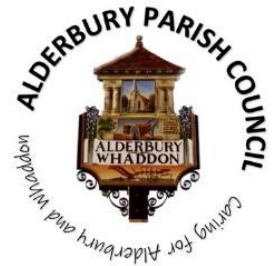


Minutes of the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on Thursday 3rd February 2022 at 7.30pm at the Alderbury Social Club, Alderbury



Present: Councillors Elaine Hartford (Chair), Ken Bath, Michael Considine, John Fuller, Mike Huntley, Darren Mernagh, John Ridd and Barry Sloan.

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

Public question time

Andrew Poole

- Commended the Council for the work undertaken to restore the footpaths along Southampton Road and suggested taking the banks back further at The Green.

Ken Carley:

- Asked the Council to allow its hedgerows to grow to encourage wildlife.

Alex Wilkinson

- Drew attention to a strip of land adjoining Southampton Road between Silverwood and High Street. Wiltshire Tree Officer, Shane Verrion had inspected the trees and found them to be in poor condition and in need of attention. Ownership of the land was unclear but works were needed to tidy it up and make the trees safe. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Wiltshire Council Highways.

PC Pete Jung

- With the exception of minor incidents of pilfering, crime levels in Alderbury continued to be at a very low level.
- PC Rachel Davey had been tasked with raising awareness of online fraud and was available to talk to local residents if the parish council wished to organise a meeting. It was agreed to make this the subject of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton

- The budget was now drafted and included a deficit of £27m with corresponding savings targets.
- The planning appeal at The Lime Yard in West Grimstead had been upheld and costs awarded against Wiltshire Council.
- A meeting to discuss the provision of positive activities for young people, attended by the Parish Council had been constructive and it was anticipated that proposals would be emerging shortly.

6102. Apologies for absence

Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted from Cllrs Diprose (holiday), Hughes (NHS advice) and Lawrence (prior engagement).

6103. Declaration of Cllrs Interests and dispensations

- Councillor Hartford declared an interest in the matter set out under minute 6110 below, remained in the meeting and spoke on the item but abstained from voting.
- Councillor Huntley declared an interest in the matter set out under minute 6111 below, remained in the meeting but did not speak or vote on the matter.
- Councillor Sloan declared an interest in the matter set out under minute 6112 below, remained in the meeting but did not speak or vote on the matter.

6104. Council meeting minutes

RESOLVED: that [the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 5th January, 2022](#) are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6105. Village Maintenance update

Cllr Hartford updated the Council on the following matters:

- Work on the clearance of the Southampton Road footways had been completed and Hurdcott Landscapes had done a fine job.
- A loose post at Firs Road needed attention, she would ask the Parish Steward to take a look
- The gate into the Recreation Ground had now been repaired.
- The litter bin at the old football field needed to be relocated. It was suggested it should be sited at the area of grass adjoining the Canal woodland in Avon Drive.
- The pot hole at the bottom of Lights Lane was now in a dangerous state.

6106. Grounds Maintenance Contract

The Council considered [the draft contract specification](#).

RESOLVED: That subject to the following, the specification be approved and tenders sought:

- (1) Where possible hedges be allowed to thicken to provide improved habitat for wildlife; and
- (2) The use of HSE approved alternatives to glyphosate herbicides be requested.

6107. Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Council noted that the 'Picnic in the Park' event was planned for Saturday 11th June 2022. The Council discussed the possibility of erecting a Jubilee beacon, but decided against the idea due to the lack of a suitable elevated site. The Clerk was asked to contact neighbouring villages and the National Trust to find out whether a beacon on Pepperbox Hill might be supported.

6108. Best Kept Village Competition

The Council agreed to enter the [CPRE Best kept Village Competition 2022](#).

6109. [Planning Application PL/2022/00073](#) and [PL/2022/00240](#) (Listed Building): Repair and renovation of historic house and coach house ranges with internal alterations and adaptations - Alderbury House, Tunnel Hill, SP5 3DW

RESOLVED: that Alderbury Parish Council welcomes the full and sympathetic restoration of this important Grade II* listed building and supports the application. The application is timely; Alderbury House had fallen into a state of serious disrepair and without urgent action may have become economically unviable to restore as a private dwelling.

6110. [Planning Application PL/2021/11851](#): Demolition of existing dwelling and the erection of 2 x detached dwellings, associated parking, access, hard and soft landscaping and associated works (resubmission of PL/2021/08056) - Brackendale, Junction Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AZ. A member of the public spoke in opposition to this proposal.

RESOLVED: Alderbury Parish Council raises no objection subject to the following condition -

In the interests of biodiversity, privacy and to preserve the rural character of Junction Road, the hedge on the western boundary of the site adjoining Grey Cottage be retained.

- 6111.** [Planning Application PL/2022/00203](#): Demolition of existing conservatory, conversion/extension of the existing dwelling - The Pippins, 56 Old Road, Alderbury, SP5 3AR. The applicant spoke in support of this application.
RESOLVED: No objection.
- 6112.** [Planning Application PL PL/2021/11287](#): Replacement of all existing timber windows and doors with Eco-Lite double-glazed windows and doors - School House, School Hill, SP5 3DR. The applicant spoke in support of this application.
RESOLVED: No objection.
- 6113.** [Planning Application PL PL/2022/00399](#): Erect a new wooden Gazebo in rear garden 6m x 3m x 3.1m - Mayfields, Junction Road, SP5 3AZ
RESOLVED: No objection.
- 6114.** [Planning Application PL PL/2021/11441](#): Erection of Concrete Fence in the Front Garden - 37 Eyres Drive SP5 3TD. A member of the public spoke in opposition to this proposal.
RESOLVED: that Alderbury Parish Council objects to this application for the following reason:
The fence, by virtue of its height, design, materials and position, is out of keeping with neighbouring properties and would have a negative impact on the character and amenity of the area.
- 6115. Budget Monitoring Report Month 10**
The Council noted [the budget 2021/22 and expenditure report to 31st January, 2021](#).
- 6116. Bank Balances 31st January 2022**
The Council noted [the bank balances and bank reconciliation at 31st January, 2021](#).
- 6117. Accounts for Payment**
RESOLVED: that [the schedule of payments](#) be approved.
- 6118. Internal Audit Review**
The Council received [the report of the Council's Internal Auditors – Lightatouch](#).
RESOLVED: that the internal audit report be agreed and the two recommendations relating to the signing of bank reconciliation statements by the Chair and the initialling of invoices by the Clerk using a digital signature be adopted.
- 6119. Reports from outside bodies**
The Council noted the written report from the Village Hall Management Committee previously circulated by Councillor Huntley.
- 6120. Correspondence**
- Forthcoming playground safety training organised by Downton Parish Council
 - Request for a litter bin at Avon Drive (see minute 6105 above).
- 6121. The Fountain magazine**
The Clerk to submit a summary of the meeting.

6122. Dates of future meetings

- Monday 7 March – Social Club,
- Tuesday 5 April,
- Wednesday 11 May,
- Thursday 9 June,
- Monday 4 July 22,
- Tuesday 2 August (provisional)
- Tuesday 6 September.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.18pm

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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Date