



**Minutes of the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.30 pm at Village Hall, Rectory Road, Alderbury**

**Present:** Councillors Elaine Hartford (Chair), Michael Considine, Kim Diprose, John Fuller, Adam Hughes, Michael Huntley, Mel Lawrence, John Ridd, Barry Sloan.

**In attendance:** Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton, PCSO John Taylor and Steve Milton (Parish Clerk)

### **Public Question Time**

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Mr Ian Root

- Motorcycle noise – a local motorcycle with faulty exhaust was causing a recurring nuisance for residents. PCSO Taylor was aware of the issue and pursuing the matter.
- Speeding vehicles on Old Road. PCSO Taylor undertook to look into the matter.
- Direction signs to Alderbury from the A36. Mr Root, felt that better signage was needed to assist people visiting the village.
- GoSkydive – Excessive noise generated by the drop plane circling over the village.
- Long grass at key junctions restricting visibility. The Chair explained Wiltshire Council's new policy of allowing verges to grow longer to encourage biodiversity, however it had committed to keeping junctions and visibility splays cut to a main highway safety. She undertook to take the matter up with the Parish Steward.
- HGVs in the village – large vehicles using the village as a shortcut to avoid congestion on the A36. The Chair indicated that she would discuss these matters further with Wiltshire Councillor, Richard Britton.

Mr Ken Carley:

- Reported the loss of trees in the village.

John Taylor, PCSO:

- He was pursuing several reports of anti-social behaviour raised by the Parish Council.
- He was aware of the noise nuisance caused by a local motorbike and he was on the case.
- He urged parish councillors to raise concerns using the 101 number and asked if this could be publicised in the village. This would help the Police nip issues in the bud early. It was agreed to raise this in the next edition of the Fountain magazine.

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton reported that, following the election, he was still getting up-to-speed with his new roles which now included membership of the Housing Board and Vice Chair of Selwood Housing. He had recently dealt with two housing related issues in Spiders Island.

### **Council Business**

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**5977. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Councillors Ken Bath who was self-isolating following contact from the NHS Covid 19 track and trace system and Darren Mernagh who had childcare responsibilities.

**5978. Declaration of Cllrs Interests and dispensations**

The Chair, Cllr Hartford, declared a non-pecuniary interest in the matter set out under minute 5988 below. In accordance with the National Code of Conduct she was permitted to remain in the meeting and speak on the matter – she abstained from voting.

**5979. Council meeting minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that [the minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd June 2021](#), be approved and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

Cllr Diprose clarified that the request for the listing of the Three Crowns as an asset of

community value had come from the community rather than from her. It was reported that offers had been made for the pub as a going concern but that these had not yet been accepted. As a result, the change of use of the pub to a residential dwelling may be contrary to Wiltshire Council planning policy. It was agreed to write to Wiltshire Council planning department seeking clarification and to consider this again at the next meeting.

#### **5980. Maintenance updates**

The Chair, Cllr Hartford, reported as follows:

- Overgrown brambles on Southampton Road – she had requested the property owner to cut back brambles that were obstructing the pavement.
- Spiders Island sign – she would ask Guy Gibbs to repair or replace the backboard and the Parish Steward had agreed to re-erect the sign once repaired.
- Grass cutting opposite the junction of Firs Road and Southampton Road – Wiltshire Council had added this land to the highway maintenance schedule but too late for the most recent cut. It would be cut in future as part of the maintenance contract.
- Overgrown verges in Lights Lane – she would be taking this matter up with the Parish Steward.
- Eyres Drive Parking – she reported that Wiltshire Council had removed the damaged limb from an oak tree in Eyres Drive following impact by a refuse vehicle. Parking along Eyres Drive was making passing for emergency vehicles difficult.

**RESOLVED:** that an application be made to the Community Area Transport Group for the installation of double yellow lines along the narrow stretch of Eyres Drive.

- The footpath to Grimstead had become very badly overgrown. She agreed to report the matter to the Footpath Volunteers in the first instance.

#### **5981. Alderbury Wildlife Project**

The Council welcomed [the report of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Wild Landscapes Team](#), following their survey of the village in May and considered a draft [project programme prepared by the Clerk](#). The Council noted that budget provision and CIL funds could cover the cost of the items set out in the suggested project plan and grants would be sought to cover additional costs involved.

Councillors discussed the need to engage the community in the roll-out of projects in order to secure awareness and support. Leaving areas of grass unmown could be unpopular in some areas and it was important that the views of residents were heard, particularly in Waleran Close and Spiders Island.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) that the project plan be adopted subject to community consultation on each of the projects as part of the implementation and agreement from Longford Estate where required; and
- (2) That an initial launch meeting be held with the Wildlife Volunteers to discuss proposals and seek members of the project group.

#### **5982. Late Night Bus Service**

The Council noted a request from Whiteparish Parish Council to lobby for the introduction of enhanced bus services to serve Alderbury, Whiteparish and the Grimsteads at weekends, bank holidays and late evenings. This request followed publication of [Wiltshire Council Briefing Note 21-08](#) explaining how bus services could play an important part in the post COVID-19 economic recovery. A national funding scheme was in place and proposals needed to be submitted to Wiltshire Council before Wednesday 14th July 2021.

**RESOLVED:** that Alderbury Parish Council supports the proposal for the introduction of additional village buses to support the economic recovery of Salisbury. The Council feels that additional late evening buses will help stimulate the night time economy and additional buses at weekends and bank holidays would also be of benefit to the cultural regeneration of Salisbury.

At the same time, this also provides more sustainable transport options for villagers, supports social inclusion for those on low incomes, helps reduce carbon and removes traffic from the very congested A36.

**5982. Picnic in the Park**

Councillor Sloan submitted [an update for the Council on the development of this community project](#).

**RESOLVED:** that a sum of up to £200 be made available to the Picnic in the Park organisers to underwrite the costs of the event.

**5983. Youth Activities**

Councillor Sloan provided an update on discussions with the Southern Wiltshire Community Engagement Manager about a possible programme of youth activities over the summer.

**RESOLVED:** that the Council supports the plans developed by the Southern Area Board.

**5984. Flooding to properties adjacent to development at The Wagtails**

Councillor Hughes reported on recent flooding events that had been attributed to the clearance of land behind Wagtails in Southampton Road.

**RESOLVED:** that the flooding concerns be reported to Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency and that action taken by individual property owners against the land owners be supported. Pressure be applied for the restoration of trees on the site to mitigate flooding risks.

**5985. Garage Refurbishment**

A tender document was circulated via local social media channels including the Checkatrade service. The Council noted that to date only one tender had been submitted – three were required.

**RESOLVED:** that the date for receipt of tenders be extended until 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**5986. Alderbury Parish Council Forward Plan**

The Committee considered [the updated Forward Plan](#).

**RESOLVED:** that the footpath clearance works be undertaken as a variation to the existing grounds maintenance contract, to be completed before end of September.

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

**5987. Planning Appeals**

The Council welcomed the recent refusal of an appeal relating to land behind Wagtails and the refusal of permission for the change of use of the Lime Yard in Grimstead Road.

**5988. [PL/2021/05481](#) : Proposed single storey extension and associated works - Pels House, Junction Road.**

**RESOLVED:** that the Council raises no objection to the above application.

**Finance**

**5989. Budget Monitoring Report Month 3**

The Council received [the budget monitoring report to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021](#).

**5990. Bank Balances 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

The Council noted [the bank reconciliation and balances as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021](#).

**5991. Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED:** that [the schedule of payments be approved](#).

**Matters arising from previous meetings**

**5992. Reports from outside bodies**

Cllr Huntley reported back from the recent meeting of the village hall committee. He confirmed that the official opening of the hall was now scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> August to coincide with the Picnic in the Park.

**5993. Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that Councillor Lawrence had written to Wiltshire Council raising concerns about the Local Plan process. The letter encapsulated many of the concerns raised by the Parish Council.

**5994. The Fountain magazine**

The Council agreed that the Clerk submit an article based on the minutes of this meeting and asking villagers if anyone knew the present location of the archives compiled by Roy Pitman.

**5995. Dates of future meetings**

The following dates were noted:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 1st November

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Thursday 3rd February 2022

Monday 7th March 2022

The Chair, Cllr Hartford, closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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Date