

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER 2014

Present : Mike Honour (MH), Becky Hird (BH), Justine Garbutt (JG), Richard Munro (RM), Andy McIntyre (AM)
Frank Gibson (FG)

ACTION

67 Apologies for Absence:

None

68 To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

MH & JG- Carterton West Personal & Prejudicial

69 Adjournment for Public

FG- Concerned about the zig zag lines at the school not being observed. These are not enforceable as there is no 'No Stopping' sign.

70 Minutes of Last Meeting

70.1 Minutes of meeting 16th July were accepted and signed

70.2 Matters arising- BH asked Village Hall committee about the access ramp. It was taken by WODC.

71 Planning Applications: RM

71.1 1 The Walk 14/0952/P/S73 – granted

71.2 Bridleway, Lower End 14/0896/P/FP- granted

71.3 Jimmys Barn 14/1285/P/FP – awaiting decision

72 Community Led Planning: (CLP): RM

RM has produced the first draft and it will be looked at at the meeting on Monday 22nd Sept.

Coke and pizza event was a success with approx. 30 children with parents attending. We are lucky to have a very good team who organize the children's events. There are some expenses to be paid out MH will arrange.

Quiz will take place on 1st November.

73 Playing Field: MH

73.1 There is a tree down near the slide, MH will cut up. AM, RM and MH to meet at 9.30am on Saturday to move to bonfire site.

73.2 Playground meeting Tuesday 18th November in The Plough 7.30pm. MDCH has contacted Committee.

74 Local Plan: RM

74.1 The Consultation is in. They have received so many responses it will be slow to come to the Cabinet- sometime in November. SCW application from Crest Nicholson was heard at WODC meeting and was rejected. They may appeal, but so far the campaign has been successful. Application for Carterton East was approved for 700 houses. WODC now have 5 years supply of housing land so this will decrease pressure on opportunistic applications.

75 Traffic & Highways - MH

75.1 There is a problem with the sewer at the west end of the village.

75.2 Breakdown truck is parked constantly behind the bus shelter, it is not known if it belongs to a resident. FG offered to talk to PCSO Colin Davies. Clerk will write a letter to put on truck as it is parked where the salt bin will be located.

76 Environment & Conservation: AM

76.1 AM has arranged posts for dogs stickers with Fletchers for the budget we agreed. He will chase these up.

AM

77 Countryside & Footpaths: MH

77.1 MH has spoken to R Mawle and the footpath has been cut.

There has been no response from Highways concerning cutting the hedge. MH will do Way markers- MH to hand to AM

Alvescot House- stile is broken between his land and MH's, board needs replacing; also the one at the top of the path at Mill Lane next to the locked gate needs repairing.

Allotments: RM – we are liable to provide allotments if anyone requests one. AM to put note in next Forum- RM will look up the size- £25 per year is a reasonable rent. The old site belongs to the College which R Mawle administers. MH will talk to him about how many allotments there were.

78 Communication: AM

78.1 Last Forum was completed and delivered. The time for the fireworks was put at 6pm. Also mentioned was asking people to express an interest for a litter pick, suggested date February.

79 Finance

79.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. Cheques agreed and signed.

80 Village Matters:

80.1 War Memorial-Clerk presented details of a plaque which could be set into the wall. AM will send photos to the War Memorial Trust to see if they are in support of cleaning and restoring it Clerk will ask Filkins Stone Co to look at the stone to see if it can be re cut. MH will ask if there is any history on the War Memorial as to who owns it. Councillors will meet on Saturday to clean it.

80.2 Fireworks - BH handed Clerk Risk Assessment to be sent to Insurance Co. D Hird and AM to let off, MH truck will be used to store them. Cricket nets will be moved on Saturday.

First Aid Cover- Sandy

Fire Station, Police and RAF Bzn will be informed.

Fireworks have been ordered, bonfire 6.15pm, fireworks 6.45pm. School will make the guy and AM will collect.

80.3 OCC have advised we cannot use street light as a power supply. MH reported School have said yes so it will be mounted on the School by the bins it just needs Governors to approve the work inside the school as there is no spare plug socket. School will be asked if they have an electrician that they use regularly.

80.4 Academy Status- School are considering applying for Academy status, this will make no difference to the Community. OCC is winding down services to schools and the school will have to "buy" services. The Oxford Diocese School Trust will run through the Governors, there will be no change in the admission policy. ODST will take a smaller % to run the school especially if several schools join together. If accepted finances will swap over in March 2015.

80.5 JG- Dick Tracey had trouble finding the village and there is no sign in the car park, mention will be made in CLP. BH was asked to raise this at the next Village Hall meeting.

81 Next Meeting

Next meeting 19th November 2014