

**ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2014 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE**

**Present**

Cllr P Lawler (Chairman), Cllr A Edmonds (Vice-Chairman)  
 Cllr H Bland, Cllr D Davis, Cllr A Deuchar, Cllr N Josephy, Cllr H Keen, Cllr C McGowan,  
 Cllr A Phizacklea, Cllr R Price & Cllr M Pryce

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 10 members of the public, Cllr J Sheppard (WC)

**48. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr W Brown & Cllr J Rayner,  
 Absent Cllr H Bishop

**49. Declarations of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda & granting of any dispensations required**

Cllrs Deuchar, Keen & Pryce – Item 68 dispensation given to discuss & vote

**50. Consider and sign the Minutes of June 2014 Parish Council meeting**

It was resolved unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2014 be approved and signed.

**51. Matters arising from the last Minutes not already listed** (for information only)

- a. 28 a** – Dangerous tree next to Marlborough Road  
 WC have looked at the tree and confirmed they cannot do any work to the trees as they belong to the home owners in Turnpike. The Council asked Cllr Sheppard to get WC to update them on exactly what their findings were and what they intend to do next.
- b. 28 c** – Clearance of growth around The Butts sign  
 Chased after the last meeting and this has now been done.
- c. 28 d & e** – Temporary railings around manhole on Lottage Road & next to The Bourne  
 These will get fixed but there is no ETA. As there are temporary barriers in both locations there is no longer any danger. Cllr Sheppard asked to chase this with WC as it is not acceptable to have plastic barriers for long lengths of time in the village.
- d. 28 g** – Manhole covers on the top of the sportsfield  
 Both have now fixed
- e. 43 a** – No through road sign into The Square by the takeaway needed to be cleaned  
 Reported after the last meeting, but no action has been taken yet. The Council agreed to clean it themselves.
- f. 43 b** – Missing drain grid on the B4192  
 Chased with WC after the last meeting, who confirmed they were aware of the issue. The Council asked Cllr Sheppard to chase for an update on this as the grid is still missing.
- g. 43 d** – Grass cutting along the B4192 not done  
 Now completed by Wiltshire Council
- h. 43 f** – Poor grass cutting across the village  
 Chased with Scofell after the last meeting, and all issues have now been resolved
- i. 43 g** – Flooding at the top of Oxford Street  
 WC advised no longer an issue as only happened earlier in the year due to prolonged rainfall. Advised happens every time it rains heavily and that problem is with the design of the kerb edges, because they are now covering the gully that used to be there. The Council asked Cllr Sheppard to chase this on their behalf.

**52. Chairman's report** (for information only)

None

**53. Clerk's report** (for information only)

- Many thanks to everyone who helped the village win the large village category in the Best Kept Village contest. The village will now go on to be judged in the county round some time within the next couple of weeks.
- Work has been carried out on the chimney at The Crown. Wiltshire Council has confirmed it is not of an acceptable standard. They have written to Enterprise Inns asking them to cease all further work, and submit a Listed Buildings Application.

**54. Receive the monthly financial report & sign any cheques for payments**

It was resolved unanimously to approve the accounts and cheques for payment as presented. A copy of the financial report is attached to these Minutes

**55. Consider donation to AYC for toilets for the National Play Day**

It was proposed Cllr Phizacklea, seconded Cllr Davis, and resolved unanimously to donate £200 to the Youth Council towards toilets for the play day.

**56. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider** - None**57. Consider Goddards Lane area registration**

Cllr McGowan advised he now had all the details required and was working his way through the Land Registry process. The system is not very user friendly for individuals to apply to register land, but Cllr McGowan is hopeful that a solicitor will not be required.

It was resolved unanimously that Cllr McGowan continues to work to officially register the land.

Cllr Pryce arrived during this item

**58. Consider replacement of wooden tower in Goddards play area**

It was proposed Cllr Bland, seconded Cllr Davis, and resolved unanimously to purchase the Orchard Mammoth unit from Sutcliffe Play at a total cost of £18,840, using an Awards for All grant for £10,000, as well as £8,840 from S106 money

It was proposed Cllr Josephy, seconded Cllr Deuchar, and resolved unanimously that should no grant be awarded from Awards for All, to purchase the Orchard Mammoth unit from Sutcliffe Play at a total cost of £18,840, using £11,799 from section 106, as well as £7,041 from council reserves

**59. Consider repairs to footpath leading to Goddards play area**

It was proposed Cllr Deuchar, seconded Cllr Phizacklea and resolved unanimously to accept Kimber Bros estimate of £430.60 to repair the first section of the Goddards path.

Cllr Keen arrived during this item

**60. Discuss outcome of traffic plan meeting, including S96 licence, & consider any actions required**

The meeting was held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June, and was attended by over a 100 residents. It had been a very useful fact finding meeting. An informal vote was taken about closing the two roads into The Square. The majority of those present were against this happening. The main comments were about slowing the speed of traffic across the village. The notes from this meeting are attached to these minutes.

It was resolved unanimously that the councils highways group will meet to discuss the issues raised at the traffic meeting, and produce proposals for how to proceed with addressing them.

There were also several issues raised during the meeting about over grown plants restricting the width of roads, gardens encroaching on highways, and planters and stones on footpaths and road

edges. The council will put together a list of all these to send to Cllr Sheppard so he can ask WC highways to deal with them. Cllr Sheppard confirmed that there will be updates on what is happening about the garden encroachment along The Green at tomorrow's CATG meeting.

It was proposed Cllr Keen, seconded Cllr Deuchar and resolved six in favour, two against and three abstentions to have 2/3 suggestion boxes around the village to allow resident to leave comments about roads and traffic, as well as any other village issues. It was agreed that no anonymous comments will be addressed.

### **61. Discuss repairs to the Market Cross & consider any actions required**

It was proposed Cllr Edmonds, seconded Cllr Bland, and resolved unanimously to accept Ramsbury Stonemasons estimate of £534 to repair the Market Cross. Consent to work on a scheduled monument will be applied for from English Heritage before any work commences.

### **62. Discuss Community Plan & consider any actions required**

Councillors to review the notes from Cllr McGowan, and come back to him with any suggestions for changes, with a view to the final version being adopted at the September meeting.

### **63. Consider work around the pond area**

It was proposed Cllr Deuchar, seconded Cllr Josephy, and resolved unanimously to allow Wiltshire Council to clear back the over growth from the edge of the pond area by the parking spaces with their digger as soon as they are able.

It was proposed Cllr Josephy, seconded Cllr Pryce, and resolved unanimously to allow up to £300 to be spent around the pond area to clear weeds and stumps, and revamp the noticeboard.

### **64. Consider repairs to Grasshills RoW**

It was proposed Cllr Bland, seconded Cllr Pryce, and resolved unanimously to donate £500 towards the cost of repairing the Grasshills byway.

Wiltshire Council has confirmed the works will be carried out before the Carnival.

Homeowners either side of the byway will be contacted by the Parish Council to advise of the works, and ask them to cut back any planting that is growing out into the byway, as this will restrict repairs if not carried out.

### **65. Receive planning meeting minutes**

The planning minutes from the meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June & 1<sup>st</sup> July were accepted, and are attached to these minutes.

### **66. Reports by councillors on any council business or village issues** (to consider any points raised)

- a. Tennis Courts** – The work to the court is nearly finished. It is hoped everything will be completed by the end of this week/early next week. A letter of thanks will be sent to David Graham, Glyn Roberts and Matt Knight of Aldbourn Chase Farms for their help with providing water and a bowser to allow the surface to be cleaned.

It was proposed that the court should be locked with a system of paying for keys to use it. This failed three in favour, four against and three abstentions.

A sign will be put up advising the courts are to be used for tennis only within sociable hours.

- b. Flood Warden** – Work is still on going for this, hope to have more news in September
- c. Filming** – Two more lots of filming have taken place in the village. There were no issues on either day.
- d. Emergency Plan** – The group has had a meeting, and has agreed to meet every 4 months. They are liaising with the public protection officer at WC about getting some terms of reference between the village and emergency services.
- e. Floods** – The flooding along Lottage Road has badly eroded the banks on the end of Kandahar and along Lottage Road. Cllr Sheppard agreed to speak to WC about this.

- f. White Van** – There have been reports of a white van with its doors open whilst two men spoke to two young girls. This van has been spotted in other villages in the area. The school is aware and has warned parents and pupils. People have been asked to remain vigilant.

**67. Wiltshire Council report** (for information only)

The culvert behind the chapel on Lottage Road should be worked on in September. Works will then progress down Lottage Road with a new culvert being installed. The road will then be resurfaced and the levels changed to allow water to run into the new culvert.

**68. Consider access road to the sportsfield & parking area on the sportsfield**

It was proposed Cllr Price, seconded Cllr Josephy, and resolved six in favour and one against to allow Cllrs Deuchar, Keen & Pryce to discuss and vote on this item during this meeting

Funds have been raised by the Aldbourn Recreation Centre group to pay for the planning application. All funds to install the road will come from grant funding.

It was proposed Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Edmonds, and resolved ten in favour and one abstention to apply for planning permission on behalf of ARC for an access road & parking on the sportsfields.

**69. Correspondence**

A copy of the correspondence received & not already mentioned is attached to these Minutes.

**70. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider**

Standing order suspended during this item

- Are there any plans to have a public consultation about the new access road onto the sportsfield? The roads leading to it are very narrow and residents already struggle to pass each other on them.
- Is there not a covenant on the land?

There have been several public meetings to allow for residents to comment on this and other parts of the plan. All comments received to date have been positive. Highways at WC have also been consulted over the road and access to it. The planning process will also allow anyone from across the village to make comment on the application once it is submitted. The proposed plans for the whole area are still available to view in the Community Junction.

The covenant only restricts building on the bottom east side of Palmers Field.

**71. Consider co-option of one councillor**

Only one person had sent their details in to be considered for the vacancy. A paper ballot was taken, and Paul Niblock was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**72. Delegation of duties over the summer recess**

It was resolved unanimously to give delegated powers to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman over the summer recess for all Council functions where delegated powers do not already exist

**73. Confirm date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. [Please note that this is a week later than normal due to the carnival quiz.]

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 22:05**

Chairman's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2014**