

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2019
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE

Present

Cllr. A. Edmonds (Chair), Cllr. C. Williams (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. H. Bland, Cllr. M. Cheney, Cllr. L. Harris, Cllr. B. Hill, Cllr. N. Josephy, Cllr. P. Lawler,
Cllr. J. Moore, Cllr. J. Rayner (arrived at 8.00pm)

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 4 members of the public, Cllr. J. Sheppard (Wiltshire Council)

19/128. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. W. Brown, Cllr. A. Deuchar, Cllr. J. Gould, Cllr. S. Henderson and Cllr. S. Muirhead.

19/129. Declarations of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda

There were no declaration of interests.

19/130. Consider and sign the Minutes of the October 2019 Parish Council meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2 October 2019 be approved and signed.

19/131. Update on matters arising

- a) (19/84a 04/07/18) Fence at top of Lottage Rd – Mr Cook liaising with the owners.
- b) (19/84b 03/10/18) White Lining – The centre line along the B4192 has now been repainted. A revisit for the line by the bus stop and changing of the signage on the wider parking bay should take place sometime during November 2019 (weather dependant)
- c) (19/109c 12/09/18) Community Assets – Initial information distributed to councillors for comment before further discussions at the December meeting.
- d) (19/109e 01/05/19) Post Office – No further updates from Post Office Ltd.
- e) (19/109f 05/06/19) Whitley Field goal posts – Cllr. Harris has cleaned the posts, re-pegged the nets and laid new turf.
- f) (19/109g 11/09/19) The Green – Grass being monitored and action taken as required.
- g) (19/109j 11/09/19) Hillwood sign – Thanks to the efforts of Cllr. Henderson this sign has now been moved to the other side of the new fence.
- h) (19/116) Rectory Wood – SSE advised the Council has no objections to the new stay, subject to the clearance work discussed.
- i) (19/123 02/10/19) No.48 bus – Letter sent to Stagecoach, has been acknowledged but no further response received. Also sent to Cllr. Sheppard and Claire Perry, MP.
- j) (19/123) Blocked drains – List of those needing to be cleared being put together to be sent to Wiltshire Council.
- k) (19/123) Defibs – The defib group are putting a sign up, and have also spoken to residents about keeping the area directly in front of the box clear of parked cars.
- l) (19/126) Telephone Manhole on Loveday's Lane (ALDB26) – Reported to Openreach, who came out the same day to investigate. A requisition for works to sort the levels around the manhole has been raised. No ETA on when the works will be carried out.

19/132. Clerks report

- The zip wire trolley has been replaced and the whole unit is now fully under the responsibility of ARC.
- The trees for by the tennis court are on order and will be delivered before the planting day on Saturday 7 December.
- The ownership details on the property title for Claridge Close have now been updated.

19/133. Receive monthly financial report and to 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 as [Appendix A](#).

19/134. Discuss 2020/2021 precept

The draft figures were discussed and in principle there were no objections to the proposed precept of £36,000. A final decision will be made at the December meeting once all the figures have been finalised.

(Cllr Rayner arrived during this item)

19/135. Questions and request from the public for councillors to consider

- Motorbike riders have been riding up and down the bank and around the bench on the viewpoint at Southward Triangle.

A post was put on Facebook about this issue advising it was not a RoW and should not be used as an off-road play area. It was agreed that the situation will be monitored, and steps to deter this from re-occurring will be taken if required.

19/136. Neighbourhood Plan update and consider any actions required

The 'call for sites' has gone out and will run until early December. There will then be further consultations on other areas, such as green spaces, until the end of March 2020. The group should then be a position to start moving towards producing a draft plan.

19/137. Discuss SIDs and latest statistics

Over the 54 days from September 8 to October 3 a total of 106,870 traffic movements in South St. and 72,062 along West St were recorded. Of these 32% of the movements were in excess of 31 mph and 10% in excess of 36mph in South St and in West St 29% were over 31mph and 18% over 36 mph. There are still vehicles being recorded at going over 70mph, with 85 of the 107 being on West Street. During the closure of the B4192 at Chilton Foliot and then subsequently just outside West Street, the daily traffic volume reduced to nearly half the normal traffic movements.

The police were carrying out speed checks in Aldbourn yesterday. Cllr. Sheppard continues to push for them to carry on with regular speed checks.

19/138. Discuss pump repairs

Cllr. Bland has been to the pump with Whatley & Co and shown them the issue. He will keep chasing them for progress on the repair work.

19/139. Update Discuss allotments & consider rent review

The tenants have all indicated they would like to continue to work their plots. Ongoing work will be required to ensure empty plots are kept tidy.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to increase the rent for each plot to £15 year.

19/140. Discuss highway infringements

The concern has always been the liability that may arise for any property owner should an accident occur due to highway infringements. However, Wiltshire Council seems unable, or unwilling, to look at issues to advise on liabilities or take action to get items removed.

It was strongly felt that whilst the Parish Council does write to home owners about issues, it was Wiltshire Councils responsibility to act on infringements. Cllr. Sheppard agreed to speak Martin Cook about this issue once more and insist he comes out to review all issues previously raised.

19/141. Discuss 2020-2023 grass cutting contract

The areas to be cut will be reviewed with a view to sending tenders out this month.

Discussions with the Carbon Neutral group about possible wild flower areas are also being held.

19/142. Discuss installation of an electric vehicle charging point in the village

It was agreed that more information was needed on this issue before any decision could be made. The newly formed Carbon Neutral working group will liaise with Mr Reynolds on this issue and bring back more information for the Council to consider the item again.

19/143. Discuss proposed BBC Wiltshire Christmas Eve broadcast in Aldbourne

BBC Wiltshire asked about having a Christmas Eve broadcast from Aldbourne, with Aldbourne Band playing, to celebrate 30 years of the breakfast show. After making initial contact, the producers of the show have not been back in touch. However, it does appear that this would be an inside broadcast, which means there would be no requirement for the Parish Council to be involved in it.

19/144. Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues

- Concern was expressed about pedestrian safety on the corner at the bottom of Marlborough Rd near The Butts. The bank at this point is very overgrown and if cut back could provide a 'virtual path' for walkers.
- It was noted that the recent closure of the B4192 between West Street and Upper Upham was complete overkill, since only two areas of patching were carried out, rather than a complete resurface of the road which is very much required.
- Aldbourne is not on any location sites as a location for filming or photo shoots. In light of the money donated for the Vodafone advert, would it not be a good idea for the village to be added as a possible location? It was agreed that this was worth looking into further.
- The play areas and football field have all been inspected, with no problems found.
- The spraying of the Winterbourne has been delayed due to the continuing wet weather.
- There is a need for a litter pick along the Winterbourne on South Street. Cllr. Moore advised he would arrange this.
- There is a large build up of plant and tree debris in the Winterbourne by the nursing home bridge. Cllrs. Moore and Josephy will look into working to get this cleared, hopefully before the weed spraying is carried out.
- The Blue Boar would like to place a Christmas Tree on The Green again this year. There were no objections to this.
- Cllr. Edmonds advised she had attend the recent ARC AGM on behalf of the Council.
- Permission to site the nativity scene by the pond again this year was sought. There were no objections to this.
- Complaints are still being received about the overhanging hedge on Castle Street. The owner of the hedge has already been contacted and asked to cut it back.

19/145. Wiltshire Council report

Nothing further to report.

19/146. Correspondence

Correspondence received and sent during the last month was noted.

19/147. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

No further questions.

19/148. Confirm date of next meeting

Wednesday 4 December 2019 @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:05

Signature of the Chair: _____ 4 December 2019