Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 2nd June 2014

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm

The Parish Council held a minutes silence in memory of Chris Campbell who died suddenly on Friday 30th May 2014.

The Parish Council decided to send a wreath to the funeral or make a donation to the value of £50.00, in accordance with the families wishes, in memory of Chris Campbell and noted the work he had undertaken for the village whilst on the Parish Council.

1. **APOLOGIES**: None

   Present: David, Alastair, Trevor Clerk

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

3. **CONFIRM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**: the minutes were accepted and signed and dated by David Hutt.

4. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**: None

5. **MATTERS ARISING**:

Community

a) **Community Policing/Neighbourhood Watch**: Nothing to report. David Hutt had received a note from Lily Hope Frost some time ago which outlined thefts from allotment sheds. People are encouraged to secure such buildings.

b) **Playground**: Trevor confirmed that the play area was in good condition. However he had received a report from members of the public who had expressed concerned that someone had dumped some soil in the area. People should be aware that this is not an area for the disposal of materials and should not be repeated.

c) **Superfast Broadband**: Nothing to report

d) **Post Office**: Nothing to report

e) **Emergency Plan**: Trevor has added some further details to the plan and had notified the Parish Council of the changes.

Roads

Traffic, Roads and Drains

- **Water flowing onto road close to St John's Church**: Trevor Gill said that WCC was committed to resolve the situation before the Soap Box Derby. The Parish Council understands that a road closure order has been lodged for the Soap Box Derby and residents should be alerted to the fact that the road will be closed on the 14th June 2014.

- **Road between Avon Dasssett and Farnborough**: A member of the public had reported carriage way issues. Trevor has contacted the Clerk to Farnborough PCC with a view to both parish councils working on the matter. Upon inspection of the area WCC had classified the defects as fraying of the road edge rather than potholes which occur on the carriage way itself. Later in the meeting Councillor Williams confirmed that this was the case.

- **Speed Reduction Scheme**: Details have been received, including a map outlining the change in location of the speed limit signs. The relocation of the speed limit sign was discussed with Councillor Williams who undertook to give ADPC's feedback to WCC on the proposal.

Environment/Maintenance

f) Green areas: Nothing to report.

f) **Reading Room Maintenance**: The storage heaters have been removed from the Reading Room and the facility has been cleaned thoroughly. Thanks were expressed to Trevor Gill for organising and carrying out these actions.

Trevor Gill has developed a list of jobs that need attention in the RR including consideration of replacement window as some of the frames are rotten. The Parish Council will consider the list and decide which items need to be actioned and factor them into the budget.

Communication/Administration

h) Update/Review of internal Regulations and documents: Various documents had been updated and circulated prior to the meeting. They were discussed within the meeting and the following updated documents were unanimously accepted by the Parish Council. (Proposed: Trevor Gill, Seconded: David Hutt.)

- Risk Assessment
- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Banking Standing Orders were confirmed by the Clerk and it was decided to keep them as they are.

The Burial Ground will be discussed at the July meeting as requested by Ray Randerson the cemetery warden.

6. **COUNCIL REPORTS**: Councillor Chris Williams.

This is a relatively quiet period for both the County and District Councils other than the District Council elections and with little happening that would have a direct impact upon Avon Dassett. Both councils have already been preparing their strategies for the financial implications of the restrictions placed upon the operation of all the services offered by the County and District Councils.

Election Results – Stratford District Council recently had elections for approximately one-third of the Council, that is 18 members. The Conservative Group gained five new seats on the council and the LibDems lost 2 seats, the Independents lost 3. The new make-up of the District Council is now:

Conservatives	35
Lib Dems	12
Labour	1
Independent	4
Vacant	1

A further local election is due to be held in Southam on 19th May 2014 to fill the Vacant seat.

At the same time Euro Elections were held in the West Midlands, of which Stratford is part. The only changes in the make-up of the West Midlands is that the LibDems and Labour Party lost one seat each and UKip Party gained 2.

Highway Matters - The proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit in Avon Dassett has now been agreed. Currently, the 30mph limits starts half way up the hill. The proposal is to extend this to a point in close proximity to the entrance to the Cemetery. It is proposed to erect a gateway sign which clearly identifies the speed limit restrictions appropriate for the village. Signage is also to be erected close to the entrance to Avon Carrow on the road to Farnborough and on the entrance to the village from the B4100 after crossing the motorway. It is hoped that, subject to approval by the Parish Council, that these new limits could be implemented within the next ten weeks.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Paper copies circulated at meeting. The list was circulated at the meeting.

8. **PLANNING**: Notice of Decision 14/00521/FUL Rupert Forsythe, Knights Farm: Permission with Conditions.

9. **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Balance at close of business 31/5/14

Current Account	£9,427.03
Savings Account	£ 749.40 *

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

Bank Transactions

Current Account		**Chq/SO/DD**	**In**	**Out**
6 May	N Power	DD		47.00
15 May		1279		18.29
20 May		1277		60.00
21 May		1278		341.00
22 May		1275		17.12
22 May		1276		510.07
27 May	Douglas Tonks	DD		214.06

Deposit Account		**In**	**Out**
9th May	Bank Interest	0.03	

Cheques issued from mtg		**Cheque No**	**Amount**
H. Hide-Wright	Clerk expenses	1281	20.64
Total Cheques			**20.64**

Notes: None to add

New Balances for Ring Fenced Funds:

Neighbourhood Watch	£	185.00
St John's Steps appeal Funds	**£**	**359.05**
Community Grant Fund (Laptop)	£	5.32
Interest Received	£	0.03
Play area lease grant from AD Fete Committee	£	200.00
Total	£	749.40

10. MEMBER REPORTS: None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS – 2014 dates: 7th Jul, 4th Aug, 1st Sept, 6th Oct, 3rd Nov, 1st Dec

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.