

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Avon Dassett Parish Council

Monday 1st June 2015

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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1. APOLOGIES (with acceptance of apologies): Bart Dala-Mura

Present: Trevor Gill, Mike Blakeman, Alastair Whetstone, Martyn Heard, Darrell Muffitt, Clerk (Helen Hide-Wright), Councillor Chris Williams.

Members of the Public: Nick Paxton.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

3. CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The minutes were unanimously accepted and signed and dated by Trevor Gill. Proposed: Trevor Gill, seconded: Mike Blakeman.

4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

Community

a) **Burial Ground:** Alastair Whetstone confirmed that he can open up the area for the History Group visit. Security for the area is fine.

b) **Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch:** Trevor had nothing to report

c) **Playground** (including monthly check): Trevor Gill confirmed that the area is fine. A new picnic bench has been installed by Trevor Gill.

d) **Superfast Broadband:** Councillor Williams confirmed that Avon Dassett is likely to get the service in July 2016.

e) **Post Office:** Trevor Gill confirmed that there was nothing to report

f) **The Avon Pub:** Trevor Gill confirmed that he had received an new Application For Funding form from the Plunkett Foundation and was seeking approval from the meeting to take the matter further. A draft of this document has been circulated prior to the meeting and the meeting approved the document and agreed that it could be submitted. Proposed: Trevor Gill, Seconded: Alastair Whetstone, unanimous.

Darrell Muffitt asked if The Plunkett Foundation would fund a survey. Trevor Gill said that they would not, but that they would provide funding for assistance with the Business Case and Share Prospectus.

Councillor Williams confirmed that the listing as an Asset of Community Value only covers the public rooms within the public house.

Roads: Traffic, Roads and Drains: Trevor Gill has been communicating with Matt Austin to discuss the repair of the verges.

Trevor Gill asked Councillor Williams who owns the land with the rotten tree at the Arlescote road junction. The Clerk had contacted the Diocese who had stated that the land is not theirs. Chris Williams stated that it is owned by Avon Dassett and Fenny Compton PCC. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Fenny Compton PCC.**

A grit bin is needed close to the playground as the existing one is in poor repair.

Proposed: Trevor Gill, seconded: Darrell Muffitt. **ACTION: Trevor Gill will order and install a green grit bin, the details of which were previously circulated.**

Trevor Gill asked if the road would be swept prior to the Soap Box Derby and Chris Williams confirmed that this was in hand.

Trevor Gill confirmed that Western Power has given a verbal assurance that the road will be resurfaced prior to the 20th June 2015.

Environment/Maintenance

g) Green areas – including flowers for tubs. Trevor Gill thanked Alastair Whetstone for organising the flower tubs. Thanks were expressed to everyone for their help in installing the tubs. Mike Blakeman commented that communications with the village may benefit from a review as people were not aware of what was happening. The Parish Council recognises that there was a failing in communicating the recent flower tubs project to the village and looking at how to improve communication to the residents. After discussion it was decided that Darrell Muffitt will liaise with the Compton Chronicle regarding highlighting initiatives/key issues. The Parish Council will also consider email communications. The Parish Council thanked Dave Hicks for all of his work on the project. In the Autumn Dave Hicks will be asked to plant winter plants and to lift those that can be over wintered.

Trevor Gill confirmed that the tubs and picnic bench need to go onto the fixed assets register.

h) Condition of verges: Previously discussed.

i) Reading Room maintenance: Martyn Heard confirmed that there was nothing to report. He has received the quotations for the replacement of the windows but these are now out of date and they need updating. **Action: Martyn Heard to obtain updated quotations for work on the Reading Room.**

Communication/Administration

j) Administration: Authorisation was sought and received for invoice for the street lighting in the village to be paid by direct debit. Trevor Gill stated that it needs to be established if the DD is limited in order that an excessive sum does not go out. **ACTION: Clerk to check on detail of the DD in place for streetlight electricity costs.**

6. COUNCIL REPORTS: Bart Dala-Mura had previously given his apologies and did not have a report to submit to the meeting.

Councillor Chris Williams: As a result of the Election there is an appetite for devolution. Greater Manchester is being offered the lead and Birmingham is lobbying for a "Greater Birmingham Authority" to embrace not only Birmingham and the surrounding Metropolitan areas but Solihull, Coventry and Warwickshire as well. I believe that the only sensible option is a Coventry Warwickshire (and possibly Solihull) Authority of just over one million people. However, before Warwickshire can agree to any thing the Districts and Boroughs have to agree and if we want to avoid an extra tier of government Unitary status must be an option.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Paper copies circulated at meeting. Electronic mail circulated prior to meeting.

Trevor Gill read an email from Sarah Richardson regarding two issues:

1. Internet speeds. Trevor Gill stated that this was his understanding of the speed and apologised if he misunderstood the situation.
2. Martyn Heard's details for the website: Martyn is working to resolve this.

8. PLANNING (Declarations of interests):

Alastair Whetstone declared an interest and stepped out of the discussions.

15/01526/FUL Land Adjacent To Lime Cottage, Church Hill, Avon Dassett, Warwickshire CV47 2AE. Construction of one dwelling with detached garage and associated works for Mr N Paxton.

Mike Blakeman summarised the position for the meeting.

Nick Paxton stated that he is trying to improve the landscape.

Nick Paxton left the meeting. The Parish Council discussed the application and made its deliberations. The comment for submission was: Object for the following reasons:

The application site lies within an area identified as the Ironstone Hill Fringe as defined within the Special Landscape Area Study undertaken in 2012 by Stratford-on-Avon District Council and is therefore designated as a "Special Landscape Area" within the emerging Local Plan. The proposal represents an unacceptable development within a rural setting and would infringe on the "Special Landscape Area" as designated within the emerging Local Plan and the Avon Dassett Village Plan 2007. Policy AS 15 confirms that a single dwelling in open countryside which is of exceptional design and makes a positive contribution to the character of the local area would be acceptable in principle. The Parish Council believe that the proposal is not an exceptional design and would not make a positive contribution to the character of the local area.

Within the Special Landscape Area Study undertaken in 2012 there are recommendations regarding the management of the area to maintain and enhance its key qualities including:

- *Conserve the remote and tranquil character of the landscape by limiting development*
- *Conserve settlement character by restricting development to that which reflects the style, scale, pattern and materials*

The Parish council do not believe that the proposed development meets either of these recommendations

The Parish Council believes that Policy AS.10 within the Emerging Core Strategy is relevant and Policy AS.10 Countryside and Villages states, amongst other things, that proposals should "minimise impact on the character of the local landscape, communities and environmental features" The Parish Council believes that the large unsympathetically designed dwelling and timber garage block envisaged by the proposal would have a detrimental impact on the character of the local landscape and is an inappropriate form of development within the rural setting.

Avon Dassett is not a defined LSV and the proposed development lies well outside Fenny Compton which is a LSV. CS 15 Also states in regards to "All Other Settlements - Development is restricted to small scale community-led schemes which meets a need identified by the local community". The Parish Council considers that the development is not located and designed so that it contributes towards the maintenance of a sustainable community as envisaged under Policy CS.1 of the emerging Local Plan.

15/01564/FUL The Limes, Mr John Anderson. The comment for submission: No representation.

15/01831/LBC The Limes, Mr John Anderson. The comment for submission: No Representation.

9. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Accounts for Payment

- To approve the following accounts for payment

Balance at close of business 31.5.15

Current Account	£ 6,001.02
Savings Account	£ 8,751.38*

* This figure represents ring fenced funds for ADPC plus any interest received into the account.

Bank Transactions

<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Chq/SO/DD</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
5 May	N Power	DD		76.00
14 May	N Power	DD		20.71
19 May	1318			19.50
19 May	1317			5.61
20 May	Dep	N Power Refund	326.23	
21 May	1319			20.71
21 May	1321			60.00
26 May	1322			246.00
27 May	N Power	DD		574.20

<u>Deposit Account</u>		<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>
11.5.15	Interest	0.37	

<u>Cheques issued from mtg</u>		<u>Cheque No</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.6.15	A. Whetstone	1323	35.70
1.6.15	A. Whetstone	1324	718.82
1.6.15	A Whetstone	1325	196.98
1.6.15	A. Whetstone	1326	4.98
1.6.15	T. Gill	1327	165.00
1.6.15	H hide-Wright	1328	24.83
Total Cheques			1,146.31

Notes: Current account includes first part of precept payment 2015/16.

New Balances for Ring Fenced Funds:

Neighbourhood Watch	£ 185.00
St John's Steps appeal Funds	£ 359.13
Community Grant Fund (Laptop)	£ 6.88
Interest Received	£ 0.37
Play area lease grant from AD Fete Committee	£ 200.00
Tubs (From Fete Committee)	£ 500.00
RR Maintenance (From Fete Committee)	£ 500.00
Ring fenced RR Maintenance	£ 5,000.00
Ring fenced Parish Plan/RR Refurbishment	£ 2,000.00
 Total	 £ 8,751.38

Trevor Gill requested that the Clerk transfer £500 from ring fenced funds (AD Fete Committee donation) to the current account to pay for some of the tubs.

10. MEMBER REPORTS: Nothing to report. Trevor circulated the bank mandate for signatures. Trevor Gill took the form to post to the bank.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: 6th July, 10th Aug (date change), 7th Sept, 5th Oct, 2nd Nov, 7th Dec.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.