

**Draft minutes for a meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on
Wednesday 4th February 2015 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Hartford (Chairman), Mernagh, Sell, Considine, Diprose, Richardson, Clarke and Taylor.

In attendance: Mrs Alison McGowan (Clerk), Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton and 3 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Reeder and Hughes.

Cllr Hartford opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

Members of the public

Alasdair Jones-Perrott, Estate Manager for Longford confirmed that the Green Dragon pub will be re-roofed and repainted. The removal of one of the chimneys, which has previously been approved by Planning has not been completed yet and will now be part of the same work. The pub is grade 2 listed.

Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

Cllr Hartford commented that she was concerned about the lack of contact from the local police team over the past 3 months. Cllr Britton confirmed that he has asked Inspector Minty for a report to be submitted if local police are unable to attend a meeting.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Britton

The Wiltshire Core strategy was adopted 2 weeks ago, which is followed by a six week period within which a legal challenge could be mounted. Cllr Britton attended a budget update yesterday. It is becoming more and more difficult to achieve a balanced budget. Parish Councils will need to pay for by-elections in the future. The Police and Crime panel will meet tomorrow to discuss a proposed increase of 1.9% to the police precept for 2015/16.

Cllr Britton is currently dealing with a flooding issue for Alderbury Farm Cottage.

The red traffic calming areas at the top of Southampton Road are in the pipeline to be repaired.

At the last meeting, the Southern Area Board approved the concept of three mini campus projects in the Community area – Alderbury, Winterslow and Downton – rather than one main campus. Cllr Britton will be arranging a first meeting for the working party in Alderbury. Cllr Richardson asked if the project proceeds, when would a campus be delivered? Cllr Britton estimated that it could be in two years time. His real concern is the availability of budget for the project and plans to take a business case to senior people at Wiltshire Council to see if 'agreement in principle' can be secured.

4426. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.

Apologies were received from Cllr Reeder as he is on holiday and Cllr Hughes due to work commitments. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the apologies for the reasons given.

4427. Declaration of Cllrs Interests

None.

4428. Council meeting minutes

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 8th January 2015 as a true record without amendment. There were 4 abstentions as the Councillors were not present at the meeting).

4429. Speed Hump on Southampton Road

A resident has contacted the Council concerned that the traffic calming area close to Oakwood Grove on Southampton Road which was due to be resurfaced has now been increased to a speed hump. The resident has contacted Clarence to report the issue and registered his concern that the size of the speed hump has led to increased noise from heavy lorries, buses and trailers despite travelling within the speed limit. Cllr Mernagh confirmed that he had also experienced the increase in noise. Cllr Hartford congratulated the resident for the amount of work that he has done.

Cllr Taylor joined the meeting at 7.50pm.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to request that the speed hump is reduced in size and Cllr Britton agreed to support this. **Action: Cllr Britton.**

4430. Parking in Eyres Drive

Correspondence has been received from a resident in Eyres Drive concerned about cars parking on the verges which is causing problems for the waste collection vehicles to reach some houses in the road. Alderbury Parish Council resolved that Julie Wharton should be contacted to meet with the residents and Cllr Hartford onsite to look at the issue and formulate a potential solution, which could then be put forward for CATG funding.

Action: Cllr Hartford.

4431. Dog Fouling

Concerns have been raised by several residents about the amount of dog fouling along the pavements and footpaths in the village. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to request the Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council for stickers to put up around the village and to highlight the issue in the next article for the Fountain and on the parish website. Children from the village school have also provided posters to the Parish Council and these will be laminated and put up in areas of concern.

Action: Clerk.

4432. Emergency Weather and Flood plan for the village

Cllr Sell confirmed that further work is required to the draft document to add contacts from within the village. Cllr Richardson will look at the plan and may be able to work on it in the next few months. Cllr Hartford confirmed that each of the grit bins in the village have been checked and are full.

Action: Cllr Richardson.

4433. Litter in Old Road

Several residents have reported that bags of litter are regularly being left on the side of the road in Old Road. All Cllrs were asked to be vigilant. Cllr Hartford has also spoken to Basil Elliot and Elite Cars to ask them to report any incidents. The Clerk was requested to inform PC Clissold. During discussion regarding litter picking in the village, the Clerk was requested to advertise for a litter picker on the village website.

Action: Clerk.

4434. Maintenance update

It was reported that Cllrs Richardson and Hartford have looked at the hedge alongside the footpath from Eyres Drive that was reported by a resident last month. It was agreed to contact the resident and request that the hedge is cut back.

Cllr Hartford and the Clerk have spoken to Mr Blake's neighbour and requested that the hedge is cut back, to avoid it overhanging the pavement. The Clerk was requested to ask residents to tidy any hedges near footpaths or pavements in the next article for the Fountain.

Cllr Hartford is currently chasing Keith to complete the new shelves in the book swap, replace the glass panel and re-hang the gate into the Recreation Field.

Cllr Richardson requested that the Clerk contact Marcus Light to ask if surfacing can be put outside of the gate at the Southampton Road allotments as previously discussed, as it is currently very muddy.

Cllr Mernagh reported that the light inside the bus shelter outside of the village hall is not working.

Action: Cllr Hartford, Clerk.

4435. Fun in the Sun 2015

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the use of the Recreation Field for sessions during the summer holidays and the potential cost of hall hire in the event of bad weather. The clerk was requested to reserve the village hall for each of the sessions.

Action: Clerk.

Finance

4436. Year ending 31st March 2015

The balance of the account on 4th February 2015 is £81,084.83

4437. Accounts for Payment

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the following payments:-

A McGowan	Staff costs & expenses	£912.12
Simon's Window Cleaning	Cleaning bus shelters x 10	£150.00
Cllr Elaine Hartford	Expenses	£25.90
Totals		£1,088.02

Cllr Richardson confirmed that there are currently no tax or national insurance payments required as the clerk has reduced her hours and amounts are below the current threshold.

Planning To note the following planning application:

4438. 15/00483/TPO – 3 Silver Wood, Alderbury, SP5 3TN – Oak. Would like to fell and remove stump because tree is leaning dangerously towards house/driveway/cars/children.

Alderbury Parish Council noted the application and supports the decision of the tree officer. The Council would like a new tree to be planted within the plot.

Matters arising from previous meetings:

4439. Redirection of two footpaths at Matrons College Farm

Notification from Wiltshire Council has been received regarding the proposed diversion of footpaths 7 and 13 at Matrons College Farm. Wiltshire Council, following stipulations about the required condition of the footpaths, have recommended acceptance of the proposed diversions. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to support the recommendation. The Clerk was requested to ask what deadline had been given to the landowner for the path improvements to be made.

Action: Clerk.

4440. Matrons College Farm planning application

Cllrs Richardson and Diprose attended the Southern Area Planning Committee meeting to represent the Parish Council regarding the Matrons College Farm planning application. A decision on the application has been delayed pending further financial information regarding the proposed medical centre.

Cllr Diprose pointed out that one of the original letters of objection to the planning was sent on behalf of 10 houses, however it was taken as one letter.

4441. Folly Lane Allotments

Cllr Richardson has experienced problems contacting the Chair of the Folly Lane allotments. It was agreed that Cllr Richardson will liaise with Alasdair Jones-Perrott from Longford to contact the Chair and continue discussions regarding the lease. Ideally in future there could be one allotment waiting list for residents which would cover all three sites.

Action: Cllr Richardson.

4442. Neighbourhood Planning

As part of updating the existing Parish Plan with information gathered since the group formed, the Neighbourhood Planning steering group have recommended that the Parish action plan should also be updated. The Clerk was requested to send a copy to each of the Cllrs to complete and return. This will be an agenda item for the next month so that the responses can be discussed and a final view of the Parish Council agreed.

Action: Clerk.

4443. Whaddon to Grimstead footpath

Feedback had been received from Grimstead Parish Council regarding the agreement and minor amendments to the draft agreement will be requested by Alderbury Parish Council.

Action: Cllr Hartford, Clerk.

4444. Defibrillator

Cllr Hartford met with the Ambulance service. The machine should be registered with them within a week. A training session will be arranged for residents, however it is not required to be able to use the machine. A spare set of pads will be required at all times as they need to be replaced when the machine has been used. A visual check is made of the machine weekly and a monthly report will be required by the Ambulance service. The Clerk was requested to order a spare set of pads and publicise the machine in the next article for the Fountain.

4445. Aircraft working party

The group consists of two parish councillors and two residents, however the key resident who had links with the airfield did not attend the first meeting of the group. The Clerk has previously written to the airfield to register the concerns of residents. It was considered that the issue had more recently related to military aircraft. The registration numbers of aircraft should be taken by residents and individually reported where possible. Cllr Mernagh agreed to write to the members of the working party to state the current position and see if it provoked a response to meet again as a group.

Action: Cllr Mernagh.

4446. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.

None.

4447. Correspondence/Clerk's report.

An email has been received from Cllr Britton to request that a representative from Alderbury Parish Council delivers a 15 minute presentation about the parish at the next Southern Area Board meeting on 26th March. Cllrs were requested to email the Clerk with ideas regarding content for the presentation.

An attendee is required for a Wiltshire Site Allocation meeting to discuss the development plan for the area at Salisbury Guildhall on Thursday 26th February at 6pm. Cllr Hartford confirmed that she would attend.

The Clerk is currently investigating the costs for new Councillor training locally. Grimstead Parish Council potentially has 7 Cllrs who are interested in attending. Other neighbouring parishes will also be contacted. Cllr Hartford and the Clerk recently met with Emma Drage regarding the youth club project. She will be able to support the parish council to move this forward and is also liaising with neighbouring parishes to see if there is an opportunity to work together to employ a youth worker.

Mr Spooner has contacted the Clerk as on occasions he is experiencing problems getting out of his driveway safely with people parking outside St. Marys Hall and wondered if the road markings could be changed to help prevent the problem in future. Following discussion, Cllrs recommended that users of the hall should be asked to park with consideration for local residents and that changes to road markings were very unlikely from past experience.

All Cllrs have been notified that the Clerk has booked Alderbury Village hall for the evening of Wednesday 25th February to hold a public meeting with Hive Energy to discuss the proposed Solar Park at Witherington Farm.

4448. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 3rd March 2015. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the Clerk by Friday 20th February.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm.