

Draft Minutes for the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon.

Present: Cllrs Newbery, Hartford, Diprose, Clarke, Mernagh, Richardson and Hughes.

In attendance: Mrs Alison McGowan (Clerk), PCSO Dutton, Jon Gateley from Savills, Dr Clapton from Whiteparish Surgery, Paul Spong, Development Surveyor and 21 residents.

Apologies: Cllr Sell and Unitary Cllr Britton.

The meeting opened at 7.29pm. Cllr Newbery opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Cllr Newbery commented that it was lovely to see a full hall.

Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

PCSO Dutton reported that there had been two arrests over the recent break in to the Post Office. However both suspects had an alibi and no further action could be taken. There has been a second recent theft at the Post Office, this time of a sandwich. Anti-social behaviour is down.

Cllr Hartford raised that two cars have recently been parking in front of the Fountain near the Green Dragon and was concerned that this created a hazard. PCSO Dutton confirmed that if she sees this, she will raise it with the owner.

Members of the public

A resident had contacted the Clerk with two issues he would like to raise. The first was regarding agenda item 4267 regarding aircraft noise. The resident appreciated that there is an airfield at Old Sarum but felt that small aircraft are hovering around Alderbury too much. He was also concerned about the condition of the old A36 towards Clarendon and has noticed that due to the uneven road surface anyone standing in a double decker bus could be injured, indeed passengers are thrown around in a car. The road has cracked where it has subsided. The Clerk was requested to raise the issue with Wiltshire Council.

Action – Clerk

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Britton

Cllr Britton had sent his apologies as he was away on holiday.

4263. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.

Apologies were received from Cllr Sell due to work commitments. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the apology for the reason given.

4264. Declaration of Cllrs Interests

None.

4265. Council meeting minutes

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to agree the previously circulated minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 2nd June 2014 and the Extra Ordinary meeting on 18th June as a true record without amendment and these were signed by the Chairman Cllr Newbery.

4266. Co-option of Cllr for Alderbury Parish Council

There are currently 3 vacancies however there was no-one present wishing to stand.

4267. Aircraft noise

Following other resident complaints over the last couple of months, a resident from Folly Lane, who moved to the village 14 months ago, is unhappy about the amount of light planes and helicopters flying low over Alderbury and the associated noise levels. Cllr Hughes agreed with the resident that it is an issue. Another resident, who flies from Old Sarum also agreed that action should be taken. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to set up a working party to discuss the issues identified with Old Sarum and Boscombe Down. Cllrs Hughes and Mernagh will work with two residents who volunteered to be

involved. The Clerk was requested to forward the reply from Old Sarum airfield to the complaint raised by Alderbury Parish Council in June to the two residents.

Action – Clerk, Cllrs Hughes and Mernagh.

4268. Presentation from representatives of Matrons College Farm

Jon Gateley thanked the chairman for the opportunity to speak at the meeting. There have been two previous decisions made by Alderbury Parish Council, with the first offering conditional support and the second raising further queries when re-consulted by the Planning department. The application is still being considered by Wiltshire Council.

In light of addressing the concerns, there have been further discussions with Whiteparish surgery. Dr Clapton, a managing partner from Whiteparish surgery is here to present and is happy to take questions at the end.

Dr Clapton then went through a presentation, which incorporated statistics that identified an ageing population. The presentation outlined the costs of care, with many referrals being made locally in Whiteparish and Alderbury into hospital on daily basis at a cost of £1,000 a day. Dr Clapton outlined that they need to find a way to care for elderly people in the community rather than hospital or in a care home. The best way would be at home, but this won't happen for everyone. Small hubs could be developed instead with professionals there, skilled staff to care for patients. Centres like this would give carers a break too and Alderbury has a chance for this to be delivered. By reducing the number of day care admissions into hospital, it could pay for the care home. Cllr Diprose asked 'if it is that simple, why has it not been done before?' Dr Clapton responded that 15 – 20 years ago it was done in the Community hospitals. Twenty years ago the average age to live was 76. Now the average age is 88. It has increased more than 10 years in a decade. Cure for diseases have progressed.

Cllr Hughes asked 'if it was not suitable to have this type of facility at Matrons College, would Whiteparish surgery look at another site in the village? Other development?' Dr Clapton stated that Whiteparish surgery would not be able to afford the funds to do it. The surgery have talked to Tim Leech regarding the lease, which could potentially be for 100 years on a peppercorn rent.

A resident asked how many jobs would be created? Dr Clapton outlined that the first session could be from 8am to 1.30pm (for patients to use the facilities, have a health check and a hot meal). The building would be two storey, with administration offices upstairs. There could be between 15 – 20 patients per session, therefore between 30 and 40 people a day. This would require between 15 – 20 full time equivalent members of staff. At present Whiteparish surgery do not 'own' nurses. They cover large areas and experience 'wasted time' travelling. It would be very beneficial to have a number of patients that a nurse could visit 'en masse' at one place.

Cllr Mernagh commented that having read the presentation, he understood the need for the provision but that as a result the number of affordable houses being provided would be reduced. Dr Clapton replied that the landowner wanted to support the medical practice and to provide the land and for the building to be built there needed to be a pay off. This facility seemed to be more valuable to the Community than three affordable houses.

Cllr Hughes stated that originally the facility was outlined as a GP surgery, which it can't be and now three affordable houses are being taken away which didn't sit comfortably with him.

Cllr Richardson asked about the figure of £200,000 to build the practice. The landowner would pay a financial contribution of £200,000 to the Council towards the cost of the building if the reduction in the amount of affordable housing is agreed. The family would instruct the builder of the houses to build the Local Health Centre first. They will be 'obliged' to do this in the agreement. The cost would be deducted from the land value. If the costs are above £200,000 for instance, it will be deducted from the land profit. Dr Clapton stated that in her opinion she couldn't see many other providers doing this. Dr Clapton confirmed that Whiteparish Surgery would not build it. She outlined that Social care costs the Council and that she was due to be meeting with a senior level person to discuss if the money can be sourced for the ongoing funds to run the practice. Having based her research on the practices at Millstream Approach, Wilton and Whiteparish, she estimated that it would cost around £220,000 to run every year. She stated that the practice would be funded by patients coming through and that it would not make a profit.

Cllr Hughes asked why the planning application had been submitted before the Neighbourhood Plan for the village has been completed. He suggested that perhaps the application had been submitted early so that the plan did not have to be taken into account. Jon Gateley replied that they did not know when the Neighbourhood plan would be produced and believed it was the 'right time to apply' and did not agree that

the application was premature. Mr Tim Leech confirmed that he had been written to four years ago by Wiltshire Council to see if he had any land potentially available for development. Jon Gateley added that they had looked at the Parish Plan and saw that the village considered that it required a Health care facility. It was therefore built into the application.

Cllr Hartford confirmed that her biggest concern is the availability of a doctor onsite for residents to see. The application first included an outline for a doctors surgery, but it has been confirmed that this is not possible. Dr Clapton confirmed that the plan would be to have a Whiteparish GP in residence each morning. A consulting room would be available to see patients at the centre and those needing to be seen rather than A&E, not just registered patients.

Cllr Diprose asked if Whiteparish surgery had enough staff to cover this service. Dr Clapton confirmed that they will be recruiting another GP.

Following discussion and after reviewing the additional information provided in the presentation regarding the Local Health Centre, Cllr Newbery proposed to support the application, seconded by Cllr Hartford. It was overturned five votes to two against, due to concerns that the development is outside of the housing boundary line.

Cllr Hartford raised concern that the Parish Council had revisited a decision made within the last 6 months, however the Clerk confirmed that the correct process had been followed and that the Parish Council had been asked by the Planning Department at Wiltshire Council to consider the amended description for the application which took place at the April meeting.

Cllr Diprose urged residents to feed their thoughts into the Neighbourhood Planning process.

4269. Recruitment of new Councillors

Cllr Richardson confirmed that Alderbury needs a full Parish Council, otherwise it could affect the viability of the Council and Alderbury would no longer have a voice as a village. Residents who are interested in joining the Council were encouraged to contact the Clerk for further information.

The Clerk was requested to compile a flyer that could be used to encourage interest from residents.

Action - Clerk

4270. Youth Project

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to request the Clerk to put together an advert for a youth worker for Alderbury for 12 hours a week to establish and run a youth club. Applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. Cllr Richardson is trained in safer recruitment.

Action - Clerk

4271. Wiltshire Council Gypsy, Traveller and Show people Accommodation Assessment

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to respond to the consultation. Each of the questions were discussed and a response agreed. The Clerk was requested to return the survey.

Action – Clerk.

4272. Book Swap sign

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the cost of £25.00 for a sign to be made by the Salisbury Hospital rehabilitation unit for the Book Swap.

Action - Clerk

Cllr Hartford wanted to correct her comments from the meeting on 2nd June 2014 as she stated that the Village Shop had donated between 40 – 50 books. As the books have now been put into the Book Swap she stated that there was in fact between 100 and 200 books from the shop.

4273. Replacement Football goal at the Recreation Field

The Clerk confirmed that the wooden football post at the Recreation Field has been removed. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the cost of materials up to a maximum of £25.00 to install a replacement goal post from Alderbury Football Club.

Action - Clerk

4274. Maintenance of the Whaddon to Grimstead footpath

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the cost of £90.00 to trim the sides of the path from Whaddon to Grimstead. The Clerk was requested to ask Hurdcott Landscapes to cut back any brambles growing along the path in one months' time.

Action - Clerk

4275. Dog mess in Firs Road

The issue has been raised by a resident with Cllr Hartford and relates to the grass outside the school and along Firs Road. Cllr Hughes agreed to talk to the head teacher Mrs Small to see if the children could be

involved in a competition to raise the profile of the issues with dog mess. Cllr Hughes to report back at the October meeting. **Action – Cllr Hughes**

4276. Bin collection at the Recreation Field and Junction Road

Balfour Beatty have terminated any contracts with Town and Parish Councils where they have an agreement to empty additional bins which are paid for by the Council. Alderbury Parish Council have not been notified of this and became aware of the situation after complaining that the bins had not been emptied. Alderbury Parish Council resolved for the Clerk to obtain quotations from three contractors to empty four bins in the village on a fortnightly basis. Due to the urgency of the matter, Alderbury Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should select the cheapest of the three quotations and instruct the contractor to start as soon as possible. Cllr Hartford will oversee emptying the bins on the Recreation Ground in the meantime.

Action - Clerk

4277. Street Lighting

Wiltshire Council has informed the Clerk that an assessment of the street lighting has been completed to review the lights in Avon Drive and the associated roads as a result of resident feedback. There are selected lights that cannot be switched off at all, but others that have been identified where there is an option to switch them off from 12pm to 5.30am. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to consult residents and ask for their feedback. Cllrs Richardson and Clarke agreed to compile a flyer and map and would deliver these to residents. Responses will be collated and summarised to notify Wiltshire Council of the outcome.

Action – Cllrs Richardson & Clarke.

Finance

4278. Year ending 31st March 2015

The current balance of the account on 2nd July 2014 was £86,526.82.

4279. Accounts for Payment

The following payments were approved by Alderbury Parish Council:

Account	Budget category	Total
Hurdcott Landscapes	Grass Cutting (May)	£780.00
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B. E Elliott	Village Maintenance	£80.00
A McGowan	Expenses	£218.15
A McGowan	Clerks salary	£929.98
Wiltshire Pension Fund	Pension Contributions	£272.55
Ollly Grigg	Village Maintenance	£1,580.00
Parish Online renewal	Subscription	£50.40
Totals		£4,799.08

Cllr Richardson confirmed that a payment to HMRC in respect of PAYE and NI would be made next week for an amount of £721.47.

The Clerk was requested to pass a copy of an invoice from Wessex Community Action in respect of work for the Neighbourhood plan to Cllr Diprose to obtain further detail of the activities completed so that the payment could be authorised.

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

4280. 14/05558/FUL – Alderbury Village Store, Canal Lane, Alderbury, SP5 3NY– Extend side elevation and part rear elevation to provide increased retail and storage area, alterations to parking area. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to support the application.

Matters arising from previous meetings:

4281. Neighbourhood Planning

Very little response was received from residents at a recent meeting. The Steering committee are currently planning the next steps.

4282. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that Grimstead Parish Council have placed an order for two defibrillators, one of which is for Alderbury. Both parishes are in the process of identifying a suitable training provider to deliver initial training. Costs have not yet been received. Three residents were provisionally identified to attend the training on behalf of Alderbury, subject to their availability.

4283. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies

None.

4284. Correspondence/Clerk's report

A report had previously been circulated to all Cllrs.

The Clerk confirmed that the concrete pad at the Recreation Field had been completed and that work had started on the refurbishment of the village notice boards.

4285. The date of the next meeting is Thursday 4th September 2014. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the Clerk by Friday 22nd August.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm.