

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2020
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE

Present

Cllr. A. Edmonds (Chair), Cllr. C. Williams (Vice Chair)
Cllr. W. Brown, Cllr. H. Bland, Cllr. M. Cheney, Cllr. A. Deuchar, Cllr. S. Henderson,
Cllr. B. Hill, Cllr. P. Lawler, Cllr. J. Rayner, Cllr. L. Smitten

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk
In attendance: 9 members of the public

20/199. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. L. Harris, Cllr. N. Josephy, Cllr. J. Moore and Cllr. S Muirhead.

20/200. Declarations of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda

There were no declaration of interests.

20/201. Consider and sign the Minutes of the February 2020 Parish Council meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 February 2020 be approved and signed.

20/202. Update on matters arising

- a) (20/178a 04/07/18) Fence at top of Lottage Rd – Mr Cook liaising with the owners. It was noted that water on the road in this area is building up significantly more than in past years.
- b) (20/178b 03/10/18) White line by the bus stop & correction to the signage on the wider parking bay by the pond – Revisit never took place in 2019 due to wet weather. Martin Cook advises he is conscious that various instructions were left incomplete in some of the eastern parishes. When the road marking resources are made available for the coming financial year he will make every effort to complete many of these promises. Cllr. Sheppard to be asked to keep the pressure on for this to be done as it has been four years since first requested.
- c) (20/178c 02/10/19) No.48 bus – Mr Phil Grocock, transport manager at WC has replied to the chase after the last meeting. The times of the morning service will change on 5 April to better link up with the train service. It is not currently possible to find a quick solution to the overcrowding. Double deckers cannot be used due to the danger of overhanging trees along the route and there are no other larger single decker buses available to be used on this route. However, Mr Grocock has said he will continue to work with Stagecoach to find a better solution to the problem.
- d) (20/182) Local policing – PC Emily Grigor will be attending the Annual Assembly meeting, it is hoped that Inspector Chris Martin will also be able to attend. Cllr. Edmonds will also be meeting with PC Grigor along with Mr. Payne prior to this meeting.
- e) (20/186) Pump repairs – Whatley & Co have sent their quote for the repair of the pump and this has been forwarded to our insurance. Approval of the work/costs is still awaited.
- f) (20/188) The Green – Fertiliser to be put down when weather conditions permit.
- g) (20/192) Mud on road by Goddards – Awaiting update from Cllr. J. Sheppard.
- h) (20/192) B4192 manhole cover – Awaiting update from Cllr. J. Sheppard.

20/203. Confirm expenditure for works to railings in The Square

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to allow up to £50 to be spent on refurbishing the railings in The Square.

20/204. Consider 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](#).

20/205. Consider adoption of new Standing Orders

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the new Standing Orders as presented by the Clerk which are based on the Model Standing Orders 2018.

A copy will be sent to all councillors and added to the website.

20/206. Consider adoption of new Planning Committee Terms of Reference

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the new Planning Committee Terms of Reference as presented by the Clerk.

20/207. Questions and request from the public for councillors to consider

- Residents spoke about the misery of having tankers emptying the drains directly outside their homes throughout the night for the last 9+ weeks, and that despite this they are still having to traverse through raw sewage. Thames Water have been called many times, but just give empty promises.

The Parish Council and DIG have been in regular contact with Thames Water since December last year. They have today asked for the filtration unit to be brought in to allow over-pumping into the Winterbourne. They will work to try and arrange for a public meeting with Thames Water (and any other agencies they can get to attend) as soon as possible.

20/208. Neighbourhood Plan:**i) Update on progress**

The consultation on Local Green Spaces ended on 17 February and the responses are being collated.

ii) Consider designation of six Parish Council areas as Green Spaces within the Plan

A proposal to designate The Green, the pond, Goddards play area, Claridge Close play area, Rectory Wood and Whitley playing field as Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan was made.

An amendment to this proposal was made to designate The Green, the pond, Goddards play area, Claridge Close play area and Rectory Wood as Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **RESOLVED** five in favour four against, with two abstentions to designate The Green, the pond, Goddards play area, Claridge Close play area and Rectory Wood as Local Green Spaces in the Neighbourhood Plan.

20/209. Consider delegation of response to Wiltshire Council Green Infrastructure and Open Space Survey

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the clerk is delegated to send a response on behalf of the Council to the Wiltshire Council Green Infrastructure and Open Space Survey, in consultation with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

20/210. Discuss Community Assets

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to send the proposed letter in relation to Assets of Community Value to the relevant parties.

20/211. Consider contribution to 20mph survey request

It was proposed to contribute £625 to the 20mph survey but failed with only two voting in favour.

It was felt that a better use of this money, and any future that would have been requested for this project, would be to look at other methods to reduce speeds across the village.

20/212. Discuss arrangements for filming on The Green on 8 March & 20-22 March 2020

To confirm and approve the arrangements for filming on The Green on 8 March 2020 by Mr Chris Chapman, subject to the conditions advised to Mr Chapman by the clerk on 7 February 2020.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the filming, as per the advised schedule, on The Green on 20-22 March 2020 by Mr Chris Chapman, subject to conditions, and for a suitable donation to the Parish Council for use of the area. Delegated powers are given to the clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, for any changes that may occur to the previously advised filming schedule, or any for any other reason.

20/213. Consider extension to lease for Aldbourn Heritage Group

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to extend the lease on the Community Room for Aldbourn Heritage Group to April 2035.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Aldbourn Heritage Group will be asked to pay for all fees involved in extending the lease.

20/214. Consider request form ARC to submit planning application

The current permission expires in May 2020 and cannot be extended. To keep the permission 'live' a new application will need to be submitted.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to submit the application for the access track and parking on the football field again to Wiltshire Council in the Parish Council name.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that ARC will be asked to pay all fees in connection with submitting the planning application.

20/215. Consider delegation of response to Wiltshire Council consultation on ways to improve or enhance the bus services in Aldbourn

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the clerk is delegated to send a response on behalf of the Council, in consultation with the Chair, and any other member who is interested in proposing ideas, to the Wiltshire Council bus service consultation.

20/216. Receive & adopt the February 2020 planning committee minutes

The Minutes from the planning meeting held on 5 February 2020 were received and adopted. A copy is attached to these Minutes.

20/217. Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues

- There is a great deal of rubbish along the verges of the B4192.
- The new recycling collections have been poorly advertised by WC, with many residents still unclear on when they start.
- Cllr. Rayner will be liaising with the Emergency Response Group on two areas it is felt they may be able to help/organise help in the event of a widespread COVID-19 outbreak.
- Thanks were expressed to the Scouts for the recent litter pick in the village. Thanks were also expressed to the Village Green group who recently pruned all the public fruit trees.

- Cllr. Smitten asked if anyone could suggest a location for a 'repeater' that would allow for better coverage of the signal to alert on-call fire fighters in Aldbourn to calls at the Ramsbury fire station. It needs to be high up with range to Ramsbury as well as allowing coverage across Aldbourn. The Fire Brigade will make a payment for it to be sited at any property. Please contact Cllr. Smitten with any suggestions.
- The hedge on Castle Street has still not been cut back.
- The play areas and football field have all been inspected, with no problems found.

20/218. Wiltshire Council report

No report owing to Cllr. Sheppard sending his apologies for the meeting.

20/219. Correspondence

Correspondence received and sent during the last month was noted.

20/220. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

- Query about whether there was any news on the parish boundary consultation started by Wiltshire Council some years ago.
- Disappointment expressed that the Council were not pursuing the 20mph survey.
- The red 'crossing strip' on the B4192 has almost completely worn away.
- Problems with parking across the village.

The Parish Council will chase WC on the boundary consultation.

The red crossing strip will be reported to WC

Parking is an issue that is often raised with the Parish Council, but the Council has no powers of enforcement in this area. If vehicles are being parked in an inconsiderate manner, often a quick chat with the owner is the best way forward.

20/221. Confirm date of next meeting

Wednesday 1 April 2020 @ 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

Signature of the Chair: _____ 1 April 2020