

**Draft minutes for the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on
Thursday 7th January 2016 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon.**

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

In attendance: Mrs Alison McGowan (Clerk), Unitary Cllr Richard Britton and 3 residents.

Apologies: Cllr Richardson.

Cllr Hartford opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the January meeting of Alderbury Parish Council, the first of 2016.

Members of the Public

A resident raised concern about the volume and speed of traffic travelling through the village.

Cllr Mernagh joined the meeting at 7.31pm.

A second resident was concerned about the condition of the pavements in the village. She had also written to Wiltshire Council to express her concerns. She also commented that she had not seen any bicycles using the rack next to the bus shelter outside of the village hall and wondered if a glass door could be put on the bus shelter in Rectory Road.

Cllr Hughes joined the meeting at 7.32pm.

Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

No report.

Report from Wiltshire Councillor Britton

Cllr Britton reported that he had attended a large number of carol concerts in the run up to Christmas. It is now the run up to the setting of budgets by Wiltshire Council. An increase of 1.9% is almost certain by the Police. The Salisbury Journal recently ran an article about the future of police teams, organised on a regional basis. There is certainly pressure on local teams.

Wiltshire Council will almost certainly increase the Council tax by 1.9%. This will be the first increase for five years, due to cuts in central budgets. There is also likely to be an increase in the funds required for the fire service and therefore council tax bills will see a significant hike.

The Southern Area Board is trying to provide a cost effective provision for maintenance as a top up provision to that provided by Wiltshire Council. It is not clear at present what levels of service will be provided, there is no clear specification. Cllr Britton hopes that once a new contract is in place and running successfully, village maintenance will be more straightforward.

Cllr Taylor joined the meeting at 7.40pm.

4673. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.

Apologies were received prior to the meeting from Cllr Richardson due to work commitments. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the apologies for the reason given.

4674. Declaration of Cllrs Interests

Cllr Hartford declared a personal interest in agenda item 4690.

4675. Council meeting minutes

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 2nd December 2015 subject to two minor amendments, with 2 abstentions due to absence at the previous meeting.

4676. Co-option of a new Councillor

None.

4677. Absence of Cllr Richardson

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the absence of Cllr Richardson from meetings until April 2016 due to work commitments.

4678. Budget for 2016 – 2017

Following discussion, Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the proposed budget for the next financial year 2016 - 2017. The required income will be £45020. A small increase in budget will allow for a larger spend on village and asset maintenance.

4679. Precept for 2016 – 2017

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve a 0.44% increase in the amount of precept for the next financial year and asked the clerk to request a precept of £45020 from Wiltshire Council for 2016/17. This increase would equate to an annual increase of 21p for a Band D property.

Action: Clerk.

4680. A Vision for Alderbury

Cllrs Sell and Mernagh agreed to work together to compile a document to be discussed by full Council at a future meeting.

Action: Cllrs Sell, Mernagh.

4681. Installation of an electricity supply

Alderbury Parish Council resolved that Waleran Close should be the location for a village Christmas tree and to apply to Scottish and Southern Electricity for a quotation to install an electricity supply, to power the lights on a village Christmas tree each year.

4682. Maintenance update

Earlier today a resident reported water 'spewing' out of a manhole cover in Tunnel Hill. The Clerk reported it to Wiltshire Council and the water board to investigate.

There has been further fly-tipping at Shute End, which covered part of the road. It was reported by a resident to the Clerk and as it was a potential hazard, was removed the same day by Wiltshire Council.

A sign on Southampton Road has been damaged near the Green Dragon.

Cllr Hartford will review the lights in the bus shelters following a report from a resident that one or two are not working.

Action: Cllr Hartford, Clerk.

4683. Speed of cars along Southampton Road

Concern was raised by Cllr Reeder regarding the speed of traffic travelling along Southampton Road. It was felt that a number of cars do not keep to the 30mph speed limit. Following discussion, it was agreed that agenda item 4685 could potentially be a way to help address the issue.

4684. Condition of the road surface along Southampton Road

Following discussion, Cllr Britton confirmed that the road is not yet bad enough to be resurfaced. Pot holes and any individual incidents should continue to be reported to Wiltshire Council by residents. The Clerk was requested to remind residents how to contact Wiltshire Council to report any issues, in the next edition of the Fountain.

Action: Clerk.

4685. Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to agree in principle that the parish council will work with other local parishes to have a SID regularly in the village and contribute towards the cost.

4686. Request to place a bouncy castle and bungee run on the Recreation Field for a wedding reception in July 2016

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to agree the request from a resident.

Finance

4687. Year ending 31st March 2016

The balance of the account as shown on the bank statement as at 4th January 2016 is £92,428.59.

A VAT return has been submitted to reclaim £6,044.37.

A bank reconciliation as at 4th January 2016 was sent to each of the Cllrs prior to the meeting.

4688. Accounts for Payment

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the following payments:-

Account	Budget category	Total	Cheque no.
Hurdcott Landscapes	Grass cutting contract	£780.00	334
The Landscape Group	Bin emptying x 4 weekly (December)	£78.00	335
A McGowan	Staff costs and expenses (December)	£911.76	336, 337, 338
K Albery	Repairs to the notice board – Lights Lane	£50.00	339
Totals		£1,769.76	

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

4689. 15/11646/FUL – The White House, Whitchers Meadow, Alderbury, SP5 3AT – Conversion of storage area over detached garage to provide ancillary accommodation.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to support the application on the condition that the converted garage is not used as a separate dwelling.

4690. 15/11933/FUL – Land rear of Wagtails, Southampton Road, Alderbury, SP5 3AF– Residential development of three dwellings and associated works.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to object (with 1 abstention) to the application as the proposed site is outside of the settlement boundary.

Matters arising from previous meetings:

4691. Skate Park

Following discussion, the Council agreed that it would like to support the project, subject to being able to access funding. The Clerk was requested to request three sets of quotations:-

- 1) To remove the ramps
- 2) To replace the current ramps with a concrete replacement
- 3) To obtain a quotation to replace the ramps with the features included in a design given to the Parish Council by a regular skate park user.

Action: Clerk.

4692. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.

None.

4693. Correspondence/Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from Dr David Webb to confirm that he would like to finish as the internal auditor for the Parish Council. This will be an item for discussion on the February agenda.

An email had been received from residents in Oakwood Grove regarding the amenity land which is owned by the Parish Council. This will also be an item for discussion on the February agenda.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that a Dementia event will be held at Alderbury Village Hall later in January.

Tom Bray will be visiting the Boundary on Friday 15th January to encourage residents to attend.

Just before Christmas, Cllr Hartford and the Clerk attended a meeting with Nick Cowen and Tom Bray to review any outstanding footpath work in the village. As a result, the next day to work on footpaths in the village will be on Monday 1st February. There is still some outstanding work on the circular path and two stiles that need attention off of Folly Lane.

A letter had been received from Victim Support requesting a donation.

4694. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 2nd February 2015. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the clerk by Monday 25th January.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.