

**Approved minutes of the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on
Wednesday 10th January 2018 at St. Marys Hall, Whaddon.**

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

In attendance: Unitary Cllr Richard Britton, Alison McGowan (clerk) and 1 member of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Pace, Hughes and Diprose.

Cllr Hartford opened the meeting at 7.32pm and welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year.

Questions or statements from members of the public

The member of the public who was present thanked cllrs for their efforts each month and for what they do for the village.

Cllr Sloan joined the meeting at 7.33pm.

Report from the Neighbourhood Police Team

No report.

Report from Unitary Cllr Richard Britton

The Nightwood Farm retrospective planning application for the bund was heard at the recent Southern Area Planning committee meeting. It was refused unanimously.

Fly tipping continues to be a major problem. In some locations that are frequently used for fly tipping it may be possible to install a gate to try and prevent it, however walkers and horses where it is a bridleway for instance, must still have access. The key issue is that this is a very expensive option, costing approximately £6,000 in legal fees in addition to the supply and installation of the gate. In some locations, landowners may help but parish councils would need to take the initiative. This is a topic high on Cllr Britton's agenda.

Cllr Britton reported that he had visited Alderbury and West Grimstead primary school earlier today, to meet the new headteacher. There has been flooding at the school since the work has started on the football fields. The football club will need to be made aware of this, as the solution is in their hands. During the meeting they discussed the 25th anniversary of the school. One idea was a picnic in the spring and Cllr Britton would be keen for this to be an intergenerational event. The Southern Area Board could potentially help with transport for instance.

The headteacher stated that there are two areas of rough ground that the school would like some help to clear and re-plant. Cllr Britton wondered if members of the allotment associations and gardening club would be able to help?

With regards to the village hall project, Cllr Britton has decided not to spend any more time on it. He will continue the conversation with Trowbridge regarding potential funding. Cllr Britton believes that the Social Club Committee and Village Hall Committee should merge.

Cllr Fuller commented about the proposed treatment room. The email that the clerk had sent out had not been ignored and some conversations about it, had taken place. Cllr Fuller said that he felt that there needed to be some clarity about who 'owned' the project. As the village hall is a parish asset, should it be the parish council? Cllr Britton confirmed that he had formed the working party as he felt that it should operate separately from the parish council. The questionnaire needs to be followed up, regarding other activities that respondents said they would like to see in the village. Cllr Fuller suggested that a further meeting between the Chairman of the parish council, village hall committee and Social Club committee should be arranged. Cllrs thanked Cllr Britton for all of his work so far on the project.

Action: Cllr Hartford.

5122. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve the reasons given.

Prior to the meeting apologies had been received from Cllr Pace due to family illness, Cllr Diprose as she was unwell and Cllr Hughes due to work commitments. Alderbury Parish Council resolved to accept the apologies for the reasons given.

5123. Declaration of Cllrs Interests and dispensations

None.

5124. Council meeting minutes

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Monday 11th December 2017 as a true record of the meeting, without amendment.

5125. Maintenance update

Cllr Hartford reported that over the Christmas period, the Alderbury sign on Witherington Road had been knocked down. It was reported to Wiltshire Council and actioned within two days.
After New Year Cllr Hartford was litter picking at the Recreation Ground and noticed that the wooden gate at the Bowls Club was lying on the ground. This was reported to the Bowls Club.
The green clothing bin at the village hall car park has recently been overflowing. This has been reported.
The leaves on the War Memorial Green need to be collected. The clerk was asked to follow this up.
The recent fly tipping in Old Vicarage Lane has been reported to Wiltshire Council.
When dismantling the village Christmas tree, it came to light that one of the light feeds had come undone and was the reason that some of the lights had stopped working. The electricity supply will be de-energised next week to avoid any standing charges and will be re-instated when the supply is needed later in the year.
The new gate installation at Oakwood Grove was delayed just before Christmas due to bad weather. It will now be installed on Friday 12th January, later this week.
Wiltshire Council will be working to resurface the pavement either side of Clarendon Road from next Monday.
Cllr Hartford reported that a resident had contacted her, concerned that a face had been drawn on the bus shelter near Old Road. On investigation, Cllr Hartford found that it was only temporary, possibly drawn in the condensation on the glass.
Concern was raised regarding the condition of a drain cover in the middle of the road in Lights Lane, before the junction with Folly Lane when travelling from Southampton Road. The clerk was asked to report this via MyWiltsapp. Cllr Fuller will also report the issue. **Action: Clerk, Cllr Fuller.**

Cllr Considine joined the meeting at 8.09pm.

5126. Budget for 2018/2019

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the draft budget for the next financial year.

5127. Precept for 2018/2019

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve a proposal for a 0% increase to the precept for the next financial year. This will generate an income of £47,453.01, which is slightly higher than the current financial year, as the tax base for the village (the number of houses which will pay Council tax) has increased. For residents with a Band D property this will mean a contribution of £49.97 for the year towards parish maintenance, out of their Council tax payment.

5128. Great British Spring Clean

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to agree a proposal for Alderbury to take part in the Great British Spring Clean on Saturday 3rd March 2018 from 10am until 12.30pm. Cllr Fuller agreed to co-ordinate the event. Volunteers will meet outside the village hall at 10am. The clerk was asked to contact Tom Bray to find out if litter bags and more litter pickers could be provided. The clerk was also asked to promote the event in the next article for the Fountain. Cllr Hartford asked if refreshments could be provided for volunteers. Cllr Fuller confirmed that it would be a nice idea, however a further volunteer would be required to organise this.

Action: Clerk.

5129. Review of significant trees in the village

Following discussion, Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve a recommendation to review the significant trees in the village with a view to protecting them for the future. The clerk was requested to obtain a quotation from a tree specialist to note any significant trees along Southampton Road with a view to protecting them.

Action: Clerk.

Finance

5130. Year ending 31st March 2018

The balance of the account as shown on the bank statement as at 31st December 2017 is £99,192.21.
A bank reconciliation and up to date budget spreadsheet had been circulated to all cllrs prior to the meeting.

5131. Accounts for Payment

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the following payments:-

Account	Budget category	Total
SSE	Electricity supply and charges for village xmas tree	£25.56
Hill Data Systems Ltd	Purchase projector and voice recorder	£445.62
Elaine Hartford	Christmas tree expenses	£25.00
ID Verde Ltd	Bin emptying x 4 weekly (Dec)	£78.00
A McGowan	Clerks salary & associated costs	£846.70
A McGowan	Expenses (mileage, telephone)	£90.32
David Marshall	Bulbs for village planters	£46.18
Totals		£1,557.39

5132. Reserves

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to approve the draft version, which had been circulated to all cllrs prior to the meeting, following recent expenditure where projects had been completed.

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

5133. 17/11704/OUT – Matrons College Farm, Castle Lane, Whaddon, SP5 3EQ – Approval of all reserved matters for 28 residential dwellings and a Local Health Centre (Reserved Matters application pursuant of outline permission 13/02543/OUT).

Alderbury Parish Council resolved to object to the planning application for the following reasons:-

- 1) No reference is made to the allotments on the plans, no access is shown and also no parking.
- 2) Only two bin collection points appear to be provided for 28 houses. Concern was raised about how accessible these would be to the refuse collection vehicles if cars are parked along the roadside within the estate (which happens in other estates in the village).
- 3) Concern was raised that vehicles from Oakridge Business Park will use the health centre places to park.
- 4) Concern was raised about access to and from the site by homeowners and other traffic including deliveries, with the large amount of existing parked cars at the business park and surrounding area.
- 5) No plan of the upstairs level of the medical centre is shown. The specification was agreed with Whiteparish Surgery, which is no longer involved in the discussions. An operator should be secured before the design of the building is approved. As such, should this still form part of the reserved matters?

Matters arising from previous meetings:

5134. Grant application from Salisbury Live

Following discussion, Alderbury Parish Council resolved that it did not want to be included in the various marketing aspects of the Salisbury Live 2018 event at Alderbury Social Club and Village Hall on May 6th 2018 and if the Social Club or Village Hall would like to use the facility instead, they would be welcome.

5135. To receive reports from Cllrs representing Alderbury Parish Council on outside bodies.

Cllr Hartford attended the Southern Area Planning Committee meetings on December 14th, when an application from Longford Estate was reviewed for 50 houses at Junction Road and 10th January when a retrospective application for a bund at Nightwood Farm was considered. Cllr Hartford spoke on behalf of Alderbury Parish Council on both occasions and both of the planning applications were refused by the Committee.

5136. Correspondence/Clerk's report

The clerk confirmed that the Christmas tree had been taken down and the lights packed away for another year. Thanks go to Marcus Light who helped to take the tree down.

The clerk reported that new ramps were due to be installed at the Skate Park to replace the existing ones back in October or November. She had emailed and phoned the company on a number of occasions, however had not received a reply. The clerk contacted both Wiltshire Council and Redlynch Leisure and following further investigations it appears that the company and its parent company have ceased trading. The clerk will make further investigations to see what options exist. Legal support may be required.

A resident from Eyres Drive has contacted the clerk to find out what the latest position is regarding work to three oak trees that require cutting back. In the recent high winds, smaller limbs have been coming off of the trees. The clerk is following this up with Wiltshire Council to find out when the work is due to commence. As previously discussed, the clerk confirmed that a projector is in the process of being purchased so that planning documents can be viewed at meetings as paper copies are no longer received from Wiltshire Council. A voice recorder has also been ordered, so that when necessary parish council meetings can be recorded.

5137. The Fountain magazine

The clerk was asked to thank Marcus Light for his help taking down the Christmas tree and encourage residents to let Cllrs or the clerk know of any other ideas they may have regarding what they would like to see in the village. The article should include details of the Great British Clean up day, to encourage volunteers to take part in this event.

5138. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 6th February 2018. Any items for the agenda must be sent to the clerk by Monday 29th January 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.