

**Draft Minutes for a meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on
Tuesday 1st April 2014 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon at 7.30pm.**

- Present:** Cllrs Newbery, Hartford, Clarke, Hughes, Diprose, Sell and Mernagh.
- In attendance:** Mrs Alison McGowan (clerk), Cllr Britton, PCSO Dutton, PCSO Gunn and 5 members of the public.
- Apologies:** Cllr Richardson.

The meeting opened at 7.32pm. Cllr Newbery welcomed everyone.

Members of the public

A couple raised concern regarding the increase of 19.8% in the precept for 2014/15 at a time of austerity. Cllr Newbery confirmed that funding from Wiltshire Council to the Parish Council has reduced this year and is likely to continue over the next few years. There are also a number of ongoing projects together with increasing responsibilities such as the bus shelters. She would be happy to discuss the budget in more detail with the residents at a separate meeting. There are currently two spaces available on the Parish Council for residents to join the Council and be involved in the budget setting process. Cllr Hughes pointed out that the budget has been considered very carefully. Cllr Diprose stated that the minutes from previous meetings outline the various projects that are discussed, which are also published in the Fountain and on the village website.

Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

PCSO Dutton reported that levels of crime are generally down and she is very happy with Alderbury. There have recently been three rural operations in the area which have been successful. Cllr Hughes raised an issue of vehicles parking on the hatched area in Firs Road. PC Clissold has made two suggestions for consideration under item 4167 on the agenda regarding a 20 mile an hour speed limit – Grimstead Road and Tunnel Hill. PCSO Dutton asked about the progress with the defibrillator. It was confirmed that some funding has been secured from the British Heart Foundation and that Cllrs would be considering a further grant application for the remaining amount to the Southern Area Board later in the meeting.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Britton

Unfortunately no one from Alderbury Parish Council was able to attend the May Southern Area Board meeting. Cllr Britton reported that a presentation was given by the Sainsbury's project team. A vote was taken at the end and those that attended were generally opposed to the proposed scheme due to concerns about Southampton Road.

A report was given by Inspector Noble regarding the police relocation to the Five Rivers Campus in Salisbury. Temporary arrangements have been made for a custody suite in Melksham. Inspector Noble will be moving on within the police force and will be replaced by Superintendent Charlie Armstrong. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the Campus project for the Southern Area Board area. Wiltshire Council has acknowledged the unique characteristics of the area which may require a new solution. A new board will be formed to move this project forward and an appeal for volunteers will be emailed soon. The project must be community led.

A youth consultation is also currently underway and a community based model is being considered where a community worker would work under the control of the local Area Board.

A presentation was made by British Telecom regarding the installation of superfast broadband, however no timescales were given for the village rollout.

A voting session was held on the results from the Joint strategic assessment workshop for the Southern Area Board that was held in February. The results will be announced, with youth projects again featuring highly.

4161. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.

Apologies were received from Cllr Richardson who was away on holiday. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the apology for the reason given.

4162. Declarations of Interest.

No declarations of interest were received.

4163. Chairs correspondence

A Community briefing event will be held by Wiltshire Council at the Tidworth Garrison Theatre on Thursday 1st May from 9.30am to 3.00pm. The event will focus on what is planned throughout Wiltshire during 2014 – 2018 to mark and commemorate the First World War.

St. Mary's Hall, Whaddon is 100 years old this year. A service followed by celebrations will be held at 10am on 16th April at the hall. Cllr Hartford confirmed that she will attend.

Cllr Newbery outlined that she had received some correspondence from Alderbury Bowling club. They are applying for a Sport England grant and Cllr Newbery confirmed that they had written to confirm their intention of applying to Alderbury Parish Council for a large sum of money towards funding for the Club house extension. Cllr Newbery had confirmed that the Council was unlikely to be able to support a large amount of money but may be able to consider a small amount.

4164. Exclusion of Press and Public

None.

4165. Council meeting minutes

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to agree the previously circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 5th March 2014 as a true record without amendment and these were signed by the Vice-chairman Cllr Hartford.

4166. Land Drainage Byelaws

Cllr Sell gave an overview of the key changes proposed. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to welcome the report and did not recommend any changes as part of the consultation process.

4167. 20 mile an hour speed limit policy review and items for the next CATG meeting

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to put forward the following three locations within Alderbury and Whaddon for consideration by the Southern Area Board for a 20 mile an hour speed limit:

- * Grimstead Road including Spiders Island
- * Firs Road
- * Lights Lane to Tunnel Hill

The clerk was requested to submit these to Tom Bray at Wiltshire council.

Action - clerk

4168. Nomination for the Kings Head, The Street, Whiteparish to be listed as an asset of community value.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to make no comment on the consultation.

4169. Installation of signs at either end of the Grimstead to Whaddon footpath

Alderbury Parish Council agreed with the suggestion by Grimstead Parish Council that signs should be put up at either end of the path so that people are aware of it. Cllrs agreed that the signs at either end should match and would prefer the signs to be rustic in appearance. The clerk was requested to liaise with the clerk for Grimstead Parish Council to ask that they request quotations and propose a solution to Alderbury Parish Council at a future meeting.

4170. Street Lighting

Residents have raised concern about street lights in Avon Drive, Southway and Canalside that appear to be on 24 hours a day. Some time ago the Parish Council decided that street lights need to be on, on street corners. Cllr Clarke was concerned that some of the lights in Avon Drive should stay on from a security point of view. Cllr Clarke agreed to count the number of street lights in Avon Drive and let the clerk know as it was agreed that every other light could be switched off if there are enough of them.

Action – cllr Clarke

The clerk was requested to contact Tom Bray. Budget may still be available from the Southern Area Board to install switches on selected street lights. **Action - clerk**

4171. Printer delivery and set up

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve a delivery and installation cost of £200 for the printer in the clerk's office. The printer has been donated to the Parish Council. **Action - clerk**

4172. To confirm the appointment of Mr David Webb as internal auditor for Alderbury Parish Council.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to appoint Mr David Webb as internal auditor. Mr Webb should be referred to as Dr David. J. Webb in future.

4173. Football Hut

Cllr Newbery and the clerk recently met with Martin Woodroffe and Mike Rooney. The Pratton Hut is currently in a very bad state of repair. Repairs are required to the roof of the hut. Alderbury Football club will be in the building for another two years until the new clubhouse is built. An annual tournament is coming up shortly which will be open to all youth in Alderbury, both girls and boys. About 18 months ago a lot of internal decoration was completed and in the last two years it was estimated that between £2,500 - £3,000 has been spent to keep it going.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to offer Alderbury Football the Pratton Hut for £1. If the football club purchase the Pratton Hut, Alderbury Parish Council will support the club with a grant to repair the roof. If Alderbury Football club do not take responsibility for the hut, Alderbury Parish Council will need to close the building until an acceptable risk assessment is made on the building. **Action - clerk**

4174. New rubbish bin outside the Post office and bus stop

A resident raised whether a bin could be put outside the Post office and bus stop in Whaddon. Cllr Hartford spoke to the owner of the Post office who has kindly put a bin outside the door of the shop.

4175. Play Area

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve £1050 to replace the flooring and up to £1,000 to replace the ramp on the Toddler multi-play equipment at the Recreation field as part of ongoing maintenance.

4176. Footpaths within the Parish

Patricia Dashwood has recently completed an audit of the footpaths in Alderbury. Alderbury Parish Council thanked her for all her work. As part of the footpath project, the clerk is currently liaising with Nigel Walsh to co-ordinate the improvements required to establish a circular footpath in Alderbury. A new gate will soon be installed along the footpath behind the Burial Ground as part of the route.

Cllr Sell suggested that a map of the footpaths in the village should be added to the new website when constructed. **Action – clerk**

4177. Community Speedwatch

The camera is now shared with Landford and Whiteparish and Cllr Hartford is the co-ordinator. The parishes each have the camera for two weeks at a time. Three speed checks have been completed in Alderbury during the last two weeks.

Training for any new volunteers is held in Devizes.

A metro count was recently fitted on Southampton Road, however the results were just under the limit for community speedwatch. Cllr Hartford to liaise with PC Clissold to see if the location can be added to their approved list. **Action – cllr Hartford**

4178. Maintenance update

Cllr Hartford and the clerk recently walked part of Alderbury with a representative of Wiltshire Council and Balfour Beatty to identify work that could be completed on a 'Community day'. The work has now been completed and Cllr Hartford commented that a good job has been done by the team. A further community day is planned for later in the year when the team will focus on a different part of the village.

Shelves have been installed into the old telephone box. Clerk to follow up with Keith regarding the painting. **Action - clerk**

Finance

4179. Year ending 31st March 2014

The balance of the account as at 1st April 2014 is £66,677.40.

4180. Accounts for Payment

A total of five accounts, totalling £1167.98 were agreed by all members for payment.

Planning To respond to Wiltshire Council on the following planning applications:

4181. 14/03034/FUL – The Rickyard, Silver Street, Alderbury, Salisbury SP5 3AN – Construction of a detached car port with storage over.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the application.

4182. 14/02828/FUL – Rectory Cottage, Rectory Road, Alderbury SP5 3AD – Change of use from agricultural to residential garden.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the application subject to the land remaining as garden with no future building.

4183 – 13/02543/OUT – Matrons College Farm, Castle Lane, Whaddon, SP5 3EQ – to consider the amended plans/description – erect 28 dwellings and Local Health Centre on land to the north and north east of Matron's College Farm, change of use of land south east of Matron's College Farm from agricultural to allotments, develop new access adjacent to Oakridge Office Park.

Following discussion Alderbury Parish Council resolved to 'withdraw the initial support given to this application'.

The 'provision of a local health centre' was the key reason why the Parish Council initially supported the application, however the additional information supplied since the original decision has shown that in fact a satellite health centre is not viable in Alderbury from a funding perspective. As a result the definition of the services that could be provided within the local health centre for the community has changed and is not what was originally proposed. This has increased the Council's concern about the realistic delivery of the 'health facility' as part of this development and whether the revised facility will provide as strong a benefit to the local community in Alderbury.

Matters arising from previous meetings:

4184. Neighbourhood Planning

The steering group meet every second Tuesday of the month. There are currently five members on the steering committee. Cllr Britton has resigned. More residents are needed to get involved with the group. Mr Chris Whalley volunteered to join the group and the steering committee was requested to consider his offer as a current employee of Longford Estate.

4185. Annual Parish Meeting

A list of clubs and organisations in Alderbury had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting by the clerk. Cllrs agreed to personally invite any of the organisations they know. It was agreed that the Council meeting after the Annual Parish meeting would start as soon as possible after 8.30pm.

4186. Defibrillator

The joint application to the British Heart Foundation with Grimstead Parish Council for funding towards the cost of the defibrillator for each parish has been successful. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to apply to the Southern Area Board (SAB) for a grant to cover the remaining costs of the purchase and installation of

the defibrillator in Alderbury. The clerk was asked to liaise with the clerk for Grimstead Parish Council to submit the joint application to SAB for consideration at the next meeting in May. **Action - clerk**

4187. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.

Cllr Clarke recently attended the village hall meeting. The Best Kept Village competition certificates have been put up in the village hall. The Social club were disappointed not to get support from Alderbury Parish Council for the Tractor Fayre in June. A request was raised regarding whether the bus stops could be swept. The clerk was requested to arrange for the bus stops to be swept. **Action - clerk**

4188. Correspondence/Clerk's report.

A report had been sent to all Cllrs before the meeting.

The clerk highlighted two items. The final agreement has now been received from Wiltshire Council for Alderbury Parish Council to adopt 10 bus shelters in Alderbury.

The clerk has spoken to the planning officer regarding a decision on planning application 13/04722/ADV from 4 x 4 Elite Cars, Old Road, Alderbury. A decision is expected by the end of the week. The applicant has been asked to remove the mobile flags from the application and therefore these should be taken down. The application is now requesting permission for the fascia and two pole mounted signs.

4189. Website

A meeting has not taken place yet between Cllr Sell and Cllr Mernagh to discuss the quotations. This item will be carried forward to the next agenda.

4190. Grass Cutting contract

A tender request is currently being compiled by the clerk. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to request that the clerk instruct Hurdcott Landscapes to continue cutting the grass in Alderbury under the terms of the current contract until the tender process has been completed. Two months notice will be given to Hurdcott Landscapes if necessary as a result of the tender process. **Action - clerk**

4191. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 1st May 2014. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the Clerk by Friday 18th April.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.