

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH JULY 2016
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE

Present

Cllr. P. Lawler (Chairman), Cllr. A. Edmonds (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. H. Bland, Cllr. W. Brown, Cllr. N. Josephy, Cllr. H. Keen, Cllr. C. McGowan, Cllr. S. Muirhead,
Cllr. P. Niblock, Cllr. R. Price, Cllr. G. Salman

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 8 members of the public

52. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. L. Harris, Cllr. A. Phizacklea, Cllr. M. Pryce & Cllr. J. Rayner

53. Declaration of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda & granting of any dispensations required

None

54. Consider and sign the Minutes of the June 2016 Parish Council meeting

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st June 2016 be approved and signed.

55. Matters arising

- a) (31a) Lottage Road raised footpath – Surface still very uneven and major repair works are still required. On going issue, no further updates.
- b) (31b) Erosion of Kandahar bank – On going issue, no further updates
- c) (31c) Drainage issue at the top of Oxford Street – Awaiting ETA for works to be carried out.
- d) (31e) – The Grasshills byways – Cllr. Sheppard chasing for this work to be completed, even though the budget for RoW has been removed now. Photographs of the puddles that form during heavy rain forwarded onto Cllr. Sheppard.
- e) (31f) New Back Lane warning sign (4377) – Update received 18/06. At the last CATG meeting different solutions were discussed and a weight limit would not be appropriate given the size of these vans. A width restriction could be more useful. Wiltshire Council Highways officers will meet on site with local Cllrs to look at this more closely.
- f) (31g) Missing section of path on Lottage Road (4468) – Still awaiting action, no further updates
- g) (31h) Poor state of path on Lottage Road beyond the raised section (4470) – Update received 13/06. No major issue could be found by M. Cook when he took a look. Photographs of the issues sent to Cllr. Sheppard who was going to meet with Matt Perrott to discuss them. No further update received.
- h) (31i) Bus stop sign (4469) – Update received 18/06 Highways officers agreed to meet on site to look at ways of taking this forward. Though previous updates said they will carry this out.
- i) (31j) Upper Upham replacement sign – Awaiting new sign.
- j) (31m) Fly tipping on Peaks track – Cllr. Sheppard trying to find out if this area will be considered for an enforcement camera
- k) (31n) Damage to grass on Southward Lane (top of football field) – Awaiting for the work to be completed before asking for action to be taken to rectify the damage.
- l) (31o) Sewer surcharging behind Pond House – Lateral has been found to be badly blocked by fat. The senior public protection officer at WC (John Freegood) was due to go out and speak to the suspected property causing the problem.
- m) (31p) Bus shelter – Wires put back as best they could be. Thatcher is aware of the work required, and has said he will carry it out. No currently date for when this will be done.

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- n) (31q) Highway issues – The 3 issues (moss on path & 2 blocked gullies) raised last month, plus weeds on Alma/Cook Road & debris under tree on the corner of Alma Road. Jobs raised for Parish Steward but the scheme does not start until October, so nothing will happen until then.
- o) (13r) State of the footpath across the front of The Old Manor – Following the letter received from the home owner, Cllr. Lawler is arranging to meet them to discuss the issue further.
- p) (49) The Garlings – Continuing deterioration of this road. In urgent need of resurfacing. On going issue, no further update.
- q) (41) Pump repainting – This has been painted, and everyone felt a very good job had been done. Keith Warren as thanked for carrying out this work.
- r) (47) Roadside verge cutting – Still not carried out along the B4192, despite chasing by the Clerk & Cllr. Sheppard. WC say all cutting of verges will be completed by mid July. The PC felt that this situation could not continue, as there are major health and safety issues for pedestrians using the circular walk, and anyone trying to exit out onto the road in a vehicle. They will once again petition WC about getting the verges along the B4192 cut earlier.

56. Clerks report

- BMX track – I have chased Brennan's for a date for this work, and advised that the money for it is due to expire soon. They have promised to get me a date for the works ASAP.
- Judging for Laurence Kitching 'winners of winners' competition will be taking place any time now. The community volunteers did a clearance last weekend, and posters about the judging have been put up around the village and on Facebook to let everyone know about it. The ACV group were thanked for once again doing such a great job of cleaning the village.

57. Receive monthly financial report and 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.

58. Questions and request from the public for councillors to consider

- The CSW group are in support of the PC to taking at least one SID, and are keen to help with them. They are currently carrying out 10/12 sessions of speed checking a month. South Street up to the Farm Lane junction is the worst area for speeding, with vehicles averaging 47-52mph. An A4 sheet is filled with vehicles at each session. The statistics show that there is someone speeding through the village every 5 minutes.

59. Update on Neighbourhood Plan & consider any actions required

The consultation on the area designation ends on 29th July 2016.

60. Updated on Aldbourn interpretation sign & consider any actions required

Cllr. Edmonds showed several different drafts to the council for discussion. The following comments were made & answers given:

- The font seems very small – It will be a lot bigger on the final board, but this will be something that is watched for on the final draft.
- All businesses should be shown, those not on there may feel it is unfair that they have not been included. - The company carrying out the work advised against adding all businesses as they come and go, and also the board will become cluttered if too much information is entered.
- Consideration should be given to at least adding the library and Community Junction – This will be looked at
- All green areas in and around the village, such as play areas, Southward & Poor Gorse, should be included on the map – Areas to be included if possible.
- The map graphic is very small, it was expected that the map would be the main feature, not the photographs – A version with a larger map will be asked for.

Overall comments were positive, and everyone is pleased with how the project is proceeding.

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61. Consider maintenance options for beech trees by the tennis courts

Guy Watson has looked at the trees, and spoken at length with David Wyatt at WC about them. He has suggested the following 3 options:

- Retain and maintain the trees
- Total removal, and replanting of all the trees with more appropriate species
- Phased removal, and replanting of all the trees with more appropriate species

The council felt that the second option would be the best and most cost effective solution. However, in order to strengthen the case with David Wyatt, they needed to be able to prove this. Guy Watson will be asked to give costings for options 2 & 3, or recommend someone that could. A suggestion was made that some of the costs could be recouped for a more mature tree replacement by offering them to the public for sponsorship as 'memorial' trees.

62. Discuss grass cutting & consider any action required

The cutting still remains under par, with the contractor having to be chased on a regular basis. It was agreed to continue with the contractor for now, and review the situation at the end of the year.

63. Consider uses for remainder of Barnes S106 money

It was resolved unanimously to use the remainder of the S106 money towards some outdoor gym equipment. Exact location to be confirmed, but Whitley Field is the current suggestion.

64. Discuss CCTV in the village

Following the very nasty burglary at the social club the Police had visited the Community Junction to see if their cameras had picked up any details of vehicles used. The Police DC suggested an additional 2 cameras added to the Junction CCTV system would be cheapest option, but ultimately the ANPR camera would be a good choice to help prevent this kind of crime which sadly seemed to be on the increase in Rural areas. A second Robbery following the one at the Sports and Social Club had occurred at Baydon. It was agreed to see if a Police representative would be willing to come out to give more information to the PC & village about the ANPR cameras.

65. Consider signing grant acceptance from Scottish & Southern Energy

It was RESOLVED unanimously to sign and accept the grant from SSE for £8,330 for the purchase of equipment for the Emergency Response & Flood Warden groups.

66. Consider request to metal detect in Rectory Wood

It was RESOLVED unanimously to allow the metal detecting to be carried out by the Heritage Group.

67. Discuss participating in community lead Speed Indicator Device programme

It was RESOLVED unanimously to participate in the community lead SID programme for a trial period of 12 months. The Community Speed Watch group will be asked to take on the day to day running of the units, under the banner of the Parish Council. The Parish Council will provide £750 for training and maintenance costs.

68. Receive and adopt the June 2016 planning committee minutes

The minutes from the meetings held on 1st June 2016 were adopted, and are attached to these minutes.

69. Reports by councillors on any council business or village issues

Highways – There have been several queries in the last week about whether it would be possible to have mirrors positioned on the Lottage/Oxford St junction, the Farm Lane/South St junction & the Whitley Road/Castle Street junction to allow for a better view of oncoming vehicles. The council will speak to Matt Perrott to seek his views on whether any of these junctions are suitable for the mirrors to be installed.

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Community Junction – Following the successful application for a grant, a programme is being put into place to provide work/life skills. Mr Kingham has generously donated money to allow for a full time Community Co-Ordinator to be employed. This means the facility is now able to open 10-6 Mon-Fri and 11-3 on a Sat.

Fly tipping – Bags of green waste are being fly tipped along Castle Street.

The Bourne – An application to spray the weeds in the Bourne has been submitted, and awaits approval from the Environment Agency. Notices will be put up when the spraying is due to take place so that anyone using the area is aware.

Emergency Response & Flood Warden Groups – Both groups are meeting with the fire brigade soon to discuss what actions could be taken in a range of emergency scenarios, including flooding.

ARC – The turnout for the ARC AGM on Saturday 2nd July was very pleasing given the nature of these things. After the formal business ARC conducted an open session where discussions were constructive and supportive, with contributions from all present against a backdrop of various displays. Both the Chairman's and Treasurer's Reports included thanks to the Parish Council for their support in submitting and funding the track planning application from plans drawn up by ARC. There is confusion over exactly what it is that the PC want ARC to do next.

The Parish Councils future sports field development group will meet to discuss the next steps, with a view to bringing proposals for a timetable of development to the Parish Council for consideration at their September meeting.

Rubbish – The BMX bike bin is now ready to be installed on Palmer's Field by the teen shelter. An unveiling event will be held, and everyone is invited to attend (date to be advised). Cllr. Whitehead from WC, will also be invited along as he has previously expressed a great interest in the other bins built by Tim Beattie.

70. Correspondence

A list of correspondence not already mentioned is attached to these minutes.

71. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

- Signs on the post at the Lottage Rd/Oxford Street junction are also impeding a clear view for drivers.

Cllr. Bland said he would speak to the organisers that put the sign up about this.

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 Parish Council functions where delegated powers do not already exist.

73. Confirm date of next meeting

7th September 2016 @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Chairman's Signature: _____ **7th September 2016**