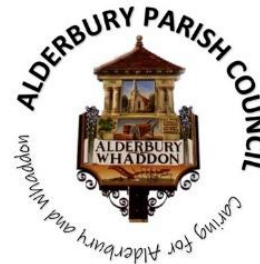


**Minutes of the meeting of Alderbury Parish Council held on Monday
7th March 2022 at 7.30pm at the Alderbury Social Club, Alderbury**



Present: Councillors Elaine Hartford (Chair), Kim Diprose, Adam Hughes, Ken Bath, John Fuller (Vice-Chair), Mike Huntley, Darren Mernagh, Mel Lawrence and Barry Sloan.

In attendance: PC Pete Jung, Steve Milton (Parish Clerk), and five members of the public.

Public question time

Ken Carley:

- Drew attention to fresh activity on the site behind Wagtails in Southampton Road.
- Asked the Council to do more to protect local hedgerows.
- Reported that a footpath down to the River Avon at Shute End had been closed. The Chair reported that this was a temporary closure order during building works.

Cllr Mernagh raised the issue of vegetation obscuring the bus stop sign adjoining No. 2 Clarendon Road. The Council requested that the Clerk write to the owners of the property requesting the hedge to be cut back.

PC Pete Jung

- He was aware of the break-in at the Sports Pavilion in the Recreation Ground. The Clerk informed PC Jung that the Football Club had attended the scene and secured the door – they had reported only trivial damage.
- Reported on a serious online fraud case in the village that had cost the victim over £1,000. PC Rachel Davey had agreed to provide a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton - presented his apologies due to illness.

6123. Apologies for absence

Apologies and reasons for absence were accepted from Cllrs Considine (childcare) and Ridd (ill).

6124. Declaration of Cllrs Interests and dispensations

There were no declarations.

6125. Council meeting minutes

RESOLVED: that [the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 3rd February, 2022](#) are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6126. Village Maintenance update

Cllr Hartford updated the Council on the following matters:

- Weeds along the gutters in Avon Drive had been cleared by the Parish Steward and a visit from the gully sweeper had been booked.
- She and Cllr Sloan had cleared broken glass from the Recreation Ground.
- She had checked the verges at the Fountain Green following reports of damage by turning buses. She had found no serious damage.
- The litter bin at the old football field needed to be relocated. It was agreed that this be sited at the area of grass adjoining the Canal woodland in Avon Drive. The Clerk would task Hurdcott Estates Ltd with this work.
- Cllr Sloan reported on damage to trees following the recent gales, including a pear tree in the community orchard – since replaced with an apple variety.

6127. Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Picnic in the Park

The Council considered an application for a 'Picnic in the Park' and 'Salisbury Live' event to be held in the Recreation Ground on Saturday 11th June 2022. The organiser, Mr Keith Wallace, was present and addressed the Council referring to [a draft programme of activities](#) he had circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: that permission be granted for the jointly promoted 'Picnic in the Park' and 'Salisbury Live' event on 11th June, subject to the conditions set out in [the Council's Recreation Ground Policy](#) with the exception of conditions relating to the terminal hour (which shall be no later than 10.30pm) and access for vehicles (which shall be strictly limited to essential access only).

6128. National Code of Conduct

In December 2020, the Local Government Association (LGA) developed and published a [Model Councillor Code of Conduct](#) in association with key partners and following extensive consultation with the sector. This was in response to the recommendation of the Committee of Standards in Public Life - Local Government Ethical Standards 2019. The code was part of the joint work of the LGA and the National Association of Local Councils supporting all tiers of local government to continue to aspire to high standards of leadership and performance, and the civility in public life programme.

RESOLVED: that the new model code of conduct be adopted.

6129. [Planning Application PL/2022/01042](#): Renewal of consent for new dwelling approved under ref 19/02051/FUL - land adjacent to Kiln Close, Whaddon, SP5 3HZ.

RESOLVED: that the Local Planning Authority be informed that Alderbury Parish Council has not changed its view on the suitability of this site for development and confirms its position as stated on 2nd April 2019. Notwithstanding this, the Council recognises that the principle of development has been accepted and, with regret, has no further comment on the application.

6130. [Planning Application PL/2022/01341](#): Demolish existing conservatory and construct 2-story contemporary kitchen and bedroom extension - Crossfields, Rectory Road, Alderbury, SP5 3AD.

RESOLVED: that the Local Planning Authority be informed that the development by virtue of its scale, design, materials, and incongruity of form and layout is out of keeping with the original dwelling and detrimental to the rural setting of this site. The Council feels that an extension constructed of traditional materials with a more sympathetic design would be more in keeping with the existing dwelling and less visually intrusive in this sensitive landscape setting and requests the LPA to refuse the current proposal on this basis.

6131. Budget Monitoring Report Month 11

The Council noted [the budget and expenditure report to 28 February, 2022](#).

6132. Bank Balances 28 February 2022

The Council noted [the bank balances and bank reconciliation at 28 February, 2022](#).

6133. Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED: that the [schedule of payments and invoices](#) be authorised for payment.

6134. Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Huntley reported that the Village Hall Management Committee was seeking new members.

6135. Correspondence – The Clerk reported as follows:

- The Council had received confirmation from Alderbury and West Grimstead School that it wished to be part of the Alderbury Wildlife Friendly Village project. Cllr Lawrence had provided details of a scheme called '[Copse in a Box](#)' promoted by Moore Trees in Partnership with the Tree Council as part of the Government's Green Challenge Recovery Fund.
- The Clerk had received a Freedom of Information request relating to the sale of land including the Southampton Road Allotments.
- The 2021/22 national pay claim had been settled and would be applied to the Clerk's salary from March 26th backdated from 1st April 2021.
- The Council had responded to formal notification of the declaration of a redundant churchyard at St Mary's.
- The Alderbury and Whaddon Local History Research Group archives had now been moved onto the Council's website by the Clerk and Mr Geoff Hatcher.
- The BBC One Show would be visiting the village on Wednesday 9th March to make a film about the Best Kept Village Competition and the difficulties faced by the Council due to restrictions imposed on litter picking by the UK Health Security Agency following the Novichok poisonings in Salisbury in 2018.

6136. The Fountain magazine

The Council noted that the Clerk would submit an article based on the meeting and including promotion of the Picnic in the Park event; the good news about the school's participation in the Wildlife project and a shout-out for new members for the Village Hall Committee.

6137. Grounds Maintenance Contract

RESOLVED: that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and in view of the commercially sensitive nature of the information to be discussed, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Following adoption of the [contract specification](#), bids had been invited from seven local companies. Two valid bids had been received. The Council considered the Clerk's analysis of the costs over the full term of the contract (four years).

RESOLVED: that the Grounds Maintenance Contract be awarded to Hurdcott Landscapes Ltd for a period of four years from 1st April 2022, the Company having provided the lowest price over the term of the contract.

6138. Dates of future meetings: the Council noted the following meeting dates -

Tuesday 5 April,	Thursday 9 June,	Tuesday 2 August (provisional)
Wednesday 11 May,	Monday 4 July 22,	Tuesday 6 September.

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting should be convened in April.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.19pm

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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Date