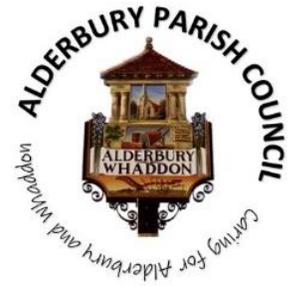


**Minutes of the Meeting of Alderbury Parish Council
held on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7.30pm
in The Fountain Room, Alderbury Village Hall.**



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

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

Public question time

PC Pete Jung, Wiltshire Police

- Reported on serious wildfires in Winterbourne Stoke and Laverstock due to the severe drought and very high temperatures.
- There had been several break-ins and thefts around the village over the month in Southampton Road, Lights Lane, Firs Road, Rectory Farm, Clarendon Grange and Alderbury Halt. Outbuildings had been entered and items taken including tools and bicycles. A mountain bike had been retrieved.
- In connection with the burglaries, PC Jung asked the Council to promote the importance of home security and property marking in the village. Wiltshire Constabulary provided a range of useful [advice on home safety measures](#) and was working with [SelectaDNA to provide an invisible DNA liquid for property marking](#). As part of Operation Siege this was being marketed to the public at a discounted rate. SelectaDNA had proved effective at deterring theft by as much as 80%.
- Following an issue raised at the last meeting, PC Jung had called on the owner of the noisy motorbike and provided appropriate advice.

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton

- Informed members that there were still some problems with recycling collections due to staff shortages at the contractor, Hills Waste. The advice was to leave the bins out on collection day, and they will be collected as soon as crews are available.
- Explained that Wiltshire Council's budget situation was better than first feared. Additional budget allocations had been made for three consecutive years as follows:
 - £200k for additional white road lines
 - £500k for increased mechanised (Vactor) drain clearance
 - £150k for improved enforcement of street scene issues such as fly tipping – mobile enforcement cameras were being considered.
- Explained that £300k was included in the budget 2022-23 for resurfacing works along Southampton Road. This implied that works would be undertaken before 31st March 2023, although no definite date had yet been announced.
- Commented on the recent [Inspection of Wiltshire Police and by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services](#) (HMICFRS). The report had revealed significant failings, particularly in the way the force responds to the public, protects vulnerable people, and manages its resources which were all found to be inadequate.

6222. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Ken Bath (injury), Adam Hughes (holiday), and Darren Mernagh (holiday).

6223. Declaration of Cllrs Interests and dispensations

The Clerk, Steve Milton, declared an indirect interest in the matter set out under minute 6229 below as he was the named applicant for the tree works.

6224. Council meeting minutes

RESOLVED: that [the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th July, 2022](#) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6225. [Planning Application PL/2022/04786](#): Installation of a milk vending machine in the car park at the proposed site to provide fresh, local milk to the local community - The Three Crowns, Whaddon,

RESOLVED: that Alderbury Parish Council supports the provision of a milk vending machine at The Three Crowns public house provided that the siting of the structure is adjusted to accommodate the comments submitted by the Conservation Officer.

6226. [Planning Application PL/2022/05405](#): Fell a Fir Tree - Alderbury House, Tunnel Hill, Alderbury

RESOLVED: Having taken advice from the Wiltshire Council Tree Officer, Alderbury Parish Council raises no objection to the removal of the fir tree.

6227. [Planning Application PL/2022/05785](#): Single storey rear extension and alteration – 2 The Banks, Grimstead Road, Whaddon

RESOLVED: Alderbury Parish Council raises no objection provided the case officer is satisfied that the proposal will not cause overshadowing, overlooking, or loss of privacy to the neighbouring properties.

6228. [Planning Application PL/2022/05472](#): Single Storey Kitchen Extension – Parkside, Rectory Road, Alderbury. Residents of the property immediately behind the development site spoke against the application. Following receipt of this statement the Council considered the application and it was:

RESOLVED: Alderbury Parish Council recommends refusal of the proposal for the following reasons:

- (1) The overbearing nature and poor design of the proposed extension's unremitting and monotonous red brick Northern facade with its utilitarian fenestration, is out of keeping with the existing property and the design of neighbouring properties in Rectory Road and Rectory Lane.
- (2) The scale, mass and siting of the proposed extension would have a detrimental impact upon the property immediately to the North by virtue of overshadowing of the garden, overlooking and loss of privacy.
- (3) The proposal, extending an already overbearing Northern facade, constitutes an unacceptable form of overdevelopment along the North-Western boundary of the plot.
- (4) **INORMATIVE:** The Council believes an extension of higher quality design could be accommodated to the west of the proposed position if stepped back further from the property boundary.

6229. [Planning Application PL/2022/05894](#): Thuja Plicata - crown lift by 4m – St Mary's Church, Alderbury.

RESOLVED: Alderbury Parish Council is the applicant and strongly supports the proposal to lift the lower branches which are currently preventing families attending graves in the cemetery. The tree will be maintained in a healthy condition.

6230. [Planning Application PL/2022/05949](#): Removal of Tree subject to TPO – One Oak, Lights Lane.

RESOLVED: Alderbury Parish Council supports the views of Wiltshire's Arboricultural Officer.

6231. **Accounts for Payment**

In connection with this item, the Chair reported that she had obtained a quotation from Mr Fencing for the repair of the broken wooden fence at the entrance to the Recreation Ground near the Village Hall. Members felt the repairs should be with oak posts and rails and additional quotes should be sought.

The Chair also reported that the white railings along Old Road near the junction with Clarendon Road were broken and in need of repair. The Council felt the repairs should be undertaken on a like-for-like basis with the top steel railing repaired by the local Blacksmith.

RESOLVED: that the [schedule of payments](#) and invoices be approved and the payment of £150 to cover the cost of a feasibility study for solar panels on the Village Hall roof be agreed.

- 6232. Dates of future meetings**– to note the following meeting dates:
Tuesday 6 Sep 22 Thursday 3 November
Wednesday 5 October Monday 5 December

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Signed as a correct record

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Chair

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Date