

**ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER 2020  
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM**

**Present**

Cllr A Edmonds (Chair), Cllr A Deuchar (Vice Chair)  
Cllr H Bland, Cllr W Brown, Cllr M Cheney, Cllr L Harris, Cllr S Henderson, Cllr B Hill,  
Cllr N Josephy, Cllr P Lawler, Cllr A Phizacklea, Cllr J Rayner, Cllr L Smitten

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

**20/35. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Muirhead & Cllr C Williams.

**20/36. Declarations of interest in respect of any items contained in this Agenda & granting of any dispensations required**

No declarations of interest received.

**20/37. Consider the Minutes of the September 2020 Parish Council meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 September 2020 be approved. They will be signed following the meeting.

**20/38. Consider monthly financial statement**

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 as Appendix A

Cllr Brown joined the meeting during this item.

**20/39. Review of outstanding issues**

Below is a list of those issues that have been resolved, or updated.

- a) [03/02/16] H-bar to be painted by the bus stop – Line has been painted. Sadly, some people are already parking on it. The council will put some notices up requesting that people do not do this, as it defeats the purpose of the line.
- b) [03/10/16] Wider parking bay painted in the wrong place – Now painted in the right place, but the one in the wrong place has not been removed.
- c) [04/03/20] Hedge on Castle Street protruding into the road – Cllr Edmonds trying to speak to the owner about this issue.
- d) [29/07/20] Issues with drug dealing in the village – The police have been in touch with Cllr Edmonds again and are looking into various measures to try and combat this issue.
- e) [29/07/20] Faulty chip in one SID – Still awaiting the engineers to attend to fix this. The unit is working but not recording data.
- f) [09/09/20] Low plants encroaching on the pavement by Turnpike – Cllr Edmonds trying to speak to the owner about this issue.
- g) [09/09/20] Missing signs and stile on ALDB23 – Reported to Wiltshire Council
- h) [09/09/20] Missing sign at start of RAMS34 - Reported to Wiltshire Council

**20/40. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider**

There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Harris joined the meeting during this item.

**20/41. Discuss Assets of Community Value letters**

It was **RESOLVED** eleven in favour, with two abstentions, to go ahead with sending the letter in relation to assets of community value, to the properties that were agreed in March 2020.

**20/42. Update on works agreed in Rectory Wood and consider maintenance trees works in Rectory Wood & section of Palmer's Field**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to contract Certhia Consulting Ltd to carry out an inspection of the trees in Rectory Wood and the end of Palmer's Field at a cost of £395 + £66 (net).

Cotswold Tree Surgeons have not yet been back in touch about the change to the quote given, despite being chased several times. They will be given until November and if no contact has been made by then, the council will consider engaging another contractor.

**20/43. Discuss use of The Green for Remembrance Service**

Following new restrictions on the numbers allowed to gather due to COVID-19, there is no longer a requirement for this event to use The Green.

**20/44. Discuss speeding and road safety in the village**

Following the adoption of the 2013 traffic plan there was a public meeting to discuss the options listed within it. There was widescale dismissal of many of the options proposed by those in attendance at this meeting. A huge amount of work had gone into producing the plan and it was very disheartening for all those involved in it, and the council at that time. However, it is recognised that many regulations have changed since 2013, plus there has been an increase in vehicles in, and moving through, the village.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Cllrs Brown, Harris, Henderson, Hill & Phizacklea will form a working group to review the 2013 traffic plan, along with all other actions taken previously by the council, and produce a report advising the council on whether there are any further actions that could be taken to help with pedestrian and road safety in the village. The group is to be temporary for three months only.

**20/45. Discuss electrical safety check in community room/toilets**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the clerk, in consultation with Cllr Lawler, will be given a budget of up to £300 (net) to enable them to source an electrical safety check in the community room and toilets.

**20/46. Consider response to planning system reform consultation**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the clerk, in consultation with Cllrs Deuchar, Phizacklea & Muirhead, will be delegated to send a response on behalf of Aldbourne Parish Council to the planning system reform consultation.

**20/47. Discuss request to install electrical charging point by path to Goddard Lane PA**

The information provide does not give enough detail for the council to be able to make an informed decision on this request. The resident who has submitted the request will be asked to get in contact with Cllrs Rayner & Brown if they wish to discuss this further.

**20/48. Receive and adopt the August 2020 planning committee Minutes**

The Minutes from the meetings held on 26 August 2020 were adopted.  
A copy is attached to these Minutes.

**20/49. Wiltshire Council Report**

No report.

**20/50. Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues**

- a) Thames Water has promised that a response in relation to the 70 locations identified as requiring work to address the issue of water infiltration/surcharging is being prepared.
- b) After the flooding at the end of 2019/beginning of 2020 Thames Water suggested bringing the filtration unit in earlier when flooding is expected. This will avoid the need for tankers in the village overnight for months. Cllr Josephy will follow this up to see if it is going to happen.
- c) It is hoped the weed spraying of the Winterbourne can take place before the water starts to run. It has been delayed as the contractor has had to apply to the Environment Agency for a licence.
- d) The Wiltshire Council owned drainage tanker is coming out this Friday to clear several highway gullies that have been found to still be blocked.
- e) There is a highway gully on Lottage road near the junction with Goddards Lane that still has not been cleared during recent attempts by WC. It may need a more robust approach to clear it.
- f) There is a large build-up of silt in the Winterbourne by Lottage Rd/Goddards Lane. This is preventing the water from running along it during periods of heavy rain.
- g) The Neighbourhood Plan is still progressing, and currently the steering group are waiting on advice from Wiltshire Council.
- h) The fence by Scout hut is damaged. It was confirmed that this fence is the responsibility of the Scout & Guide Hut Committee.
- i) A new frog bin has been installed in the Claridge Close play area.
- j) The pump is still awaiting installation after repair. Cllr Bland agreed to chase this again with Whatley & Co.
- k) SSE have been in touch about trimming some trees on the sports field near the electricity line. They have been asked to send the details to the clerk.

**20/51. Review of correspondence**

Correspondence received and sent since the last meeting was noted.

Cllr Bland's connection dropped out during this item and thus he was not present during the vote.

**20/52. Consider action in relation to boundary in Goddards play area**

The council still dispute that there is a right of access into the Goddards play area through the boundary behind the Scout & Guide hut.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the clerk, in consultation with the Chair and the Vice Chair, will be allocated £1,000 to allow her to endeavour to resolve the issue of the compromised boundary behind the Scout & Guide hut in the Goddards Lane play area.

**20/53. Confirm date of next meeting**

To be held virtually on Wednesday 4 November 2020 @ 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:22

Signature of the Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 4 November 2020