

## **Approved minutes for the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon.**

**Present:** Cllrs Hartford (Chairman), Mernagh, Clarke, Sell, Hughes and Richardson.

**In attendance:** Mrs Alison McGowan (Clerk), Unitary Cllr Richard Britton, Alasdair Jones-Perrott (Longford Estate), PC Henry Clissold and 4 residents.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Reeder and Considine.

**Absent:** Cllrs Taylor and Diprose.

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

### **Members of the Public**

Dr David Webb explained that he has been the internal auditor for the Parish Council for a number of years and has decided that it is time to finish. He estimates that he has spent between 1 and 2 days a year on the audit and has potentially found another resident from the village to replace him.

Cllr Hughes joined the meeting at 7.31pm.

Mrs Ridd introduced herself to everyone present. Cllr Hartford expressed the Council's thanks to Dr Webb for all of his work over the years and confirmed that the Council would discuss the future appointment of a replacement later on the agenda. Mrs Ridd has a background in banking, lives in Alderbury and is keen to get involved in the Community.

Correspondence had also been received from Dr Webb on behalf of himself and other village residents raising concern about the Arboricultural Officer's report following the recent planning application, regarding trees on the land at the rear of Wagtails which have been ring barked. Another resident voiced concern that it appears that the trees were ring barked some time ago, following the tree report which was completed in August. Cllr Hartford confirmed that the issue would be discussed in more detail by the Council later on the agenda.

### **Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team**

PC Clissold apologised as the Crime Report had not yet been completed, however criminals had got in the way! He confirmed that the report would show a reduction in reported crimes.

There will be a change in the structure of the police teams in this time of austerity and as soon as the detail is clear he confirmed that the information would be cascaded out. Alasdair Jones-Perrott raised the issue of fly tipping as Longford Estate have recently experienced a number of incidences. PC Clissold confirmed that if it is on the highway, Wiltshire Council will clear it. The police are planning to make an arrest later in the week. He said that fly - tipping has become a country wide issue. The MyWiltshire app should be used by residents to report any issues such as criminal damage, fly tipping and graffiti for example.

### **Report from Wiltshire Councillor Britton**

Wiltshire Council is currently discussing the budget which will be delivered on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The Government has not finalised the settlement yet and therefore things are still up in the air.

On Thursday this week the Police and Crime Panel will listen to a formal presentation by the police Commissioner about the proposed increase in the police precept of 1.9%. A talk by the Chief Constable on Thursday will describe the changing nature of crime and the resultant changes to the organisation of local policing. Cllr Britton is deeply suspicious that it will lead to a reduction in local police.

Following on from the comments about fly tipping, Cllr Britton commented that he thought that at a local level people believe that the increase has been triggered by a reduction in the opening hours of the Household Recycling centres, however the evidence suggests the increase is due to commercial waste being dumped to avoid paying the required licence fee.

**4695. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.**

Apologies had been received by the Clerk in advance of the meeting from Cllrs Reeder and Considine for domestic reasons. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the reasons given. Cllrs Taylor and Diprose were absent without apologies.

**4696. Declaration of Cllrs Interests**

Cllr Sell declared an interest in agenda item 4698.

Cllr Hartford declared an interest in agenda item 4699.

**4697. Council meeting minutes**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Thursday 7th January 2016 without amendment (with 1 abstention due to absence).

**4698. To discuss correspondence received from residents in Oakwood Grove regarding the amenity land**

Following discussion, the Clerk was requested to liaise with Cllrs Hartford and Mernagh to write to the residents and ask for further detail regarding the flooding. **Action: Clerk.**

**4699. To discuss correspondence received from a resident regarding the consultation response from Shane Verrion, Arboricultural Officer at Wiltshire Council on planning application 15/11933/FUL - Land rear of Wagtails**

The correspondence received had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. The Parish Council is extremely disappointed at the action taken to ring bark the trees on the land to the rear of Wagtails, as outlined in the report from the Arboricultural officer at Wiltshire Council. In the response to tree applications Alderbury Parish Council always request that a new tree is replanted when it is proposed that one is being removed. The Clerk was requested to check the position regarding residents requesting Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) on trees they view as of significance to the village. **Action: Clerk.**

**4700. Resignation of Dr D.J.Webb as the internal auditor**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the resignation of Dr D.J. Webb. The Clerk was requested to write a letter to Dr Webb to thank him for all of his hard work and support that he had given to the Council over the years. **Action: Clerk.**

**4701. Appointment of a new internal auditor for the financial year 2015/16**

The agenda item was delayed until the March meeting as not all of the quotations had been received.

**4702. Future meeting dates**

A list of dates for future meetings from April 2016 until March 2017 had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. The dates were agreed by all Cllrs and will be published on the website and in the Fountain. The date for the Annual Parish Meeting will be Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. **Action: Clerk.**

**4703. Asset Register**

Councillors reviewed the register and resolved to approve the suggested minor amendments. **Action: Clerk.**

**4704. 'Clean for the Queen'**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to contact Alderbury and West Grimstead Primary School and the clubs and organisations in the village to see if a team of volunteers could be gathered to take part in the national initiative between Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. A number of areas in the village have been identified that could be addressed during the session. **Action: Cllr Mernagh.**

Longford Estate will conduct a separate litter collection day with their staff on 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**4705. Community Speedwatch update**

Cllr Hartford reported that a new policy regarding the speed limits for tractors has been released. Agricultural vehicles are limited to 25 mph therefore speeds of 30 mph and above have to be entered on CSW returns.

#### **4706. Annual Parish Meeting**

Cllrs reviewed the agendas of the Annual Parish Meeting for the last two years and resolved to approve an outline for the meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016. A number of clubs and organisations in the village will be invited to take part. The Clerk was requested to publicise the date in the Fountain, on the website and on the village boards. **Action: Clerk.**

#### **4707. Fun in the Sun 2016**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the use of the Recreation Field for four 'Fun in the Sun' sports sessions for primary school age children run by Wiltshire Council during the summer holidays and the potential cost of hall hire in the event of bad weather. The Clerk was requested to publicise the sessions in the Fountain. **Action: Clerk.**

### **Finance**

#### **4708. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

The balance of the account as shown on the bank statement as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 is £90,608.83.

A bank reconciliation as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 was sent to each of the Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Cllr Richardson confirmed that she has registered Alderbury Parish Council online regarding the 2017 staging date for the pension scheme.

#### **4709. Accounts for Payment**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the following payments:-

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget category</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cheque no.</b>
The Landscape Group	Bin emptying x 4 weekly (December)	£78.00	340
A McGowan	Clerks salary	£644.54	341
A McGowan	Expenses (telephone, mileage) - December	£142.14	342
Wiltshire Pension Fund	EE & ER pension contribution (December)	£177.21	343
CPRE	Annual Subscription	£36.00	344
Redlynch Leisure	New play area surfacing, 3 new pieces equipment	£32,929.20	345
St. Marys Church, Whaddon	Hire of the hall for meetings in 2015	£260.00	346
Simon Pevy	Cleaning bus shelters in Alderbury	£150.00	347
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£34,417.09</b>	

### **Planning To respond to Wiltshire Council on the following planning application:**

**4710. 15/11640/FUL – The Fieldhouse, Southampton Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, SP5 3AG –** Conversion of garage roof space to ancillary living accommodation, including insertion of dormer window.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved (with 1 abstention) to support the application subject to the condition that the conversion of the garage is not used as a separate dwelling or for commercial use.

### **Matters arising from previous meetings:**

#### **4711. Speed Indicator Device (SID)**

Alderbury Parish Council considered the proposals from Wiltshire Council and resolved that the Council would like a Speed Indicator Device to be in the village three times a year, but would like it more often if possible depending on the number of parishes participating in the scheme. £400 will be set aside in reserves to cover the potential cost. The Clerk was requested to inform Tom Bray at Wiltshire Council. **Action: Clerk.**

#### **4712. Maintenance work to the pavements along Southampton Road**

Alderbury Parish Council reviewed three quotations and following discussion, selected a contractor to remove the weeds and widen the pavement along Southampton Road. The Clerk was requested to remind residents to keep any hedges next to footpaths or walkways cut back, in the next article for the Fountain. **Action: Clerk.**

**4713.To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.**

Cllr Hartford reported that the Parish Council entered a team into the Bowls Club quiz night and finished second.

Cllr Hartford attended the Southern Area Board meeting recently with the Clerk. Parish Council's were invited to add the River Bourne group onto their tender lists for future jobs. Emma Drage is leaving as the Community Youth officer and will be replaced by Nicola Sage. The footpath co-ordinator is also leaving. Cllr Britton is talking to Nick Cowen from Wiltshire Council and the River Bourne group about remodelling the footpath project. A presentation was also given by the Police & Crime Commissioner's office regarding the future budget.

Cllrs Hartford and Mernagh have also recently attended a meeting with the Social Club and Village Hall Committees regarding working together.

Cllr Hartford and the Clerk attended the recent Dementia Friends session at the village hall which was organised by Wiltshire Council. There are 27 trained Dementia Friends as a result of the session.

Cllr Hughes supported the Grimstead Parish Council defibrillator training session which was very well received and attended by around 35 people.

The defibrillator has been taken recently to potentially help a resident. As the ambulance response vehicle had arrived in time it was not used. It has been replaced and the usual checks completed.

**4714. Correspondence/Clerk's report.**

The Clerk reported that on Monday a group of volunteers had replaced two stiles with kissing gates off of Folly Lane. The volunteers included others from neighbouring parishes. A meeting will be arranged in the next couple of weeks by the Alderbury Footpaths Group to discuss and agree the next priorities.

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation earlier in the day that the fencing around the play area would be removed and the springer and seats on the swings put in place to complete the project.

A further incidence of fly tipping in Shute End Road has been reported by the Clerk to Wiltshire Council.

An email has been received from residents thanking the clerk and parish councillors for all they do for the village. They confirmed that they had read the article in the February edition of the Fountain and that the proposed increase in precept was very modest and thought that it was important that the village does not suffer due to central cuts.

A complaint has been received from a resident in Silver Street about dog fouling and the Clerk confirmed that she would mention this in the article for the next edition of the Fountain.

**4715. The date of the next meeting** is Monday 7th March 2016. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the clerk by Friday 26th February.

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.