

## Approved minutes for the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon.

**Present:** Cllrs Hartford (Chairman), Mernagh, Clarke, Pace, Fuller, Lawrence, Considine, Hughes and Sloan.

**In attendance:** Mrs Alison McGowan (Clerk), Unitary Cllr Richard Britton, 8 residents.

**Apologies:** Cllr Diprose.

Cllr Hartford opened the meeting at 7.31pm. She welcomed everyone to the July meeting.

### Members of the Public

A resident commented on how nice the flower tubs look all through the village. Cllr Hartford confirmed that it is thanks to the gardening club. The clerk was asked to feedback to the Gardening Club.

**Action: Clerk.**

Cllr Considine joined the meeting at 7.32pm.

### Report from the local Police Team

The monthly police report had been circulated to all cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Hartford outlined the non-dwelling burglary and vehicles crimes that had been reported.

### Report from Unitary Cllr Britton

Cllr Britton stated that he had three areas he would like to cover:-

- 1) Nightwood Farm – no planning application has been received as yet. The Environment Agency found asbestos in the bund, but only a low level which they stated was not a risk to the public. They have referred the matter to Wiltshire Council as it could be approached by capping or planting on the bund. It has therefore turned from a public health issue into a planning issue. Work is currently taking place to change the ridge height of some of the units (making it higher). Do they need planning to do this – Cllr Britton suspects not. It is a disappointing outcome and Cllr Britton is talking to the MP, to in turn put pressure on the Environment Agency.
- 2) Full Wiltshire Council meeting – will take place tomorrow to adopt the business plan. They will also decide on a new structure with a fourth corporate director, who will share a WC Social Care and Public Health post. This would be a first in the country and confirm, if it goes ahead, that WC are at the forefront of developments.
- 3) Village Hall – the project was put on hold due to changes in personnel. WC will potentially donate £250,000 as a grant to the scheme. The working party will need to produce a business plan by October.

Cllr Hughes joined the meeting at 7.36pm.

Cllr Fuller asked whether the business plan regarding future potential developments with the village hall will come back to the parish council for approval before it is submitted to WC. Cllr Lawrence also raised a query about completing a village needs analysis before the plan is compiled. Cllr Britton confirmed that there would not be time to do either of these if an October deadline is to be met, however the plan would not be binding and would serve to secure the potential funds from WC.

### 5015. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.

Prior to the meeting, apologies had been received from Cllr Diprose due to personal commitments. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the absence for the reasons given.

### 5016. Co-option of a new councillor to join Alderbury Parish Council

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to co-opt Mr Barry Sloan as a councillor for Alderbury Parish Council. Cllr Hartford welcomed Mr Sloan and he signed the Acceptance of Office form and joined the other cllrs for the rest of the meeting.

### **5017. Declaration of Cllrs Interests and dispensations**

Cllr Lawrence declared a personal interest in agenda item 5021 – Alderbury Footpath Audit.

Cllr Considine declared a personal interest in agenda item 5023 – New grit bin and salt spreader.

### **5018. Council meeting minutes**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 (with two abstentions) and the extraordinary parish council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June (with three abstentions) as a true record of the meetings without amendment.

The Chairman moved the planning section of the meeting forward on the agenda.

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

**5029. 17/05525/VAR – Alderbury Village Store, Canal Lane, Alderbury, SP5 3NY** – Variation of condition 3 of planning permission 14/05558/FUL to allow for deliveries on Mondays to Fridays between 05.00am and 19.00pm

Following detailed discussions, Alderbury Parish Council resolved to object to the current proposal from 05.00am as it is a residential area, but would support a recommendation that deliveries of newspapers only, can be made from 06.00am, by vehicles without audible reversing systems.

**5030. 17/05498/FUL – Cherrytree Cottage, Old Road, Alderbury, SP5 3AR** – Alterations to access and drive  
Alderbury Parish Council resolved to have 'no objections' to the planning application.

### **5019. Annual Parish meeting minutes**

The chairman delayed the agenda item to the September meeting.

### **5020. Settlement Boundary consultation**

Cllrs Lawrence and Hartford will attend an information evening in Salisbury on behalf of Alderbury Parish Council. No one raised any specific questions. If there is any additional information from the meeting, they will bring it back to a future meeting.

### **5021. Alderbury footpath audit**

A report had been circulated to all cllrs prior to the meeting. Phil Spooner attended the meeting and gave an update on the current progress of the village footpath group and outlined future aspirations and ways in which Alderbury Parish Council could support the group. He expressed his thanks to both Wiltshire Council and the parish council for their support to date. Mr Spooner confirmed that the permissive path from Whaddon to Grimstead had been cut earlier in the day.

Cllr Hartford thanked the group for all of their work on paths around the village. The clerk was asked to liaise with Mr Spooner regarding the various action points identified. At the budget setting meeting later in the year, funds would be set aside to support the future work of the group and it may be possible to support additional volunteers with funding towards training to use the trimmers in the current financial year.

**Action: Clerk.**

### **5022. Southampton Road Allotments**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to amend the current allotment tenancy agreement wording to say 6pm onwards from Monday to Saturday. Prior to the meeting the clerk had contacted the Chairman of the High Street allotments, who was present at the meeting. He confirmed that he had consulted the allotment holders at the High Street site and was in favour of the change.

**Action: Clerk.**

### **5023. New grit bin and salt spreader**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the cost of £150 to purchase a new large grit bin for Spiders Island and £250 for a salt spreader to use in the village.

**Action: Clerk.**

### **5024. Best kept village competition**

Cllrs had received a copy of the report prior to the meeting. The Chairman was delighted to announce that Alderbury has won the best kept village 2017 for the 'larger villages' category in southern Wiltshire. The village will now go forward to the second round of the competition. Any tasks highlighted in the report which required attention have been completed in anticipation of the next round of judging.

### 5025. Maintenance update

Cllr Hartford reported that the road signs for Grimstead Road and Oaklea Lane require new backing boards. Cllr Hartford will ask if the parish steward can attend to these. The road signs for Avon Drive, Rectory Road, Priory close and Tunnel Hill are still missing. The parish council will need to purchase these as WC will no longer replace them.

Two of the notice boards, one at Grimstead Road and the other at Folly Lane need attention. A quotation for the work has been received.

Basil from The Forge in the village has repaired the white railings on Old Road.

There was a small window of glass missing in the Book Swap. Cllr Hartford has replaced this with Perspex. The corner of one of the seats at the play area needs sanding off and one of the wooden edges along the walkway at the cemetery needs attention.

A councillor asked if the seat of the swings needs to be cleaned with any special materials as there is sometimes bird mess on them. The answer was no.

**Action: Clerk, Cllr Hartford.**

### Finance

#### 5026. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

The balance of the account as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 was £95,580.47. A bank reconciliation was sent to all cllrs prior to the meeting.

#### 5027. Accounts for Payment

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the following payments:-

Account	Budget category	Total
ID Verde Ltd	Bin emptying x 4 weekly (May)	£78.00
A McGowan	Clerks salary & associated costs	£846.70
A McGowan	Expenses (telephone, mileage) - June	£104.17
Hurdcott Landscapes	Grass cutting (May)	£864.00
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D.J. Marshall	Container, compost and plants	£81.44
Basil Elliot, Alderbury Forge	Remove, straighten and replace railings	£217.00
Alderbury Village Hall	Hire of village hall for Fun in the Sun sessions	£60.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£3,115.31</b>

#### 5028. Reserves

A discussion took place regarding the unallocated reserves and future Section 106 money, to explore potential future projects. Cllr Lawrence asked whether a shallow padding pool could be built at the Recreation Ground to extend the children's play area for instance. They have one in Fordingbridge. The clerk was asked to contact the town council and find out more information to bring it back to a future meeting.

As a result of recent discussions regarding the village hall, money will need to be put aside towards the future improvement of the building.

Cllr Fuller also queried the latest position regarding a play area at Spiders Island. The clerk agreed to contact Kate Derbyshire at Wiltshire Council to find out the latest position from the residents association perspective.

**Action: Clerk.**

### Matters arising from previous meetings:

#### 5031. Skate park

Cllr Hartford confirmed that a meeting had been held onsite with a representative of the skate park company, which was very positive. As a result, two revised designs of the current ramps have been received from the company further to the feedback given by the parish council and local users. The clerk is currently liaising with a resident who is seeking the views and feedback of other local skate park users regarding the two proposed designs. Once a preferred design has been chosen, the clerk will liaise with the skate park company.

**Action: Clerk.**

### **5032. Shute End Road**

The metrocount has now been installed successfully on the third attempt! Prior to this it has twice been installed in the driveways of private properties! Once the results are received, it will be an agenda item for discussion at a future meeting.

### **5033. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.**

No reports.

### **5034. Correspondence/Clerk's report.**

The clerk reported that she has received an email from a resident raising concern that Pepperbox Rise has not been swept by the road sweeper for some time. The clerk will raise this with Wiltshire Council.

An open meeting was held last week by SGN at the Chapel in Whaddon for residents to 'drop in' and give their feedback about the future proposed closure of the slip road from the A36 for gas repair work to take place. A further meeting has been arranged tomorrow between the key parties involved, to discuss the matter further.

The proposed road closure has so far been reduced from 9 weeks to 2, due to the local involvement of the parish council.

The clerk reminded cllrs that planning training has been arranged at Whiteparish village hall at 6pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Cllrs from other local parishes have also been invited.

**Action: Clerk.**

### **5035. The Fountain magazine**

Cllrs agreed to highlight the key themes from the meeting. The clerk was asked to encourage residents to come forward with any ideas on how to enhance the outdoor amenities in the village (at the Recreation Ground for instance).

**Action: Clerk.**

**5036. The date of the next meeting** is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the clerk by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.