

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2019
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE

Present

Cllr. A Edmonds (Chairman),
Cllr. W. Brown, Cllr. M. Cheney, Cllr. A. Deuchar, Cllr. J. Gould, Cllr. L. Harris, Cllr. B. Hill,
Cllr. C. Williams, Cllr. J. Rayner (arrived during item 19/175)

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk

In attendance: 11 members of the public, Cllr. J. Sheppard (Wiltshire Council)

19/168. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. H. Bland, Cllr. N. Josephy, Cllr. P. Lawler,
Cllr. S. Muirhead & Cllr. A. Phizacklea. Cllr. J. Moore (not in attendance)

19/169. Declarations of interest of any item contained in the Agenda & granting of any dispensations required

There were no declarations of interest.

19/170. Consider and sign the Minutes of the December 2018 Parish Council meeting

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 be approved and signed.

19/171. Matters arising

- a) (18/149a) Gullies – List of those requiring attention sent to Mr Cook at WC on 21/12, unfortunately he was unable to give an ETA on when the work would be carried out.
- b) (18/149f 04/07/18) Fence on Lottage Rd – Awaiting update from highways.
- c) (18/149j) Back Lane Pump – Work to be carried out in the spring.
- d) (18/157 05/12/18) Disbursement of Vodafone donation – Article placed in February Dabchick asking for anyone interested in receiving some of the money to contact the Parish Council by the beginning of March 2019.
- e) (18/161 05/12/18) New gate on Southward – The gate is not over the Right of Way, but on private land. No action was therefore required.
- f) (18/161 05/12/18) Faulty street lamp, Oxford St – Reported to Wiltshire Council directly after the December meeting, and has been repaired.
- g) (18/161 05/12/18) Fly tipping – All reports of fly tipping made in November/December have been cleared by Wiltshire Council. Unfortunately further fly tipping has since occurred.

19/172. Clerks report

- The Doggy Day and Classic Car show will be going ahead on the football field and Palmer's Field on Sunday 7th July 2019. The organisers have discussed the layout with Cllr. Edmonds, and sent a copy to the clerk. They will be keeping the PC, and where necessary ARC, updated as the organisation progresses.

19/173. 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.

19/174. Questions and request from the public for councillors to consider

- Are the Council aware that two sections of the fence around the tennis court have been damaged by the tree contractors? When is the work due to finish? Does the price quoted for replanting include all the specifications required?

The Council are aware of the damage to the netting, as are the contractors, who have confirmed they will be fixing it. There has been a breakdown of equipment, and the part had to come from Germany. Unfortunately, the wrong part was sent, and then the snow came. It is anticipated the work will be finished within the next 10-14 days. The specifications were sent to all contractors, so they were aware of them when they quoted for the work. The Council will be adhering to them as required, or liaising with David Wyatt at WC if any changes are felt necessary.

19/175. Discuss donation towards equipment for Community Responder

Mr Sean Taylor (Community First Responder) & Mr Dave Wilmot (Community Responder Officer) were in attendance at this meeting, and standing orders were suspended during this item to allow councillors to ask questions of both. It was advised that as the equipment was in addition to the normal kit, there were no funds available within the NHS to pay for it. As the equipment cannot be guaranteed to be used exclusively in Aldbourne, the Council could not use S137 of the LGA 1972, and there are no other powers for which a donation for this equipment could be used. However, it was suggested that the Aldbourne & Baydon Aid in Sickness Fund, or the MAB Health and Wellbeing group may be able to help.

19/176. Consider request for donation from St Michael's Church

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to donate £700 to the repairs of St Michael's Church clock.

19/177. Consider Lease & Management Agreement for ARC

The Council's and ARC's solicitors continue to discuss the lease.

19/178. Update on beech trees by the tennis court

Cllr. Brown advised that the trees have now been felled. It was always going to be controversial, but has been on the agenda and in the minutes for over two years, giving plenty of opportunities for comment from the village. Some of the logs will be left on the site for the 'bug houses' required as part of the planning conditions for the access track. There is a scheme to replace the trees, but it is felt that there is scope to vary it. The Council are very happy to discuss suggestions for changes to the planting. Any changes would be subject to approval from WC. There is still the ongoing issue of the power lines, and it is looking increasingly likely that they will not be buried. The cost for the Parish Council to have this done is £8,000, which is prohibitive. With them still in place it does compromise what can be planted there.

19/179. Neighbourhood Plan update, and consider any actions required

Cllr. Deuchar advised the group had had a very productive meeting with Place Studios to discuss the next steps, and the Village Design Day to be held on 30 March 2019 in St Michael's School.

Cllr. Williams advised that a draft of the Housing Needs Survey will be circulated to all councillors to be considered for approval at the March meeting. Once it has been approved by the Parish Council, Wiltshire Council will publish it as a formal document.

19/180. Receive & adopt the December 2018 & 10th January planning committee minutes

The Minutes from the meetings held on 5th December 2018 & 10th January 2019 were adopted.

A copy of both are attached to these Minutes.

19/181. Update on Speed Indicator Devices

Cllr. Hill advised that due to the continuing problems with both units, the manufacturer had agreed to replace them. They are due to be replaced this this Sunday (10th) From statistics gained so far on South Street there is an average 281 vehicles a day speeding through the village. Which equates to a vehicle travelling in excess of 36mph every eleven and half minutes. Cllr. Sheppard asked for a copy of the statistics in order that he could forward them to the Police, to show them that speeding is a very real issue in villages and needs tackling by them.

19/182. Update on CATG December 2018 meeting

Cllr. Williams reported that Mr Hind at WC has agreed the 30mph limit can be moved further out of the village at the top of Oxford Street, though not quite as far out as the Council would have liked. Mr Hind is continuing to progress this issue.

The white line by the bus stop and pedestrian warning sign by 'crossing point' were not discussed. The next meeting is being held on 14th March.

19/183. Discuss wider parking bay by the pond

It was **RESOLVED** unanimously to submit a request for a wider parking bay to be installed in front of the noticeboard area by the pond.

19/184. Discuss dog fouling across the village

Cllr. Edmonds spoke about the increasing problem of dog fouling around the village. Notices have been put up, and Cllr. Edmonds has submitted an article to the Dabchick.

19/185. Reports by councillors on any Council business or village issues

- The grit bins were all inspected and those requiring filling reported to WC in early January. However, none had been filled in time for the recent snow fall. There have been requests for a grit bin in The Square. This will be looked into.
- Thanks were expressed to the person that recently mowed the Four Barrows track.
- The Aldbourne Village Website is very out of date. Councillors are receiving complaints from across the village about it. It was agreed to invite the website committee to the March meeting to discuss this issue and see if a way forward can be found.
- The issue of Community Assets requires action now as they will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- All the play areas and sports field have been checked, no issues to report. One of the bins in the Goddards play area has been designated as a recycling bin for cans and bottles. This will make emptying of the bins slightly easier for the volunteers who carry out this task.
- The ivy has been cut on the trees in Rectory Wood.
- There have been further problems with the public toilets being blocked and smashed glass left around them. The toilets are now being locked overnight in order to try and prevent this from happening. Mr Miles was thanked for taking on this additional duty.

19/186. Wiltshire Council report

There had been a request for non slip tarmac to be put down on Marlborough Rd as horse riders were finding it very slippery to traverse. Cllr. Sheppard had spoken to Mr Cook about this and he advised that the new surface due to be put down next week will be suitable for the traffic that will be using it. Though not non slip specific, it is likely to be less slippery than the current surface due to the fact that it will not be as worn. The patch resurfacing of The Garlings is still anticipated to be carried out before April 2019.

Changes to how the MAB grant funding is made are being considered. It is being suggested that requests come via Parish/Town Councils, and that they be asked to consider making a percentage contribution too. Similar to how CATG currently works.

19/187. Correspondence

Correspondence received and sent during the last month was noted.

19/188. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider

No further questions.

19/189. Confirm date of next meeting

Wednesday 6th March 2019 @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:40

Chairman Signature: _____ 6th March 2019