

## **Approved minutes for a Meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon.**

**Present:** Cllrs Hartford (Chairman), Mernagh, Considine, Pace, Hughes & Diprose.

**In attendance:** Mrs Alison McGowan (Clerk), Unitary Cllr Richard Britton & 1 resident.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Reeder, Richardson, Clarke and Sell.

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

### **Members of the Public**

The member of the public was asked by the Chairman to say a few words about their planning application during the planning section of the meeting.

### **Report from the local Police Team**

A written report from the local Police Team had been received and sent to all cllrs prior to the meeting. The local police team reported that following a recent series of overnight burglaries to sheds, garages and outbuildings where garden power tools have been taken, local police officers are carrying out stop checks and searches of any suspicious vehicles and/or persons, with patrols focusing on areas close to the county boundary. The local police team urge residents to take the time to review the security of any outbuildings. Basic shed alarms can be sourced from the 'Bobby Van' scheme – email: [bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk](mailto:bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk). Following a number of catapult related incidents resulting in criminal damage to vehicles and house windows in the area, four young men from the Salisbury area have been questioned and subsequently released on police bail pending further enquires.

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

Council affairs have been dominated by the budget and the forthcoming elections. Cllr Britton will chair a meeting to debate the budget on 21<sup>st</sup> February. The general headlines are that Wiltshire Council spends £1 billion a year, a third of which is discretionary and there is pressure to reduce this amount. The cost of supporting the elderly and young people in care is growing. The shortfall in the budget (£13 million) will be accounted for by various schemes. The government has changed the rules about the social levy, which was 2% last year and will be 3% this year. There will be a 1.9% increase on Council tax, which is the maximum allowed without a referendum. A 1.9% increase on the PCC budget was also approved last week. Together with the Parish Council increase in precept, residents will see an increase in their Council tax from April. The £13 million shortfall will be filled and there is likely to be the loss of approximately 100 posts. This time posts are already vacant or have been filled by agency staff and therefore there will be very few redundancies.

A Wiltshire resident has recently been given a jail sentence for 8 fly tipping offences.

No new planning application has been received as yet regarding Nightwood Farm. Planning enforcement is chasing this regularly, but they will not take action while an application is pending.

The Salisbury Journal has featured an article about the Old Sarum Airfield. The current owner wants to build a large amount of houses around the airfield, otherwise he says the site will experience a large increase in the amount of aircraft and flights in the future. A legal test is possibly required. Housing on this site is not part of the local plan.

Cllr Hartford raised a question about the Speed Indicator Device (SID), as Alderbury has only had it once during the year, despite budgeting for it 4 or 5 times. Cllr Britton will investigate.

### **4914. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.**

Prior to the meeting apologies had been received from Cllr Sell due to work commitments, Cllrs Richardson and Reeder due to personal commitments and Cllr Clarke was unwell. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the absences for the reasons given.

### **4915. Declaration of Cllrs Interests**

None.

#### **4916. Council meeting minutes**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January as a true record of the meeting without amendment.

#### **4917. Fun in the Sun 2017**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the cost of the hire of the village hall and use of the Recreation ground for 4 sports sessions to be run by Wiltshire Council during July and August for primary school children. The clerk confirmed that the village hall had been reserved for the sessions.

#### **4918. Request from a resident for permission to erect a marquee for between 100-150 people on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Following discussion, Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the request, subject to a number of conditions. The clerk was requested to write to the resident to outline the conditions for approval and to suggest that the local residents are advised that the event will be happening.

**Action: Clerk.**

#### **4919. Best Kept village competition**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved, with one objection, to enter Alderbury into the competition for 2017. Cllr Hartford agreed to ask Cllr Reeder if he will lead on this initiative. The Gardening club has agreed to take on the floral decorations and will have a working party to look after them.

**Action: Cllr Hartford.**

#### **4920. Village Maintenance update**

Cllr Hartford has been contacted by residents about two manholes. A resident hit a manhole near the Green Dragon and damaged their tyre. The manhole is lower than the level of the road. The other is outside of St. Marys Hall and Cllr Britton is aware of it and has reported it. The clerk will also report it as an urgent matter. No action has yet been taken by Wiltshire Council regarding the raised ironwork in the pavement near the Recreation ground, however this has been chased by the clerk.

The drain, roadside of the Recreation ground fence, has again been lifting due to the force of water during heavy rainfall. It causes water to pour down the road and pavement, which is also causing water to flow onto the Recreation Ground and into the village hall car park. The whole of the drain is blocked, which has been reported to Wiltshire Council. The parish steward has put in a request for special machinery to attend to it. Cllr Hughes has taken away a 'for sale' sign that was left on Southampton Road and has returned it to the bungalow for sale in Rectory Road.

A resident whose property borders Oakleigh Lane has reported that a large vehicle has taken part of the hedge and lane sign with it! Cllr Hartford has recovered the road sign and will ask the parish steward to replace it. The burnt out car has finally been removed from a section of the circular footpath.

### **Finance**

#### **4921. Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

The balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 was £81,041.06 as shown on the bank statement. A bank reconciliation had been prepared and was signed by the Chairman.

#### **4922. Accounts for Payment**

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the following payments:-

<b>Account</b>	<b>Budget category</b>	<b>Total</b>
A McGowan	Clerks salary & costs	£845.12
ID Verde (Landscape Group)	Bin emptying x 4 each week (Dec)	£78.00
A McGowan	Expenses (telephone, mileage)	£65.22
HMRC	Quarterly payment - NIC/PAYE	£38.76
Simon's Window Cleaning	Cleaning bus shelters in the village	£155.00
Alderbury PCC	St. Marys Hall Hire for meetings in 2016	£280.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£1,462.10</b>

The approval of the payments leads to an over spend in the budget categories of telephone, postage, hall hire and clerks costs. Members agreed to vire the necessary amounts to cover the over spend from the clerk and councillor travel and councillor expenses budget categories where the budget has not been spent.

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

**4923. 16/12245/FUL – Long Close, Clarendon Road, Alderbury, SP5 3AS** – Proposed new dwelling and modified vehicular access (re-submission of approved development S/2012/143)

The case was not reviewed by the Parish Council as a decision had been made by the planning officer at Wiltshire Council, even though an extension on the deadline for a response from the Parish Council had been agreed.

**4924. 16/12343/VAR- Heatherfield House, Lights Lane, Alderbury, SP5 3AL** – Variation of condition 2 of 14/08428/FUL in relation to design.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to have 'no objections' to the application.

**4925. 16/12317/FUL – Hole Farm, Old Road, Alderbury, SP5 3EL** – Erection of rear two storey side extension, a side bay window with balcony above, side extension including the infilling of the existing porch and formation of a new porch, internal alterations, formation of a new internal access track and erection of a three bay garage with habitable space at first floor level.

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to have 'no objections' to the application, with a condition that if the planning officer is minded to approve the application, then Alderbury Parish Council would like approval to be given subject to a condition that the garage is only ever used in association with the main house and not as a separate dwelling.

**Matters arising from previous meetings:**

**4926. Site visits for planning applications**

Following discussion, Alderbury Parish Council resolved to agree a protocol for planning application site visits. Cllr Hartford thanked Cllr Mernagh and the clerk for their work on the document and to Cllr Britton for a copy of the Wiltshire Council policy.

**4927. The Great British Clean up**

A couple from Alderbury have volunteered to co-ordinate the event this year and it will therefore take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. A few other residents have also been in touch to confirm that they will help. Cllr Mernagh agreed to liaise with the residents regarding any paperwork required and the equipment that has been stored from last year. The clerk was requested to liaise with Tom Bray regarding bags for the event.

**Action: Clerk.**

**4928. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.**

Cllrs Hartford and Mernagh attended the Southern Area Board meeting at Trafalgar School, Downton on 26<sup>th</sup> January. Cllrs were reminded of the support available from the Wiltshire Bobby van for anyone who is concerned about security, particularly of outbuildings at present. They can supply low cost shed alarms if required. The Fire Service will also come and either replace or fit new smoke alarms for residents. The police presented on spotting email scams to raise awareness and help residents to protect themselves by taking some simple steps. A member of the team would be happy to present to parishes if appropriate.

The next Spiders Island resident's association meeting will take place next Wednesday and Cllr Considine will attend.

**4929. Correspondence/Clerk's report.**

The clerk confirmed that the date of the May meeting has been changed due to the forthcoming elections. The date of the elections is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

There is no grit bin at Spiders Island which was raised with the clerk by a resident. It will cost £95 and will be ordered as a safety issue. The clerk has liaised with a contact at Wiltshire Council and they have confirmed that the bin can be put on land owned by them at the entrance to Spiders Island.

I have been asked by Cllr Hartford to request a quotation to reduce the height of the beech hedge around the burial ground and car park by 4-5 feet as it is very high and is now becoming difficult to maintain. This will be an item for the next agenda to approve.

The mobile library has been in contact with the clerk to help promote the service. A review of the service will take place in May to reassess routes and stops. Posters will be put up on each of the notice boards and information will go up on the village website.

Tom Bray emailed all parish clerks to ask for the view of parish councillors regarding parish collaboration and this was sent to all cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs confirmed that Alderbury had collaborated on recent projects such as large planning applications, defibrillator training and footpath work.

The clerk will be out of the office on Monday on a planning course with Cllr Hartford. They will also both be attending a free planning workshop next Wednesday evening in Salisbury.

#### **4930. The Fountain magazine**

The clerk was requested to publicise the forthcoming elections for parish councillors to encourage residents to stand. If residents would like to find out more, Cllr Hartford attends the Boundary coffee shop each week and Cllr Hughes can be contacted via his mobile. The other topics in the Fountain article will include details of the Great British Clean up, Fun in the Sun 2017, confirmation of the intention to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2017, the mobile library service, Bobby Van and Fire service support. **Action: Clerk.**

**4931. The date of the next meeting** is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the clerk by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.