

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL****Present**

Cllr W Brown (Chairman)

Cllr H Bland, Cllr C Elms, Cllr A Edmonds, Cllr N Josephy, Cllr P Lawler, Cllr J Rayner,
Cllr A Stibbard

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: Cllr J Sheppard (Wiltshire Council).

106/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Ainsworth, Cllr V Butler, Cllr A Deuchar,
Cllr D Esden, Cllr B Hill, Cllr S Muirhead, Cllr A Phizacklea.

**107/23 Declarations of interest in respect of any items contained in this Agenda &
granting of any dispensations required**

There were no declarations of interest.

108/23 Consider the Minutes of the September 2023 Parish Council meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 13 September 2023 be approved and signed.

109/23 Consider adoption of July 2023 Planning Committee Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the Planning Committee Minutes from the meeting
held on Wednesday 5 July 2023.

110/23 Consider financial statement and councillors to approve payments

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the financial statement as presented by the
Clerk. All payments are to be authorised by Cllr Bland and Cllr Josephy.

A copy of the financial report is attached as Appendix A.

111/23 Review of outstanding issues

- a) (06/01/2021) Road safety, 20-mph survey – Next LHFIG meeting is on 19 October,
which Cllr Stibbard hopes to attend. An update should be available for the
November meeting.
- b) (01/03/2023) Football field nets – These have now been secured.
- c) (07/06/2023) Damaged stone on the Market Cross – Stonemason will be chased.
- d) (07/06/2023) Football field surface – Operation Nightingale are returning to roll
both this and last year's areas.
- e) (05/07/2023) Nettles along the winterbourne – Cut back on 25 September.
- f) (05/07/2023) Tree planting by Carbon Neutral – Waiting for CN to attend a further
meeting to discuss the issues raised by the Council.
- g) (05/08/2023) Catchpit at the top of Southward Lane – Still awaiting a date for
when the excavator will attend to clear it. Mr Cook continues to chase this.

- h) (13/09/2023) Wiltshire Council Local Plan Consultation – To be discussed at the November 2023 meeting.
- i) (13/09/2023) Speed enforcement checks – Areas suggested for the police to monitor sent to Cllr Sheppard.

112/23 Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

No members of the public in attendance.

113/23 Update on action in relation to Thames Water & Wiltshire Council and Aldbourne's sewer system

After the meeting held on 13 September 2023 follow up letters were sent to Thames Water and Wiltshire Council reiterating the Councils position on the works that are required to reduce water infiltration and water flows along the winterbourne. As well as their continued concern about the impact on the existing system from additional waste/water flows which will be generated by the Lottage Farm development. A response from both is now awaited. Cllr Josephy was thanked for drafting the letters.

114/23 Clerks Report

- a) The second quarter finance check (June-August 2023) has been carried out by Cllr Bland with no comment or issues to raise.
- b) Gigaclear will start working in the village to bring fibre to the property (FTTP) from November 2023. They will use as much of the existing network as they can, but there will be some areas they will need to dig up. The Community Engagement Manager will be keeping the PC updated on the works as they progress. There is an issue with their preferred location for the cabinet, which the Council are working with Gigaclear and Wiltshire Council to resolve.
- c) The quarterly finance up to the end of quarter two has been sent to all councillors.

115/23 Update on resurfacing of South Street footpath and consider any further action required

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Clerk in consultation with Cllr Brown and Cllr Rayner will liaise with the contractor about reducing the charge to take into account the items listed within the schedule of works which were not carried out. The Clerk is authorised to make the payment if the charge is reduced within the region of £1,000 (net).

116/23 Report on play area inspections and update recent repair works

Cllr Stibbard and Cllr Ainsworth have carried out the latest inspections today. Nothing to report to the issues already known about.

There are some poles stored at the Scout & Guide hut that have recently been found in the play area. The Council will speak to the hut committee to ask that they are secured to prevent it reoccurring.

117/23 Consider donation to Aldbourne Youth Council for 2023-2024

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Council will donate the agreed budgeted funds of £2,500 to Aldbourne Youth Council for the current year. To better understand any plans for improving financial viability and the need for funding in future years Cllr Josephy and Cllr Edmonds will arrange to meet with the Youth Council trustees to discuss these issues and report back to the Council with an update once available.

118/23 Discuss Emergency Plan Review

It was strongly felt that there was no need for an emergency plan in Aldbourn. The village is already very resilient, and history has shown that it always comes together when required to take whatever action is needed at that time.

An amendment to the original resolution was made that just three contacts be provided to the Wiltshire and Swindon Prepared Emergency Community Contacts, but this failed two in favour and three against. The original resolution was then voted on.

It was **RESOLVED** seven favour and one objection that all 15 councillors telephone contact details will be provided to the Wiltshire and Swindon Prepared Emergency Community Contacts to be used as a cascade contact system when/if required.

119/23 Discuss refurbishment of Whitley Road playing field

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Cllr Edmonds and the Clerk will investigate what equipment could be installed within a small area at the Whitley Road playing field and will report back to the Council with details for further consideration.

120/23 Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues

- a) The raised path by Crooked Croner is very weedy currently. The parish steward will be asked to clear these during the October visit.
- b) Reminder that volunteers are needed for the pond clear on 4 November and winterbourne clear on the 11 November.
- c) There is a Box hedge sticking out into Castle Street that needs cutting back. The Council will liaise with the owner about this.
- d) The last grass cut across the village will be carried out this month.

121/23 Wiltshire Council report

Cllr Sheppard advised that he had spoken to the enforcement officer about 19 Castle Street, and having not received a response has escalated it to their line manager. Wiltshire Council are still trying to resolve the issue of the poor surface on Grasshills. It will never become a surfaced route as it is a byway, but some repatching of the worst areas is being looked at. Though, a lack of funds and problems around drainage are complicating matters.

122/23 Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

No members of the public in attendance.

123/23 Confirm date of next meeting

Wednesday 1 November 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signature of the Chairman: _____ Date: 1 November 2023

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

**Financial Statement**Bank Account Balances – includes bank interest

Bank balance as at 28/09/2022

	£
Current account	8,227.77
Deposit account	67,958.48
Total	76,186.25

Income

			£
Date	Payee	Reason	Net Total
26/09*	Wiltshire Council	2 nd Precept instalment	23,000.00
26/09*	SSE	Wayleave	2.00
			23,002.00

Expenditure

Date	Paid via	Payee	£	£	Reason
			Net Total	VAT	
25/09*	SO	Mrs K Clay	78.00	0.00	Q2 quarterly costs
30/09	SO	Mrs L Keen	247.00	0.00	Toilet cleaning
04/10	BP	Bowak	42.28	8.46	Toilet rolls
			367.28	8.46	£375.74 Total plus VAT

Mrs K Clay

04.10.23

* Transaction has cleared

Items in blue to be paid via online banking following the meeting.

(The date for pending payments is the date of approval and may not be the date that the transaction was carried out)