

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2016
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE

Present

Cllr. P. Lawler (Chairman), Cllr. A. Edmonds (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. H. Bland, Cllr. W. Brown, Cllr. L. Harris, Cllr. N. Josephy, Cllr. C. McGowan, Cllr. S. Muirhead,
Cllr. P. Niblock, Cllr. A. Phizacklea, Cllr. J. Rayner, Cllr. G. Salman

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 13 members of the public & DI Paul Fisher from Wiltshire Police

99. Apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. H. Keen, Cllr. R. Price, Cllr. M. Pryce

100. Declaration of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda & granting of any dispensations required - None**101. Consider and sign the Minutes of the September 2016 Parish Council meeting**

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 be approved and signed.

102. Matters arising

- a) (77a 01/07/15 raised initially in Oct 2013) Lottage Road, issues with raised path and beyond (4468/4470) – With CATG. On going issues that requires major work to fix. Currently no budget to carry this out.
- b) (77b 01/07/15) Erosion of Kandahar bank – On going issue, no further updates
- c) (77c 01/07/15) Drainage issue at the top of Oxford Street – Update 07/09/16 WC looking to create a drainage channel at the edge of the road.
- d) (77e 06/01/16) Grasshill & Ewins Hill byway – There is no longer a RoW budget at WC to carry out these works. Cllr. Sheppard pushing to try and at least get the Grasshills work carried out.
- e) (77i 03/02/16) Upper Upham replacement sign – Awaiting new sign.
- f) (77j 02/03/16) Fly tipping on Peaks track – As soon as one pile is cleared, another appears. Cllr. Sheppard trying to find out if this area will be considered for an enforcement camera.
- g) (77k 02/03/16) 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.
- h) (77m 06/04/16) Bus shelter – Wires put back as best they could be. Awaiting further contact from the thatcher.
- i) (77n 06/04/16) Highway issues – Parish Steward visited the village Mon/Tues this week. The jobs he could do have been completed.
- j) (77o 06/04/16) State of the footpath across the front of The Old Manor – Cllr. Lawler met with owner who is willing to do what he can his side of the footpath to help the situation. Call logged with CATG to get the main path repaired.
- k) (77p 26/05/16) The Garlings – Continuing deterioration of this road. In urgent need of resurfacing. On going issue, no further update
- l) (77q 06/07/16) Roadside verge cutting – Letter received from Associate Director for Highways and Transport. Disappointingly they just gave the same non committal reply that the Parish Council always receives when they raise this issue.
- m) (86 07/09/16) Replacement trees on The Green – Types of replacement trees being looked at, with a view to having suggestions available at the November meeting.
- n) (89 07/09/16) 2020 Festival – Notices have gone up around the village and on social media. Anyone interested has been invited to make contact by 15 Jan 2017

- o) (94 07/09/16) Co-op scaffolding – The work continues, with the store having recently been closed for this to be carried out. No date available for when the scaffolding will come down.

Prior to item 103, the Chairman suspended standing orders to allow DI Fisher to speak about ANPR cameras, and for members of the council and public to ask questions on them.

103. Clerks report

- There is a proposal from Central Government to introduce referendum principles for Parish/Town Councils whose band D charge is higher than that of the lowest charging District Council (nationally) for 2016/2017 which is £75.46, and which have a total precept for 2016/2017 of at least £500,000. Wiltshire Council are currently running a consultation on this, which the PC can respond to if they wish. Currently Aldbourne would not be affected by these changes.
- Martin Cook is now once again our Area Highways Manager.

The Council did not wish to respond to the consultation on the referendum principles.

112. Discuss road barriers at the top of The Green (Item taken out of order)

There was no support from the Parish Council for barriers to be installed on the link road between Back Lane and The Green.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to continue to push Wiltshire Council for the signs that were requested in November 2015. A suggestion of new wording for the signs, as well as their location, will be put together for consideration at the November meeting.

104. Discuss payment for BMX track resurfacing

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the council would send a letter to Brennans advising that there would be a delay in payment due to the Youth Council being partners in this project and part funding it. Thus the Parish Council is awaiting confirmation that they are happy with the work, and to pay their share of the invoice. Also, that the Parish Council are awaiting a RoSPA inspection to confirm the surface is safe and satisfactory.

105. Receive monthly financial report and sign any cheques for payments

It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the accounts and cheques for payment as presented by the clerk.

A copy of the financial report is attached to these minutes.

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

- There is a large pothole on Southward Lane near The Garlings junction
This has already been reported via My Wiltshire.
- Westfield chase – Residents have been asked by Aster to pay a contribution towards street lighting and grass cutting.

This is would be part of a standard Service Charge that tenants would have had to agree to as part of the tenancy. It is a private matter and not something that the Parish Council could intervene in.

107. Consider changes to area by the noticeboard

The initial draft idea is to use two of the current spaces to open the area up. 1.5 of these would be made into a disabled space and the final half left as a clear walkway to the noticeboard and interpretation board. The noticeboard would be moved to the right, with the interpretation board to the left of it. There would be a more open area in front of both boards.

The council felt that more detail was required, as well as an indication of what surfaces would be used and the cost of the work. Cllrs. Pryce, Josephy & Rayner will work on plans to bring back to the council in November.

108. Consider location for interpretation sign

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the board will be sited by the pond on the side of the parking (nearest The Crown), facing towards the pond.

109. Update on beech trees by the tennis court & consider any actions required

Following discussions with David Wyatt at WC, Guy Watson has recommend that the Parish Council pursue the total removal and replanting option. His recommendation is to replace the trees with ones of about 10-12cm in girth, though David Wyatt wants them to be twice that size. The Council will get some ideas of the indicative cost for carrying out this work and then liaise further with David Wyatt.

110. Consider type of outdoor gym equipment & location

It was RESOLVED unanimously to give delegated powers to Cllrs. McGowan and Edmonds to put an order in for equipment that totalled £2,159.81 net (including delivery and installation). The equipment will be located on the football field. Exact location to be agreed with ARC.

111. Discuss ANPR/CCTV in the village

It was RESOLVED eleven in favour and one objection not to proceed with having ANPR cameras installed in Aldbourne.

112. Taken out of order see above**113. Consider expenditure for bus stop sign**

The PC would need to contribute 25% the total costs which could be between £500-£1000
It was RESOLVED unanimously to contribute up to £200 towards painting of bus stop sign.

114. Consider wild flower planting around the post box on Farm Lane

It was RESOLVED unanimously that the area was too big for the Parish Council to take on, especially in light of the fact that it is not owned by them. A local group or individual could take it on as a community project if they wished.

115. Review grass cutting & consider any action required

Cutting tender under review.

116. Consider expenditure for replacement fencing & gate at Claridge Close

The spring on the gate has been adjusted and it is now closing better, though not perfectly. Cllr. Phizacklea will carry out some more work to try and get it to shut completely. Approx 2.5mtrs of wire covered fencing is needed for repairs to the fence. Cllr. McGowan thought he may have some that could be used for this repair.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to allow up to £100 for any expenditure that is required for the fencing.

117. Update on parts for SID, and consider any expenditure required

It was RESOLVED eleven in favour and one abstention to spend up to £400 on purchasing the parts to get the SID working, subject to test being carried out to make sure that the unit will work.

118. Discuss winter flood prevention work & any expenditure required

Ground water levels are currently 3mtrs higher than they were this time last year. The Flood Warden Group have looking into ways to minimize, (though not remove), the risk of winter flooding if there is a wet autumn and winter.

Some new weed growth is coming through on The Bourne on South Street, as was expected may happen. Volunteers are clearing areas of The Bourne along Lottage Road on the 29th October. A full survey of all road drains has been carried out, and those requiring attention marked up. The catch pit at the top of Ewins Hill needs to be cleared out. The grips along Marlborough Road & the Ogbourne Road are also in need of a clear. Cllr. Josephy will liaise with Martin Cook about these issues. A full copy of the report provided by Cllr Josephy is attached to these minutes.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to spend up to £100 on a further spray of the banks of The Bourne on South Street.

119. Consider request to extend Heritage Groups lease

Resolved UNANIMOUSLY to extend the Heritage Groups lease to 20 years.

120. Receive & adopt the September 2016 planning committee minutes

The minutes from the meetings held on 7th September 2016 were adopted, and are attached to these minutes.

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

ARC – The group are at a point where they need a ‘Letter of Understanding’ from the Parish Council show that they support the project and to allow for grant funding to be applied for. It would be helpful if this letter had an indicative timetable for preparing an outline Heads of Agreement, and ultimately a Draft Long Term Lease Agreement.

The FSFD group will meet to discuss this request, and bring back a letter for consideration by the PC at the November meeting. However, it would be useful if ARC could give some indication of the sort of things they feel are needed, or they would like to see, in the lease.

The Pond – The ACV group are clearing the weed from the pond, and doing a litter pick around the village on 29th October. Anyone that would like to lend a hand is welcome to come along.

Parish Steward – The new steward seems to be much more efficient than past ones.

Precept – A meeting to set the draft precept needs to be held by the finance group. They will bring this to the council for consideration at the November meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan – The next steps are being worked on. There is a good group of people helping with this.

Hedges - The hedge on Castle Street near the Whitley turning is causing visibility issues for anyone coming down the hill

The PC will write to property owner to ask for a large cut back of the hedge to be carried out to increase visibility and road safety.

Community Asset Register – This can be used to protect buildings in the village, most often public houses to prevent them being turned into houses. The Parish Council felt it was worth looking into it future.

122. Wiltshire Council Report

No report as Cllr. Sheppard was not present at the meeting.

123. Correspondence

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

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

None

125. Confirm date of next meeting

Wednesday 2nd November 2016 @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.37pm

Chairman’s Signature: _____ **2nd November 2016**