**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN ASTON CANTLOW VILLAGE HALL ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2023 No. 128**

**1. Present:**

Cllr. Nicholson,Chair, Cllr Haycock, Cllr Holmes Parish and District Cllr, and four members of the public.

**2. Apologies:**

 Cllr Peacey due to illness and Cllr Edwards who was out of the country – Approved. County Cllr Kerridge also sent his apologies.

**3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda:**

 Cllr Nicholson declared an interest in any matters concerning the village hall.

 **4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th**

 **July 2023.**

 The minutes were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

 **5. Public participation:**

Mr. Hayden was attending to put forward his proposal for the provision of a defibrillator in Little Alne as the current nearest one is situated in Aston Cantlow. He has carried out thorough investigations and having contacted the British Heart Foundation advised that an approximate cost would be £2,249.00 plus installation, cost currently unknown. It was agreed the Parish Council would cover the cost providing it was close to the above quote. Mr. Gaydon will do the organising and the only question was would we prefer a locked or unlocked cabinet. Cllrs agreed on an unlocked one. The Clerk recommended asking the Henley 1st Responders to provide a training session in the use of the equipment for residents.

**6. Mill Lane traffic safety provisions:**

 Cllr Haycock, County Cllr. Kerridge and the Clerk attended a meeting with members of the County Council Traffic and Safety Department. The advice received was to have two ‘road narrow’ signs near to the Caravan Park and slow markings painted on the road. The Councillors were in full agreement with these recommendations and the Clerk will now request an estimate for the works from County Highways. Cllr Kerridge offered to assist with the cost.

**7.** **Community Speedwatch/Traffic calming:**

At the same meeting as above the advisory was to have more 30mph repeater signs, and 30mph roundels, within the 30mph limit along the B4089 in Little Alne approaching from the Great Alne direction. Cllr Kerridge also offered to match fund with the cost of this work.

Councillors agreed to these recommendations and also suggested re-considering gateways at the approach from Great Alne. The Clerk was asked to obtain estimates from County Highways Dept. for the proposals

The members of the Speedwatch Team were disappointed with the result of the meeting with the Traffic and Safety Team. Mrs. Walker had been advised to contact PC Dumbleton, Police Traffic Management Advisor who is based in Rugby. No contact had been made and the Clerk was asked to take this forward.

 **8. County & District Councillor reports:**

 **District Councillor Holmes gave a brief report and agreed to provide a written copy to the Clerk.**

 County Cllr. Kerridge provided the following Report:

 Agreement to match fund Parish Council contributions towards applications from the Tennis Club for lighting and the village hall for curtains from the Councillor Grant Fund, plus match funding Parish Council contributions towards road improvements in Mill Lane and Little Alne from the Councillor delegated budget.

 Cllr Kerridge is very keen to promote disabled access in the country side and am funding several projects to allow trampers (off-road disability scooters) access to public rights of way. It was a shame that a recent repair to a field access was not able to be made disabled accessible, but it is always down to the land owner to allow this.  I do have funds (councillor delegated budget) available to install these gates if landowners can be persuaded and the possibility arises in future.

 **9. Planning application update:**

The only update currently is thatThe Grainstore in Wilmcote Lane has been granted permission for change of use.

 Cllr Nicholson, Chairman, asked for it to be minuted that she would like everyone to do their utmost to respond to the Clerk’s requests for comments on planning applications please. On one occasion recently a ‘No representation’ response had to be returned due to lack of Councillor comments within the given time to respond and

 Councillor Nicholson feels this is letting down the community.

 **10. Request for dog bin by the stile adjacent to the river bridge:**

 The damaged stile has now been replaced.

 Councillors agreed to the purchase of a dog bin providing it can withstand floods. The Clerk will make enquiries to see if we can have one on a post.

**11. Request for a horse gate at the entrance to the bridleway from**

 **Bearley Road to Newnham.**

 The land here belongs to the Suffield family and the Clerk was asked to make contact with them to ascertain if they would be prepared to have a horse gate installed.

**12a.Aston Cantlow Tennis Club request for contribution towards the**

 **cost of portable lights:**

Cllr Holmes voted a figure of £900.00 be provided for the project, seconded by Cllr. Haycock and agreed by all. This will be match funded by County Cllr Kerridge.

**12b.Aston Cantlow Village Hall request for a contribution towards the**

 **cost of new curtains:**

County Cllr Kerridge has agreed to match fund whatever contribution the Parish Council make up to £500.00. With Cllr. Nicholson having declared an interest the members were not quorate. The Clerk has informed Mr. Aldridge that this will be considered at the November meeting.

**13. Request from owner of Home Farm to have the bin moved**

 **across the road:**

After due consideration it was agreed that the public litter bin should remain where it is, if it is on highway land, for the convenience of the many dog walkers and pedestrians using that footpath. It has been there for many years and across the road by a bench would not really be very acceptable, plus there is a dog bin by the notice board at the corner of the Club car park. There would be no objection to the two red posts being removed. The Clerk will check on the ownership of the land.

**14. Review/Update of Parish Council Website:**

In principle it was agreed that the website could do with being re-designed to make it look more modern. Cllr Nicholson would be happy to discuss the possibilities with the Website Development Officer at SDC to start the process and would welcome any suggestions/comments

 from all members.

**15. Update on matters since the previous meeting:**

* The Clerk has been notified of new security measures for the village hall, including a new access code.
* Confirmation received from WRCC that letters have been written to Landowners as agreed, and we will be advised of any responses received.

 **16. Items for consideration at the next meeting:**

 Asset Register

 Review/update of Website

 Traffic and safety items

 Defibrillator for Little Alne

 **17. Date of next meeting:** 9th November 2023

 No further business, meeting closed at 9.15 pm