

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th JULY 2014

Present : Mike Honour (MH), Becky Hird (BH), Andy McIntyre (AM), Justine Garbutt (JG)

ACTION

- 35 **Apologies for Absence:**
Richard Munro (RM)
- 36 **To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:**
MH & JG- Carterton West Personal & Prejudicial
- 37 **Adjournment for Public**
None
- 38 **Minutes of Last Meeting**
38.1 Minutes of meeting 18th June were accepted and signed after 1 alteration
38.2 Matters arising- None
- 39 **Planning Applications: RM**
39.1 3 Home Farm Barns 14/06///P/FP- granted.
39.2 Firethorne House 13/1439/P/FP- appeal dismissed
39.3 1 The Walk 14/0952/P/S73 – awaiting decision
39.4 Bridleway, Lower End 14/0896/P/FP- awaiting decision
39.5 Rural Housing- Newsletter has been received and will be handed to CLP for assessment.
They will be ask if residents would like to propose what sort of housing would be acceptable and if landowners would give proposals for sites for consultation.
- 40 **Community Led Planning: (CLP): RM**
40.1 Fete stall collected some valuable comments one of which was a community website.
Janey Slader offered to set it up.
40.2 At a meeting with Carterton Town Council it was proposed that we enter into a joint venture with them to form a Neighbourhood Development Plan with Caroline Ramsey, Town Clerk, being the contact. Strategic planning would look at the vision for Carterton, all strategic sites are speculative and they are now looking to what the town could look like. We could have a say in not extending out of the boundaries of Carterton towards the Shillbrook, scaling down the Carterton East proposals and instead improve infrastructure. Some houses will be built on REMA land as infill but we need to know what Carterton want and how this compares to the SHMA figures. If we agreed with proposals within the NDP it will be included.
If they do a joint plan do we want to join them? JG- we would support it in principal, but there is still a separation between what Carterton want to do and what Alvescot want to do. Maybe there should be a focus for each village- village hall, school, etc. Each village plans a modest amount of development and this could be linked in. We cannot do NDP on our own, but this may give us some sort of say in what happens.
The strategic site in Bampton has been granted and now Burford, Milton under Wychwood and Long Hanborough are coming up. West Oxon have already delivered more houses than required to but there has been no upgrading of road system. CTC are asking all Parishes if they are interested in joining; we are but the plan presented may change our opinion- we will agree to support it subject to its evolving. Agreed.
Clerk will ask D McFarlane if there is progress on Broadwell's NDP.

Clerk

- 41 **Playing Field: MH**
 41.1 Clerk asked if the monthly checks were taking place. Ask MDCH what the arrangement is. Clerk
 Notice board next to the MUGA had had the Perspex removed and the wooden frame broken. MH
 has the Perspex. It was agreed we would replace the signpost with a Perspex sign instead of
 repairing. MH will consult with MDCH
 Cricket nets are back in place after the Fete.
- 42 **Local Plan & AGGROW: RM**
 42.1 Local Plan: The Cabinet voted today on the draft plan and it will now go out to
 consultation for 8 weeks. It will then go back to the Cabinet, then full Council and to the Inspector
 in 2015. The housing targets included by WODC are 525 houses per year 660 is SHMA figure. This
 is 75% higher than last figure of 375. Witney North and Chipping Norton East are proposed sites
 for housing. Carterton West has not been included and their planning application has not been
 heard yet, if it does come forward it will be considered by the full Committee.
 42.2 Parish Letter- AM considered the phrase "developer greed" a little emotional, maybe the
 language needs to be changed. The intention of the letter is to take on a singular point, WODC
 believe the housing target is too high and we need the Parishes to show unilateral support. Agreed.
- 43 **Traffic & Highways - MH**
 43.1 Potholes in Mill Lane have been repaired.
 Highways will be asked to paint zig zags, slow signs and 30mph signs
 Ditch on B4477 has been reported to Wayne Barker
 43.2 Salt bin to be ordered with one bag of salt required. Clerk
- 44 **Environment & Conservation: AM**
 44.1 AM has some dog fouling stickers but suggested they were put on metal plates on stakes
 so they could be moved round the village as required. This was agreed. AM will obtain a quote to
 maximum of £100. AM
- 45 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**
 45.1 Waymarkers have been given to MH.
 A complaint about the verge next to the footpath at the Black Bourton end of the village
 has been received. Clerk has contacted McCracken but will do again. Clerk will also contact
 Highways concerning cutting back the hedge, but this maybe the landowners responsibility.
 Also the Communication College will be contacted concerning their hedge overhanging the footpath.
 Alvescot House- footpath has been cleared. Clerk
- 46 **Communication: AM**
 46.1 Next Forum will be in September, AM has enough for the edition and will include fireworks
 date and Pizza and Coke date. JG to give to AM. request for donations for defibrillator will also be
 included.
- 47 **Finance**
 47.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. Cheques agreed and signed.
- 48 Review of Polling Stations- WODC review was concerned there was no ramp on election days for
 use by wheelchairs. BH will take to Village Hall Committee.
 Flood Risk Consultation- JG will answer. MH to send JG a copy of the last one.
- 49 Next Meeting
 No meeting will be held in August. Next meeting 17th September 2014