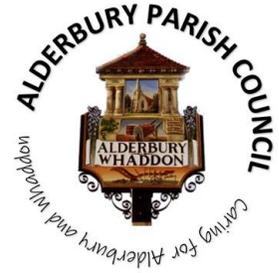


ALDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Caring for Alderbury and Whaddon



**Minutes of the Alderbury Parish Meeting held on
Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7.30pm
At Alderbury Sports and Social Club, Rectory Road, Alderbury.**

Present: Councillors Elaine Hartford (Chair), Michael Considine, Kim Diprose, John Fuller and Barry Sloan.

In attendance: Steve Milton (Parish Clerk), PC Rachel Davis (Wiltshire Police Complex Fraud Team) and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Hughes, Huntley, Lawrence and Wiltshire Councillor, Richard Britton.

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair of Alderbury Parish Council welcomed everyone to the Parish Meeting.

3. **Minutes**

RESOLVED: that [the minutes of the last meeting of the Alderbury Annual Parish Meeting](#) are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4. **Staying Safe Online**

PC Rachel Davis from the Wiltshire Police Complex Fraud Team was present and gave a presentation on the more common types of fraud and how residents can avoid being the victims of this heartless crime. Her presentation covered the following topics:

- What is fraud and what is its impact
- The 'fraud-protect' roles within Wiltshire Police
- Assessing vulnerability to fraud
- Different types of fraud
- The signs which suggest someone may be a victim of fraud
- Fraud safeguarding advice and crime prevention tactics

[Rachel's presentation can be found here.](#) She answered questions and explained that she was always willing to address local groups if that would help get the message out to the residents of the village. Before she left, Rachel handed out copies of "[The Little Book of Big Scams](#)" which covered the subject and provided advice in a simple and easy to read format.

5. **Annual Report from the Parish Council**

The Chair of the Council presented her [annual report](#) to the meeting.

6. **Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton**

The Chair read out the following report submitted by Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton who was attending the Southern Area Board meeting on the same evening.

"Firstly, I apologise for being unable to attend. It is frustrating to be only next door in the Village Hall at a meeting of Wiltshire Council's Southern Area Board.

Alderbury and Whiteparish division now stretches from Clarendon Park (right up Petersfinger Road to the back of Tesco) right across to West Dean, taking in the Grimsteads and Pitton and Farley. It's one of Wiltshire's largest divisions both in terms of area and population with around 4,500 residents.

During the year I have continued to hold some important roles in the council, and I am the only Wiltshire Councillor to have chaired an Area Board since their inception in 2009 when Wiltshire became a unitary authority. Helping community organizations with grants, supporting health and wellbeing projects and instigating youth activities across the 28 villages of our rural Southern Wiltshire Community Area has been a most satisfying and rewarding experience. Being a councillor can be frustrating at a time when financial pressures often make it difficult to meet the expectations of residents. Nevertheless, responding to residents' enquiries and complaints remains my top priority. In Alderbury the majority of my casework involves planning and enforcement matters but I also get involved in a wide range of other situations such as housing on Spiders Island.

Perhaps the highlight of my year was performing the Opening Ceremony for Alderbury's excellent refurbished and enlarged Village Hall. Although I played a part in getting the project started, credit for its delivery goes to your energetic Parish Council (John Fuller and Elaine Hartford in particular) and key people such as Andy Larkham.

Alderbury is extremely well served by its enthusiastic and dedicated Parish Council under the very able chairmanship of Elaine Hartford and with the professional support and administration of its experienced and professional Clerk, Steve Milton.

I must single out Elaine for special praise for all the work she does around the village – litter-picking, emptying bins, liaising with the Parish Steward, and generally keeping a sharp eye out for, and reacting to, maintenance issues and problems.

I most sincerely congratulate the council on another successful year.”

7. Village Matters

The Chair explained that the Wagtails site off Southampton Road was again subject to a planning application. She reminded everyone present to submit their views again as this was a fresh application and previous comments would not be carried forwards. The application would be coming to the Council at its next meeting on 9th June.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.35pm