

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 JUNE 2022
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Cllr W Brown (Chairman),
Cllr C Ainsworth, Cllr H Bland, Cllr V Butler, Cllr A Deuchar, Cllr A Edmonds, Cllr B Hill,
Cllr N Josephy, Cllr P Lawler, Cllr A Phizacklea, Cllr J Rayner

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk/RFO

In attendance: One member of the public

28/22. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Elms, Cllr L Smitten

Not in attendance: Cllr S Muirhead, Cllr A Stibbard

29/22. Declarations of interest in respect of any items contained in this Agenda & granting of any dispensations required

Cllr Josephy – Non pecuniary interest in item 44/22 due to the location of his property to one of the proposed sites. No dispensations required.

30/22. Consider the Minutes of the May 2022 Parish Council meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2022 be approved and signed.

31/22. Consider adoption of the May 2022 Planning Committee Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the Planning Committee Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2022.

32/22. Review of outstanding issues

- a) (06/10/2021) Street light on West Street (near Back Lane) – Shortly after the May meeting SSE attended the site, and the street light is now fixed.
- b) (06/10/2021) Verge cutting on roads outside the village by Wiltshire Council – Chris Clark, Head of Local Highways, has replied to advise that verges beside narrow roads and visibility splays across the county are being cut from 3 May. The remaining verges will be cut after September. Visibility splays and the verge either side of the verge at New Barn have been cut. The remainder of the verge up to the village along the B4192 will need to be cut and the verge at the corner on the opposite side.
- c) (06/04/2022) Parking by the Post Office – Liaising with Wiltshire Council on the suitability of sign location. Wiltshire Council has just painted a white T-bar here, which is already being ignored.
- d) (06/04/2022) Lines/Wording at The Butts and Slow wording on Marlborough Rd – Wiltshire Council has now carried out these works.
- e) (06/04/2022) Damaged railings by the Winterbourne – Mr L Barnes confirms he is still liaising with Wiltshire Council on getting these repaired. Wiltshire Council have been advised of the concerns raised in relation to safety.
- f) (04/05/22) Traffic lights on Lottage Road – The lights disappeared the day after the last meeting.
- g) (04/05/2022 – Fence post encroaching onto Whitley playing field entrance – Still trying to speak to the owner about this.

33/22. Receive monthly financial report and sign any cheques for payment

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](#).

34/22. Clerks Report

The 2-year fixed deal ends with Octopus on 16 June 2022. The Clerk will work to get the best option for the Council (and the Heritage Group who pay for their share used) but it is going to be considerably more than paid previously.

The current insurer quote is £1,983.66. The budget set was £1,500.00.

One other insurer cannot quote as the village falls outside their insurers flood strategy due to a history of flooding in the village, the other is still to send a quote. As the insurance starts today, it was felt that the Council were left with little choice but to renew with their current insurer. The Clerk will arrange for a faster payment to be made under existing delegated powers.

35/22. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

- There were questions regarding Electric Vehicle Charging points and the railings being considered in the Goddards play area.

36/22. Update on Neighbourhood Plan

Locality has carried out the work required, and the final updates are now being carried out. It is hoped the plan will be ready to submit by the end of next week.

An email had been received asking if the Aldbourne Neighbourhood Plan submission should be delayed considering a recent announcement by the Government regarding planning and housing targets. Place Studio had advised it had no impact on the Aldbourne Plan.

37/22. Update on virtual paths request to CATG

Marlborough Rd - From the Post Office up to The Butts is viable, but further up would not be. However, other mitigations which may help to slow traffic here can be considered.

Farm Lane – Should be possible and because it is only passable for one car at a time, this would make it even safer. A Priority Way sign at the bottom of Farm Lane to ensure that they give way to traffic coming round from Southward Lane was discussed.

Castle Street – This road is not suitable due to the cars which park in the areas where a path could be put. Lowering the speed limit to 20mph was discussed but this has been considered and dismissed as not being viable in the past. However, other mitigations which may help to slow traffic here can be considered.

Mr Hind should have plans available for Marlborough Road and Farm Lane within the next three months. Though it is unlikely any paths will be installed until 2023. Cllr Ainsworth was asked to liaise with Mr Hind on other ways to slow traffic on Castle Street before it reaches the narrowest part and the top end of Marlborough Rd and report back to the Council.

38/22. Consider installation of a hand rail in Goddards play area

Still awaiting costs for this work. It was noted that the hoggin path also needs resurfacing. A quote for this will be sought.

39/22. Discuss repair and any expenditure for the fence in Goddards play area

It was agreed that whilst the fence is still okay currently, it would be better to take action to replace it now. The Clerk will seek quotes for a removal of all the shrubbery and fence, and installation of a new fence, possibly with a hedge.

40/22. Consider expenditure for pavement repairs on South Street

There was no further information available currently on this item.

41/22. Discuss football field surface following Operation Nightingale Dig

The restoration of the football pitch following the Operation Nightingale Dig has not been to a standard that the Council would have expected. Mr R Osgood, the dig organiser, has agreed the works are not up to a satisfactory standard and is very willing to work to get the area restored properly.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Operation Nightingale must establish what work is required and that it is up to them to find an expert to advise on this and then carry out the work needed to restore the field to its previous condition. However, it is noted that it may be the autumn before this is possible as the summer is not an ideal time to carry out such works. The Clerk will continue to liaise with Mr R Osgood on this issue.

42/22. Update on wildflower area on South Street

The Carbon Neutral group have advised they do not have the resources available to continue the maintenance of the wildflower border established in 2011 on South Street. Cllr Edmonds confirmed she would continue to maintain the area subject to the Council wishing for it to continue. The Council were very happy for it to continue and thanked Cllr Edmonds for her work to maintain it.

43/22. Consider request to hold car boot events on the football field

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to allow Karla Sneddon to hold a car boot sale on the football field on 31 July 2022, subject to conditions. Permission for further car boot sales will be considered following an update from Ms Sneddon following this event.

44/22. Consider support for installation of public electric vehicle charging points in Aldbourn

Whilst agreeing that EVC is going to become required more in the future, it was felt that no decisions could be made tonight as there are still lots of questions that the Council felt needed to be answered.

45/22. Wiltshire Council report

Cllr Sheppard had tendered his apologies for this meeting.

46/22. Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues

- a) Harry Sheppard, who had sadly passed away recently, was remembered as a previous councillor. Cllr Brown had written to his family and expressed the Council's condolences.
- b) Mr N Payne was thanked for all his help in fixing the SIDs.
- c) The next Parish Steward visit is 15/16 June.
- d) All those involved in the organisation of the upcoming Platinum Jubilee event were commended for the huge amount of work they have put into organising the events.

47/22. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

- The Council was challenged as to whether they really needed to, or should, get involved in the installation of EVC points. It is highly likely that private enterprise will take up this issue and find solutions for it.

48/22. Review of correspondence

Correspondence received and sent since the last meeting was noted.

49/22. Confirm date of next meeting

Wednesday 6 July at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.54 pm

Signature of the Chairman: _____ Date: 6 July 2022