

**ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE**

Present

Cllr. A. Edmonds (Chair), Cllr. C. Williams (Vice-Chair)
Cllr. W. Brown, Cllr. M. Cheney, Cllr. S. Henderson, Cllr. B. Hill, Cllr. P. Lawler,
Cllr. S. Muirhead

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 8 members of the public, Cllr. J. Sheppard (Wiltshire Council)

19/149. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. H. Bland, Cllr. A. Deuchar, Cllr. L. Harris,
Cllr. N. Josephy and Cllr. J. Rayner

Not in attendance: Cllr. J. Gould and Cllr. J. Moore

19/150. Declarations of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda

There were no declaration of interests.

19/151. Consider and sign the Minutes of the November 2019 Parish Council meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 6 November 2019 be approved and signed.

19/152. Update on matters arising

- a) (19/131a 04/07/18) Fence at top of Lottage Rd – Mr. Cook liaising with the owners.
- b) (19/131b 03/10/18) White Lining – The line by the bus stop and changing of the signage on the wider parking bay should have been carried out in during November, but the wet weather has delayed the revisit to the village.
- c) (19/131f 11/09/19) The Green – Grass being monitored and action taken as required.
- d) (19/131i 02/10/19) No.48 bus – Letter sent to Stagecoach, has been acknowledged but no further response received. Chased again and still awaiting a response. There is now a further issue in that the train times have changed and this bus no longer meets up with the train. The Council will write to Mr Grocock, WC Bus Network Manager, about the issues.
- e) (19/132 06/11/19) Southward – Motorbikes being ridden up and down the bank. Issue being monitored with a view to further action being taken if required.
- f) (19/142 06/11/19) Electrical vehicle charging point – More information being sought.
- g) (19/131j02/10/19) Blocked drains – List of those needing to be cleared being put together to be sent to Mr. Cook.
- h) (19/144 06/11/19) Winterbourne – Debris/rocks and rubbish was cleared from the area following the last meeting. The weed spraying was also carried out.

19/153. 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](#).

19/154. Consider 2020/2021 precept amount

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to set the 2020/2021 precept at £36,000.

This represents a £1.93 (4.5%) increase on a band D property. A copy of the budget is attached to these Minutes as [Appendix B](#).

19/155. Questions and request from the public for councillors to consider

- Complaints about noise, signage, and licencing in relation to the Aldbourn Sports and Social Club have been submitted to the relevant regulatory bodies throughout the year. Understandably this is a huge worry for the Committee (who are all volunteers), and has resulted in a lot of extra work for them. The Committee are now faced with having to attend a meeting with the Licencing Body to discuss the licence. They would appreciate the support of the Parish Council on this matter.
- The Memorial Hall Committee fully support the Club, and are concerned that if the Club is shut, attention may then turn to the Memorial Hall with efforts made to curtail their activities.

The Council unanimously agreed that the Aldbourn Sports & Social Club is a valuable asset in the village and that they will send a letter of support to the Licencing Body. Cllr. Edmonds will also attend the licencing meeting.

19/156. Consider Operation Nightingale Dig on the football field in May 2020

It was **RESOLVED** seven in favour and one against to allow Operation Nightingale to carry out a further dig on the football field from 3 to 11 May 2020. (Further details will be approved as needed when they become available).

Cllr. Edmonds thanked Mrs Jo Hutchings for all her work on this years dig, particularly in liaising with the Parish Council on all the arrangements and keeping them updated on what was happening.

19/157. Neighbourhood Plan update and consider any actions required

The call for sites is nearly over. There have been some submissions, and these will now be assessed. Informal letters to land owners where green spaces are being considered will be going out from the clerk in the next week to ten days. These letters will explain that the areas have been highlighted as possible 'green spaces' that there will be a consultation on. The areas registered or under the responsibility of the Parish Council are Goddards play area, Rectory Wood, Claridge Close the pond and The Green.

It was asked if Whitley Road play area would be included, the clerk will double check on this area.

19/158. Discuss SIDs and latest statistics

Throughout November, the following speeds were recorded.

South St. - 66,934 movements

31 to 36 mph 12, 776 or 19%, 36 to 70 mph 5,000 or 8%

West St. - 25,669 movements

31 to 36 mph 6,850 or 27%, 36 to 70 mph 3,997 or 16%

Between September 2018 and November 2019 the percentage over 36 mph has fallen in South St from 14% to 8% and in West St from 20% to 16% of the movements. In the 36 to 36 mph range the numbers have gone from 40% to 27% in South St and from 50% to 43% in West St.

19/159. Discuss pump repairs

Cllr. Bland has chased Whatley & Co but there were no further updates.

19/160. Consider grass cutting contractor for 2020-2023

Four tenders were sent out, and three bids were received.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to contract D R & R A Pittams at a cost of £4,850 per annum for the 2020-2023 grass cutting season.

19/161. Discuss community assets

There was no further update on this. It is hoped there will be more information available in February 2020.

19/162. Discuss proposed BBC Wiltshire Christmas Eve broadcast in Aldbourne

BBC Wiltshire have now been in touch with Cllr. Edmonds, but subsequently advised they would need access to broadband for the entirety of the broadcast. Cllr. Edmonds gave them the contact details for the Memorial Hall and suggested they contact them. No more has been heard from them.

19/163. Discuss highway infringements and consider draft letter

Cllr. Sheppard had met with Mr. Cook and they had looked at all the issues. Many are under the overhang of buildings, which could possibly be considered acceptable. It was also difficult to establish, just on looking, which were definitely on the highway and which were not. The suggestion was that the Parish Council put a letter into the Dabchick explaining the legal and responsibility issues with putting items on the highway. Mr. Cook will help with the content of this letter.

It was **RESOLVED** seven in favour and one abstention to put a letter about highway infringements into the next Dabchick.

19/164. Consider request to CATG for a 'virtual footpath' on part of Marlborough Rd

Following the last meeting an area was dug out of the bank to show how far back to road went. There was a good foot and half of road under the undergrowth. Cllr. Sheppard raised this with Mr. Cook and he is arranging to get the overhang cut back, hopefully within the next financial year.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to raise a request with CATG to have a 'virtual path' installed along this section of road in order to try and help protect pedestrians.

19/165. Consider plan for new 30mph limit on C189 (Oxford Street)

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the new location for the 30mph limit and horse warning sign, and to ask for an additional warning sign at the village end in the same location as the new speed limit signs.

19/166. Consider registering areas of Aldbourne as possible filming locations

The suggestion had been to register areas with a location company to show what Aldbourne has to offer. However, this does not mean that every, or any, request will be approved if/when it is received. Each request will be considered individually as to what the benefits and pitfalls are for the village and residents.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to register The Green and the pond area with Creative England.

19/167. Receive & adopt the November planning committee minutes

The Minutes from the planning meeting held on 6 November 2019 were received and adopted. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

19/168. Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues

- Cllr. Edmonds advised that a 'thank you' for the Aldbourne Community Volunteers was being arranged. They carry out sterling work across the village, but particularly the emptying of litter bins, which is often very unpleasant. There were no objections to this, and the costs will be approved using delegated powers.
- The new tress for by the tennis court are being delivered this Friday and planting will take place this Saturday.
- The play areas and football field have all been inspected, with no problems found. The yearly inspections have been carried out by Wicksteed this week, and the reports are awaited.

19/169. Wiltshire Council report

Nothing further to report.

19/170. Correspondence

Correspondence received and sent during the last month was noted.

19/171. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

- There was an update on the Community Junction finances. Although they have received several grants this year they are ring fenced for specific projects and thus there is still likely to be a deficit this year.

19/172. Discuss donation request from Vodafone fund

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to donate £300 from the Vodafone fund to the Carnival Committee for this years village Christmas Tree and new decorations.

19/173. Delegation of duties over the winter recess

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to give delegated powers to the clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, over the winter recess, for all Parish Council functions where delegated powers do not already exist.

19/174. Confirm date of next meeting

Wednesday 5 February 2020 @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:00

Signature of the Chair: _____ 5 February 2020