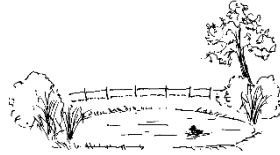


## ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

#### Present

Cllr W Brown (Chairman), Cllr L Smitten (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr H Bland, Cllr A Deuchar, Cllr A Edmonds, Cllr C Elms, Cllr B Hill, Cllr N Josephy,  
Cllr P Lawler, Cllr S Muirhead, Cllr A Phizacklea, Cllr J Rayner, Cllr V Butler (from 19:47)

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: Six members of the public

#### 230/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Ainsworth

Not in attendance: Cllr A Stibbard

#### 231/23 Declarations of interest in respect of any items contained in this Agenda & granting of any dispensations required

Cllr Lawler - Non-pecuniary interest item 236/23, due to the location of their property. No dispensations required.

Cllr Phizacklea - Non-pecuniary interest item 248/23, due to location of their property. No dispensations required.

#### 232/23 Consider the Minutes of the March 2023 Parish Council meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2023 be approved and signed.

#### 233/23 Consider adoption of the approved March 2023 Planning Committee Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to adopt the Planning Committee Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2023.

#### 234/23 Review of outstanding issues

- a) (06/04/2022) Damaged Winterbourne railing on Oxford Street – Barnes coaches continue to try and get these fixed with the help of Cllr Sheppard.
- b) (05/10/2022) Toilet Refurbishment – One quote for the new cupboard has been received and further quotes are being sought. The combined hand cleaning unit in the non-disabled toilet has started to work intermittently. An electrician has checked it and confirmed it is still safe to use. The unit is 40+ years old. In principle the Council had no objections to quotes for a replacement unit being sought.
- c) (02/11/2022) Poor surface on Castle Street – Still awaiting repairs from Wiltshire Council but they cannot give a timescale on when works will be actioned.
- d) (01/03/2023) Football nets – Items to fix the netting to be ordered.
- e) (01/03/2023) Poor road surfaces & potholes – The roads requiring a resurface as well as the substandard repairs of potholes are being raised with Wiltshire Council highways by Cllr Sheppard
- f) (01/03/2023) Defibrillator awareness – Details and information about the Aldbourne defibs was publicised in the April Dabchick by the Aldbourne Defib group.

Cllr Butler arrived during this item.

### 235/23 Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

- Question about why individual sink, soap and hand dryer could not be used in the toilets instead of an all-in-one unit to save on the replacement costs.
- Questions about the Lottage Farm planning application and whether Wiltshire Council would use the now approved Neighbourhood Plan when considering this application. (Answered at item 239/23)
- Request to use The Green for a short ceremony with the American Serviceman that are coming over for the Band of Brothers Dig in May. The organisers are aware of the Coronation celebrations and will avoid any clashes with these.

Individual items in the public toilets are much more likely to be vandalised, thereby negating any costs saved originally.

There were no objections to The Green being used by Operation Nightingale for their ceremony, subject to the Clerk being advised of the details once known.

### 236/23 Discuss Scout & Guide hut lease

Taken out of order before item 244/23.

### 237/23 Consider financial statement and councillors to approve payments

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the change to the Standing Order for the Clerks payments will be authorised by Cllr Deuchar and Cllr Josephy.

There has been no further income or expenditure to that which had already been reported at the March meeting. The bank balances are shown below.

Bank balance as at 30/03/2022

	£
Current account	2,629.31
Deposit account	<u>49,722.47</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>52,351.78</u></b>

### 238/23 Clerks Report

- The Aldbourne Band summer concerts will be held on The Green on 4 June, 2 July at 7.00 pm, 6 August at 4.00 pm and 3 September at 6.45 pm. Agreement for use of The Green given 6 July 2022, item 60/22.
- The market cross has been assessed by the stonemason and he advised that whilst the frost damage was rather deep, it is likely that no further wear will occur for several years. His recommendation is that this area is monitored, and to report any further wear to him. He confirmed the rest of the cross is in very good condition.
- The Post Office & Café and the Blacksmith (Library) have both been registered as Assets of Community Value. The Co-operative application was rejected as it was considered that the other shop in the village offered more facilities.
- The latest financial quarterly check has been carried out by Cllr Bland, with no comment made.
- The final quarterly finance report has been distributed to all councillors.
- The lights in the Heritage Centre have been replaced with LED's.

**239/23 Update on Neighbourhood Plan and Referendum results**

The referendum took place on Thursday 23 March with 358 voting in support. There were 69 no votes. The turnout was 29.7%.

With over 50% voting in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, Wiltshire Council has taken the decision pursuant to Section 38A(4) of the Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004, to 'make' the Aldbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Aldbourn Neighbourhood Development Plan now forms part of the Wiltshire Council Development Plan and the policies in the Neighbourhood Development Plan will be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land in the Aldbourn neighbourhood area.

There is now a 6-week period within which a legal challenge may be made against the decision to 'make' the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Deuchar for all the work she had put into getting the plan to a referendum.

**240/23 Discuss response to application 21/01004/OUT – Lottage Farm**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Cllr Josephy will draft an updated response to the original sent in March 2021 for application 21/01004/OUT at Lottage Farm, which will recognise that the Neighbourhood Plan was in favour of adopting this site as a Site Allocation, whilst strengthening the wording in relation to design and scale, as well as other previous objections. The draft response will be considered by the Council at the May 2023 meeting.

**241/23 Road safety and SID update**

The traffic report provided by Cllr Hill is attached as [Appendix B](#).

A question was raised about moving the new unit around the village. Cllr Hill advised that this could be carried out, but he needed new volunteers to help him with this. Either from the Council or residents.

**242/23 Consider expenditure for repairs and maintenance of equipment in Goddards play area**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to contract ARD to replace the chains and seats on the two flat & two cradle swings in Goddards Play Area at a net cost of £977.60.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to accept Mr Warrens offer to paint the Goddards play area swing frame and that a budget of up to £100 (net) is approved for these works. Painting is to be carried out prior to the new chains and seats being installed.

The worn areas under the swings are re-establishing well with the new turf. They will continue to be monitored.

**243/23 Discuss play area inspections and consider expenditure**

Inspections need to be carried out at least once a month. Discussions will continue as to whether the councillors on the play area responsibility group are able to carry out these inspections.

Efforts will also be made to encourage those using the equipment to report issues to the Clerk.

Taken out of order.

**246/23 Consider proposal for Parish Council led King's Coronation event**

The event proposed is a toast (alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks) to the King on The Green at 8.30 pm on 6 May, when the beacon will also be lit. The Community Choir will be in attendance singing the Sing for the King Coronation Anthem.

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Parish Council will organise a Coronation celebration event on Saturday 6 May 2023 on The Green. Cllr Butler, Cllr Edmonds, Cllr Lawler and the Clerk will lead the organisation and administration of the event in partnership with the Churches Together Group. £350 from the Vodafone fund will be used for the event, with any unused money being returned.

Taken out of order.

**247/23 Consider use of land under the responsibility of the Parish Council for any community led King's Coronation events**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Parish Council has no objection to any land under its ownership or stewardship being used for Coronation celebrations. Subject to no traffic being blocked and all rubbish being cleared and disposed of away from the areas used afterwards.

Taken out of order.

**236/23 Discuss Scout & Guide hut lease**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that Aldbourne Scouts and Guides Supporters Association draw up a new lease for the Scout & Guide hut on Goddards Playing Field for consideration by the Parish Council with a view to it being agreed once both parties are happy with all the details. Draft leases to be provided to the Parish Clerk who will distribute it to the Parish Council for comment.

**244/23 Update on virtual paths and 20-mph survey request to LHFIFG**

The virtual path request for Marlborough Road (bottom section) has moved to the priority list for 2023/2024. There was no update on the 20mph request as because no one from the Council had been able to attend, it was passed over without comment or action. A further email has been sent to the Marlborough Area LHFIFG Wiltshire Council Committee Members once again urging them to consider a remote attendance option. From June 2023 they are moving back to the Council Chambers in Marlborough Town Hall, where this facility available.

**245/23 Discuss quotes for works on South Street footpath and consider what further action Aldbourne Parish Council will take**

Cllr Sheppard will try another route to see if he can get Wiltshire Council to resurface this path. He will report back at the May meeting, when the Parish Council will again consider all possible solutions to this issue.

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**248/23 Discuss access gates from properties bordering Whitley playing field**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that all the properties backing directly onto the Whitley Road Playing Field will be reminded that there is no right of access via gates or other methods into the area, and that any such accesses must be blocked off within two months from the date of the letter. A summary of the historical details of this issue will be added to the letter.

Cllr Phizacklea abstained from voting.

**249/23 Wiltshire Council report**

Cllr Sheppard advised that Wiltshire Council had been awarded £22,924,000 from the Government Highways Fund for 2023/2024 to pay for a range of highways maintenance and improvement programmes. A further £3,648,00 has been received from the Department for Transport's Pothole Fund to target pothole hotspots around the county. A new contractor for highway maintenance has been engaged, Milestone Infrastructure. Cllr Sheppard was asked if potholes on downhill sections of road could be prioritised, as these are particularly dangerous for cyclists.

**250/23 Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues**

a) The M4 was closed overnight twice last week, but the Parish Council had not been advised of this, or that the diversion route was signposted along the B4192. Many residents along South Street and West Street were kept awake by the increased volume of traffic coming through the village overnight.

A complaint was logged with National Highways, but no response has been received.

b) ARC wish to update the Parish Council on their next steps. A date for a meeting with the working party and any other councillors who are interested in attending will be arranged.

**251/23 Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider**

- St Michael School Governors are seeking a donation of £668.35 towards Coronation commemorative coins for the children at the school. (A letter was sent to all councillors prior to this meeting but it arrived too late to be added to the agenda).

In principle there was a majority in favour of no objection to the Council underwriting up to £668.35 for commemorative coins. A decision to ratify the donation will be made at the May 2023 meeting.

**252/23 Review of correspondence**

Correspondence received and sent since the last meeting was noted.

**253/23 Confirm date of next meeting**

Wednesday 26 April 2023 @ 7.10 pm in the Memorial Hall – Annual Parish Assembly

Wednesday 3 May 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall – Annual Council Meeting

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signature of the Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3 May 2023