the Clerk will be 27th March 2019 to meet the final deadline for the Returning Officer of 4.00 p.m. on 3rd April 2019.

**10. Draft Precept 2019/2020:**

Cllr. Berry had prepared a draft budget for Councillors to consider and this met with the approval of all Councillors. Cllr. Harvey proposed that our Precept request for 2019/20 should remain as per the current year at £9,400.00. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. FitzGibbon and agreed by all.

Confirmation had been received from SDC that a Council Tax Reduction Grant will be paid to Town and Parish Councils along with the Precept payment. The Grant figure for Aston Cantlow Parish Council is £50.00 thus making the actual Precept request £9,350.00.

**11. Traffic speeds through Little Alne:**

Cllr FitzGibbon had been in contact with County Cllr. Rickhards regarding concerns about the excessive speed of traffic through Little Alne and enquiring whether it would be possible for him to allocate some funding towards the necessary investigations. Cllr. Rickhards has expressed the view that this is a meritorious scheme in relation to his delegated budget for Traffic, signage etc.

However it would have to be considered in the new financial year.

Cllr. FitzGibbon was disappointed that it would have to wait until the new financial year and it was agreed that she should follow this up for clarification with Cllr. Rickhards.

**12. Aston Cantlow Playground update.**

Four quotations had been provided for the nearest equivalent two items to the ones the Trustees wish to purchase. Mr. Hannaford also advised that, with respect to the repairs recommended in the annual inspection report, all of the items are now either fully addressed or are currently being addressed and just waiting for parts or installation.

The quotation figures ranged from £2,510.00 to £7,350.00 nett.

The quotation from FreshairFitness was for the equipment preferred by the Trustees and, although not all items from the inspection report have been fully completed, as previously requested, they are progressing, Cllr Harvey proposed that this quotation for £2,925.85 plus VAT should be accepted.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Berry and agreed by all.

Mr. Hannaford was asked to provide the original quote and information to the Clerk to enable her to order the equipment and pay the relevant invoices as and when necessary on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Cllr. Harvey had been approached by a Ms Mainwaring from Great Alne who expressed an interest in joining both Aston Cantlow and Great Alne Parish Councils. The Clerk was asked to invite her to our next meeting in February for Councillors to meet her and with a view to being co-opted.

Agenda items: Sarah Brooke-Taylor, WRCC to discuss undertaking a

housing needs survey.

**13. Date of next meeting:** 14th February 2019.

No further business – Cllr. Harvey closed the meeting at 8.40 p.m.

For information only.

The following payment was made between meetings:

HMRC 210.40 BACS