

**Minutes of the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm at the Alderbury Social Club,  
Rectory Road, Alderbury**



**Present:** Councillors Elaine Hartford (Chair), Ken Bath, Michael Considine, Kim Diprose, John Fuller, Mike Huntley, Mel Lawrence and Barry Sloan.

**In attendance:** Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton, Steve Milton (Parish Clerk), PC Pete Jung, and four members of the public.

**Public question time**

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Ken Carley:

- Objected to recent hedgerow trimming.
- Raised fears about the possible proliferation of 'Limes disease' due to the increase in deer within the village.
- Brought the council's attention to drainage works at Oak Drive and other flooding risks in the village.

PC Pete Jung

- With the exception of sporadic domestic incidents, crime in Alderbury had been at a very low level.
- An issue of quad bikes being driven over the green at Spider's Island had been addressed.

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton reported as follows:

- Latest budget projections had improved and the predicted Wiltshire Council budget deficit was now standing at around £27m – better than feared but still of concern.
- The Council had still not received any news about the Government's financial settlement for 2022/23.
- In response to a question, he undertook to look into the issue of worn white lines on the flyover at Whaddon and the provision of road markings at The Orchard that were long overdue.

**6086. Apologies for absence**

Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted from Cllrs Hughes (NHS advice), Mernagh (childcare) and Ridd (work commitments).

**6087. Declaration of Cllrs Interests and dispensations**

There were no declarations.

**6088. Council meeting minutes**

**RESOLVED:** that [the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 7th December, 2021](#) are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**6089. Village Maintenance update**

Cllr Hartford updated the Council on the following matters:

- Blocked drains at The Croft opposite Avon Drive may need to be cleared using the Wiltshire Council mechanised vactor service – Clerk to report to WC;
- Work on the clearance of the Southampton Road footways was well underway and Hurdcott Landscapes were doing a good job;
- The slab at the pavilion in the Recreation Ground was still not fixed. The Clerk was instructed to get the slab repaired and to bill the Football Club for the costs.
- Branches were now overhanging the burial ground and needed lifting, she would report this to Hurdcott Landscapes.
- A pot hole at the bottom of Lights Lane needed urgent repair – the Clerk to report using MyWilts system.
- Christmas lights would be switched off the following day.

**6090. War Memorial Centenary**

With the permission of the Chair, Colin Nelson, Chair of the Alderbury branch of The Royal British Legion (RBL) and Mike Hiley from the Scouts addressed the meeting. Colin asked for reconsideration of the proposal to locate a flagpole at the war memorial and asked for support for an event to mark the centenary of the memorial itself. Mike Hiley supported the organisation of a church service and parade to mark the centenary.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the Alderbury RBL be granted permission to locate a flagpole socket behind the War Memorial, and to erect a temporary flag pole for special events on the following conditions:
  - (a) The siting of the flagpole socket to be agreed by the Council;
  - (b) The pole to be erected for special events only and permission sought from the Council on each occasion;
  - (c) The pole to be erected, maintained and stored by Alderbury RBL; and
  - (d) All necessary consents, licences, insurance and costs to be the responsibility of Alderbury RBL.
- (2) That the Council would welcome Alderbury RBL working with the Church to organise a service of re-dedication and parade to mark the centenary of the War Memorial

**6091. Petersfinger Solar Farm**

Following the presentation by Wiltshire Wildlife Community Energy (WWCE) at the last meeting, the Council considered whether to give its support to the project.

**RESOLVED:** that the Council supports the WWCE proposal for a community solar farm at Petersfinger.

**6092. Planning Application PL/2021/11625:** Erection of 1 x detached dwelling, associated parking and landscaping – Marlton, Clarendon Road, SP5 3AT.

**RESOLVED:** No objection.

**6093. Planning Application PL/2021/11771:** Use of land as a caravan site for the stationing of 14no. caravans for permanent residential occupation - Alderbury Park Caravan and Camping Site, Southampton Road, Whaddon, Salisbury, SP5 3HB

**RESOLVED:** Alderbury Parish Council is concerned that this new residential development is proposed to be located outside of the settlement boundary and therefore contrary to the policies of the Wiltshire Core Strategy. Notwithstanding this, the Council recognises that the site has long been used as a touring caravan site with associated development and hardstanding. Currently, the site is in a poor state and has a detrimental visual impact on the approach to the village from the South. With careful development and subject to limitations on its use, the Council feels the proposal will enhance the village and, therefore, raises no objection to the application subject to the following conditions being imposed in their entirety:

- (1) As the site lies outside of the boundary of the settlement, use should be restricted to social housing – in this case, units for those over the age of 55 for which there is a lack of supply in the village;
- (2) To secure an acceptable scheme that improves the appearance of the site, the LPA must approve the design, layout and landscaping of each individual unit prior to any development commencing on the site.
- (3) That existing hedgerows and trees should be retained and additional landscaping provided to enhance the appearance of the site and to encourage biodiversity;

- (4) No works should take place on the grass verges alongside the development where a protected species (orchid) is known to exist;
- (5) All previous permissions relating to a touring caravan site shall be revoked and permitted development rights should be removed from the site in its entirety to prevent the proliferation of ancillary buildings, garages and any future use as a site for touring caravans.

**6094. Budget Monitoring Report Month 9**

The Council noted the [budget 2021/22 and expenditure report](#) to 31st December 2021.

**6095. Bank Balances 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

The Council noted the [bank balances and bank reconciliation](#) at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**6096. Accounts for Payment**

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

**6097. Draft Budget 2022-23**

The Council considered the [Clerk's report and draft Council budget 2022/23](#) together with the [annual risk assessment](#) and [asset register](#).

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That the budget for 2022/23 be approved and the precept be set at £52,889.86
- (2) That the updated Asset Register be adopted
- (3) That the Annual Risk Assessment be approved.

**6098. Reports from outside bodies.**

Councillor Huntley provided an update on the work of the Village Hall Committee. There had been some recent membership changes, but the committee continued to work effectively. A new commercial dishwasher had been approved and negotiations were ongoing with the Social Club about the provision of improved Wi-Fi. The next project was the provision of an additional disabled toilet facility in the Social Club area. Local architect, Nick Phillips, had visited and had identified the store room adjacent to the ladies WC as the preferred site. The committee would be considering the proposal further and may need to approach the Council for a contribution towards the costs.

**6099. Correspondence**

The Council noted receipt of a letter of complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman relating to Wiltshire Council's handling of the Caynton Lawns planning application. While expressing some sympathy with the issues raised in the complaint, the Council felt that it could not involve itself in the matter further. The Clerk reported a comment received about the bus shelter adjoining the Green at Old Road. It was suggested this should be removed to improve the view of the War Memorial. The Council noted the views and agreed to allow the hedge to grow and screen the shelter.

**6100. The Fountain magazine –** It was agreed that the clerk would submit a summary of the meeting.

**6101. Dates of future meetings**

- Thursday 3rd February 2022 at the Social Club
- Monday 7th March 2022

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.20pm

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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