

**ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2019**  
**IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE**

**Present**

Cllr. A. Edmonds (Chair), Cllr. C. Williams (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr. H. Bland, Cllr. W. Brown, Cllr. M. Cheney, Cllr. A. Deuchar, Cllr. S. Henderson,  
Cllr. N. Josephy, Cllr. P. Lawler, Cllr. S. Muirhead, Cllr. J. Rayner,

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 12 members of the public, Cllr. J. Sheppard (Wiltshire Council)

**19/105. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. J. Gould, Cllr. L. Harris, Cllr. B. Hill  
Not in attendance: Cllr. J. Moore

**19/106. Declarations of interests in respect of any item contained in this Agenda & granting of any dispensations required**

There were no declaration of interests.

**19/107. Consider and sign the Minutes of the September 2019 Parish Council meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 be approved and signed.

**19/108. Consider Dabchick article order November 2019-May 2020**

It was **RESOLVED** that articles from councillors will be submitted in the order as presented.

**19/109. Update on matters arising**

- a) (19/84a 04/07/18) Fence at top of Lottage Rd – Mr Cook liaising with the owners.
- b) (19/84b 03/10/18) White Lining – The centre line along the B4192 has now been repainted. A revisit for the line by the bus stop and changing of the signage on the wider parking bay will be anytime between now and November 2019.
- c) (19/84c 12/09/18) Community Assets – Cllr. Lawler hopes to have an update available on this topic by the December meeting.
- d) (19/84d 01/05/19) Highway infringements – Mr Cook has been asked to look at the two issues raised, and give advice on whether he feels they are highway infringements or not, and any possible liabilities. He has made some general observations on the issue, but as yet has not managed to get out to the village to look at them.
- e) (19/84e 01/05/19) Post Office – No further updates from Post Office Ltd on what they intend to do about the underfunding issue.
- f) (19/84g 05/06/19) Goal posts – Cllr. Harris refurbishing posts, nets and grass. Grass and nets have now been done. Awaiting an update on the painting.
- g) (19/93 11/09/19) The Green – Area being monitored on a regular basis. Cllr. Lawler is looking at putting some fertiliser down now and in the spring.
- h) (19/100 11/09/19) Toilet lights – The faulty outside lights have been replaced.
- i) (19/100 11/09/19) Whitley Field gate – No problem could be found.
- j) (19/100 11/09/19) Hillwood Rd sign – Being moved to the other side of the fence in order that it will be visible from the road.
- k) (19/100 11/09/19) Castle St hedge – Letter sent to resident asking for hedge to be cut.

**19/110. Clerks report**

- ARC have thanked the Parish Council for carrying out the repairs required to the zip wire. The new carriageway replacement has been delayed, but is due to be installed on Friday.

**19/111. Receive 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](#).

**19/112. Questions and request from the public for councillors to consider**

- Members of the Carbon Neutral Aldbourn group spoke about what it is they are trying to achieve in Aldbourn. [@carbonneutralaldbourn](#)

Item taken out of order

**19/118. Consider proposed carbon neutral resolution**

It was **RESOLVED** seven in favour and four abstentions to approve the following resolutions:

1. Acknowledge that there is a 'Climate Emergency'.
2. Aim to encourage and support the Community of Aldbourn to become carbon neutral by 2030 taking into account both production and consumption emissions and increase biodiversity.
3. Support the work of Carbon Neutral Aldbourn in undertaking a carbon audit.
4. Call on Westminster and Wiltshire County Council to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible.
5. Work with other local authorities organisations such as neighbouring town and parish councils and appropriate government departments to determine and implement best practice methods to limit global warming to less than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels
6. Work with partners across the parish and region to deliver this new goal through all relevant strategies and plans.
7. Establish a working party to actively promote the community well-being of the inhabitants of Aldbourn.

**19/113. Consider Palmer's Field working group**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to set up a working party which will review any proposals or issues raised with the Parish Council by ARC in connection with Palmer's Field, with a view to bringing recommendations to the Council for consideration as and when required.

The group will be made up of Cllrs. Josephy, Lawler, Williams and Henderson.

**19/114. Discuss future funding for Palmer's Field**

There is already a mechanism in relation to recreational funding for the whole village within the precept. It was agreed it was better to keep this wider discretion rather limiting funding to one particular issue.

**19/115. Neighbourhood Plan update and consider any actions required**

The 'call for sites' will be going out on 21 October. They have been working with the Carbon Neutral Aldbourn group to establish what could be put into the plan to help address issues in relation to climate change.

**19/116. Consider proposed works by SSE around Farm Lane/Rectory Wood**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to allow SSE to put a stay over the path in Rectory Wood from a pole in the rear of No.20 Farm Lane; subject to them cutting back the overgrowth in the area as discussed with them by Cllr. Rayner, and for this clearance work to be checked by the Parish Council prior to the stay being installed.

**19/117. Consider expenditure for tree planting scheme**

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve a budget of up to £150 (net) for the 13 new trees, stakes, ties and protection.

A new date of Saturday 7 December was agreed as the date on which they will be planted. Cllr. Brown advised he had checked the area following the complaint last month, but felt that whilst it does look a bit rough, as would be expected after all the work in that area, there were no issues of concern.

**19/118. Consider proposed carbon neutral resolution**

Taken out of order after item 112

**19/119. Update on repairs to the pump, and consider any action required**

Cllr. Bland has been in touch with Whatley's and continues to push them to look at the pump.

**19/120. Receive & adopt the September planning committee minutes**

The Minutes from the meetings held on 17 September 2019 were approved, signed and adopted, and are attached to these minutes.

**19/121. Receive SID statistics**

Statistics for 8 – 30 September 2019

South St – 53,907 movements, 17,543 or 33% were over 30 mph with 5,504 being over 36mph. 15 were recorded at over 70 mph. The average daily movements were approximately 2,600.

West St – 34,613 movements, 16579 or 48% were over 30 mph with 6,192 over 36 mph. 39 were recorded at over 70 mph. The average daily movements were approximately 1,700.

Cllr Sheppard advised he had spoken to the Deputy Chief Inspector of Wiltshire Police, who had advised they are putting more resources into carrying out speed checks. Cllr. Sheppard suggested that, based on the figures shown from the SIDs, they visit Aldbourne again soon.

**19/122. Update on Oxford Street 30mph limit move**

The issue has been made a priority one, which means action will now start on the process to get this speed limit moved further out of the village. It is anticipated that the works will be completed within a year.

**19/123. Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues**

- The No. 48 bus that comes through the village at 7.37 is now only a single decker. By the time it reaches Aldbourne it is full and there is standing room only. Stagecoach advise they cannot run a double decker service as it would not fit along Ramsbury High Street. However, Swindon's Bus Company used to run a double decker service with no issues on the same route. It was agreed to write to Stagecoach about this issue, and also encourage others affected by it to do the same.
- The allotments are in a very poor state at present. The Council will write to plot holders to express their disappointment at the current state of the plots and to ask what they intend to do with their plots next year. The situation will be reviewed once this is known.
- Spraying of the Winterbourne and around the tennis court will be taking place before the end of October.
- There are several blocked drains that are in need of clearance. Cllr. Josephy will take a look at the drains across the village with the other flood warden members, with a view to putting together a list of those needing to be cleared to be sent to Wiltshire Council.
- There is a car that has been parked blocking the end of the pathway opposite the Post Office. This means that pedestrians are forced to walk out into the road at this already dangerous junction. The owners have been tracked down and will be asked to move it as soon as they are able.
- The play areas and sports field have all be inspected, with no problems found. Thanks were expressed to the group of youngsters who voluntarily carried out repairs to the bench in Goddards that had been previously damaged by vandals.
- The defibrillator on Farm Lane is regularly blocked in by cars. It was suggested that a sign be put up asking for the area in front of the box to be left clear.
- Congratulations were expressed to Aldbourne Band on their recent 9<sup>th</sup> place at the British Open. A letter of congratulations will be sent, along with good wishes for their performance at the National Championships in the Albert Hall on 12 October.

**19/124. Wiltshire Council report**

Cllr. Sheppard advised he has spoken at length with Mr Cook about highway infringements and reiterated the concern over where liability would lie should there be an accident due to the possible infringements.

Wiltshire Council continue to work with all agencies in relation to the fires and waste dumping on the farm at the top end of Lottage Rd.

**19/125. Correspondence**

Correspondence received and sent during the last month was noted.

In light of a letter expressing disappointment that the last planning meeting had not been quorate, a discussion was held about planning meetings and whether membership of the committee should be changed. The committee was changed to 'all members' some years ago due to problems with the meetings not being quorate due to there being a smaller membership. It was felt that having a planning meeting prior to the main meetings when there were only a few small applications to consider was fine. However, when there were more or large scale applications to consider it was agreed meetings should be held on a separate date and time. Councillors also need to take more responsibility for advising either the clerk or the planning committee Chair if they are unable to attend a meeting.

**19/126. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider**

- The telephone exchange manhole cover at the top of footpath ALDB26 is proud of the path and thus now presents a tripping hazard.

The Council will report the cover to Openreach.

**19/127. Confirm date of next meeting**

Wednesday 6 November 2019 @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21:06

Signature of the Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ 6 November 2019