

Draft minutes of a meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on Monday 8th June 2015 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Hartford (Chairman), Mernagh, Reeder, Clarke, Hughes, Taylor, Diprose and Considine.

In attendance: Mrs Alison McGowan (Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Britton, PC Henry Clissold and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Richardson and Sell.

Cllr Hartford opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the June meeting.

Members of the public

A resident from Folly Lane, who had raised concern about the noise of light aircraft last year, again expressed concern. It was reported that on average 12 – 15 light aircraft an hour fly over on a nice day and sometimes it has been as high as 30 an hour. The planes are very low, fly slowly and are very noisy which is a nuisance. If there is no wind, the resident reported that you can also smell fumes by the end of the day. He also has concerns about safety with the air space being so busy.

As a result of discussion, the Chairman requested that agenda item 4554 be brought forward for discussion at this point.

Cllr Considine joined the meeting at 7.39pm.

4554. Aircraft noise

Alderbury Parish Council resolved that the Clerk should write to the Civil Aviation Authority to report the issues and concerns. If the response is not acceptable, the Clerk was requested to write a letter to John Glenn.

Action: Clerk.

Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

It was confirmed that the new Crime bulletin has been issued. Things are good in Alderbury. PC Clissold commented that he has been involved with garage break-ins in Old Sarum recently. The police team have also recently been speaking to tractor drivers to confirm that they shouldn't be using restricted byways when collecting silage.

Cllr Taylor asked about a recent report of an attempted abduction. PC Clissold confirmed that a young person in the village had been asked by a passer-by in a car if they would like a lift into Salisbury. The young person declined and the issue was reported.

Cllr Hartford commented that she had reported damage in the bus shelter outside the village hall to 101, however the damage was listed as theft rather than malicious damage. PC Clissold confirmed this was correct. Cllr Reeder asked if the police are engaging young people locally. PC Clissold confirmed that they do go down to the Skate Park periodically to talk to young people. He also commented that he was aware that Emma Drage is trying to set up some youth activities.

PC Clissold asked if there are any further consultations involving the road and parking at Spiders Island that he is copied in on any correspondence.

Action: Clerk.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Britton

Cllr Britton has attended a number of events recently, including the Ceremony of Freedom of Ludgershall two weeks ago and last Friday the Wiltshire Branch meeting of the CPRE regarding the International Year of Soil. He will also be involved in the adjudication panel for the Town Criers competition in Calne.

Locally there has been a range of planning enforcement orders. At the Chalk pit, fireworks have been stored and at the Limeyard in Grimstead there is enforcement activity. Work is on-going regarding a gypsy site in Whiteparish and also at Hill Billy Acre in Clarendon to re-house the residents.

Fly tipping that had been reported in Old Vicarage Lane has been moved and after nine months, a response from the lender has been received today regarding Oakfield in Rectory Road.

Cllr Britton attended both of the recent consultation meetings with residents regarding Spiders Island. The same issues from 10 years ago have been raised – parking, traffic calming and something on the Island for children to do. There is a budget for improvements to be made. A plan should be agreed in the next 6 months, however any proposals will be consulted upon and no action is expected before next year at the earliest.

4543. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.

Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Cllr Richardson due to holiday and Cllr Sell who had a prior commitment. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the reasons given.

4544. Declaration of Cllrs Interests

None.

4545. Council meeting minutes

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes for the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 20th May without amendment, with 3 abstentions due to absence. The approval of the minutes from the meeting on 5th May 2015 will be held over to the July meeting.

4546. New Forest to Salisbury Cycle Route

Following discussion, Alderbury Parish Council resolved to make no comment regarding the current consultation but requested that the Clerk ask for the Council to be kept informed of future developments.

Action: Clerk.

4547. To review Councillor responsibilities or work with external bodies

The Clerk was asked to update the list and circulate it to all Cllrs.

Action: Clerk.

4548. Replacement of Parish laptop

Cllr Mernagh suggested that the Council should plan for the replacement of the Parish laptop. Cllr Mernagh will bring three quotations to the next Parish Council meeting for consideration by the full Council.

Action: Cllr Mernagh.

4549. Maintenance update

The work to the posts around the Fountain and War Memorial greens is due to be completed during June.

The book swap repairs have now been completed.

One of the wooden rails in the fence at the Recreation field behind the green clothes bin needs to be repaired. The Clerk was requested to contact Hurdcott Landscapes to ask if the nettles behind the basket ball hoop can be sprayed again this year.

Three pillows have been dumped in various locations around the village and three loads of fly tipping are still waiting to be removed in Shute End.

The car park at the Church will be closed on 22nd June for a week for repair work.

Repairs to the rivets at the Skate Park have been completed.

Cllr Reeder has painted the seats at the Recreation field and also the milepost at the top of Rectory Road.

There is a broken branch of a tree in the Recreation field near to the adult gym equipment which needs to be removed. Cllrs Hartford and Reeder will attend to this.

Cllr Hartford reported broken paving in front of the Pavillion and confirmed that she will get a quotation to replace it.

Brambles need to be cut between the Bowling Club and the Pavillion.

The bolts have been taken out of the seat at the bus shelter in front of the village hall. Three have been replaced and a fourth will be purchased and replaced.

Cllr Hartford also reported that two fence panels have been removed between the Social Club and Pavillion. Cllr Hartford will investigate.

The heras fencing around one of the portable football nets has been smashed and wires have been exposed.

The Clerk was requested to contact the football club urgently to notify them and request that the fencing and nets are removed as soon as possible.

At a forthcoming meeting with Wiltshire Council, the Clerk was requested to raise concern about the condition of the pavement from the Green Dragon towards Salisbury.

Action: Clerk, Cllrs Reeder and Hartford.

Finance

4550. Year ending 31st March 2016

The balance of the account as shown on the bank statement was £94,836.56 as at 1st June 2015. A bank reconciliation as at 31st May 2015 had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting together with an updated budget spreadsheet.

4551. Accounts for Payment

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the following payments:-

		Total	Cheque no.
Bonallack & Bishop	Legal Costs for ABC lease	£1,500.00	268
The Landscape Group	Bin emptying x 4 each week	£78.00	269
A McGowan	Staff costs & expenses	£915.04	270, 271, 272
Mr B Elliott	Repairs to Skake Park rivets	£38.00	273
E Hartford	Bin bags and laminator pouches	£13.48	274
G Reeder	Paint and tools for village maintenance	£79.46	275
Hurdcott Landscapes	Grass cutting contract	£780.00	276
Alderbury Scout Group	Donation to Scout Group for maintenance work	£50.00	277
Explorer Scout Group	Donation to Scout Group for maintenance work	£50.00	278
Total		£3,503.98	

Matters arising from previous meetings:

4552. Parking in Eyres Drive

At the recent CATG meeting, the Parish Council was requested to increase the contribution of £80 agreed at the May meeting to £250 towards wooden bollards, due to pressure on budgets at Wiltshire Council. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve a contribution of £250 out of the village maintenance budget towards the scheme. The Clerk was requested to confirm this to WC. **Action: Clerk.**

4553. Youth activities

At the recent Southern Area Board meeting, it was agreed that £1,000 of the budget originally allocated to set up a youth club in the village, could be used to fund activities over the summer months until a youth leader can be recruited. The Community Youth officer at Wiltshire Council is currently liaising with an external company regarding pricing and potential activities.

4554. Aircraft noise

The Chairman moved this item forward on the agenda to the beginning of the meeting.

4555. IT backup

It was agreed by all Cllrs that an alternative method to back up the information on the parish laptop was required. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve an initial set up cost of £50 and then £5 a month so that all data is backed up on an ongoing basis. **Action: Cllr Mernagh, Clerk.**

4556. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.

Services for older people has been announced as a new theme for Southern Area Board this year at a recent meeting.

Cllr Hartford has recently attended the CATG meeting and a consultation meeting regarding Spiders Island. The Village Hall AGM will be on 17th June. Ken Palmer is now chairman of the Social Club committee and Lin Snellgrove is secretary.

4557. Correspondence/Clerk's report.

A report was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting.

The Clerk had received correspondence earlier in the day to confirm the temporary closure of Grimstead Road Whaddon and Spiders Island from 8th June and that rather than 5 days, the work may take 8 days. The closure notice covers a maximum of 21 days.

4558. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 8th July 2015. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the Clerk by Friday 26th June.

Cllrs Diprose and Hughes requested that their apologies be recorded for the July meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm.