

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th September 2015

Present : Mike Honour (MH), Richard Munro (RM), Becky Hird (BH)
Ralph Mawle (RMa)

ACTION

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- 34 **Apologies for Absence:**
Justine Garbutt (JG) Andy McIntyre (AM),
- 35 **To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:**
BH- Thorpes Field
- 36 **Adjournment for Public**
None
- 37 **Minutes of Last Meeting**
37.1 Minutes of meeting 15th July 2015 were accepted and signed
37.2 Matters arising- none
- 38 **Planning Applications: RM**
38.1 Ty Nant 15/012653/FUL – refused
38.2 Menage at Lower End- 15/02622/FUL- granted
38.3 The Old Rectory 15/02719/LBC/15/02718/HHD- awaiting decision
38.4 Unit 3, The Walk- awaiting decision
38.5 3 Thorpes Field- granted
- 38.6 Design Guide- Consultation running until end of month, this will guard against inappropriate planning. The National Policy is in favour of sustainable development but is increasingly inflexible about small developments; in Alvescot small new builds are refused. We will comment on more understanding of the needs of the village and new homes which we are in favour of. Sustainable development should be allowed.
- 38.7 Shillbrook Cottage- Clerk has spoken to enforcement. The resident has until end of the month to apply for change of use. WODC agree there is a business being run from the premises it is not personal possessions being sold. If an application is not received it will be taken to committee and the activity will be closed. He may apply for a temporary order which will last for 1 year.
- 39 **Community Led Planning: (CLP): RM**
39.1 No meeting has been held as there was no venue. A small working group has composed a list of questions to ask organisations- V hall, WODC, School etc. RM will bring questions for the Parish Council to the next meeting.
- 40 **Playing Field: MH**
40.1 The chain walkway had collapsed and has been rebuilt. Meeting needs to be held with playground committee to run through the RoSPA report. RM, MH will meet with MDHC if available on Thursday 17th to discuss and assess damage.
- 41 **Traffic & Highways - MH**
41.1 Potholes have been filled. Mill Lane potholes still have not. Clerk will report.
Report number 694768
41.2 SID sign and street light is working

42 **Environment & Conservation: AM**

42.1 Household Waste recycling- Plans to reduce the sites to 3-4 in area. Suggestion should be everyone pay a minimal charge and the threatened sites would be able to be kept open. This will encourage fly tipping.

43 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**

43.1 Some stiles belonging to MH need repairing. This will be undertaken.

44 **Communication: AM**

44.1 None

45 **Finance**

45.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. Cheques were signed.

45.2 Audit has been received back from BDO. The Annual Return was approved and accepted by the Council. There were no issues raised.

46 **Village Matters**

46.1 Car Park- R Mawle has obtained two quotes from abbey Surfacing. Option 1 £1960 + Vat is to repair the surface and Option 2 to re surface the entire area £6445 + Vat. The Parish Council cannot afford either option from its current funds. Clerk will approach Village Hall and Chair of Governors for the school and ask if they will split the cost three ways as all they are the main Users of the car park.

46.2 Bus Subsidy- reply to our letter during the consultation was read to Councillors.

46.3 Alvescot Charities- e mail received from Nigel Williams- they will inform Council when a new trustee is elected so the appointment can be ratified.

46.4 Minerals & Waste Consultation- RM has inspected.

46.5 Fireworks night- We still have the option of buying the left over stock from Giles Sports for £500. Timetable- Gates open 6pm, Bonfire 6.30pm, Fireworks 6.45pm, ends 7.15pm. Times will be adhered to this year and a letter will be written to residents we know with horses as a warning. BH will furnish Clerk with Risk Assessment to send to Insurance asap.

46.6 Bus shelter light is not working, this could be because the street light is not working.

46.7 Defib training- South Oxfordshire Ambulance Service is responsible for training, we have contacted them but no response as yet.

46.8 Sign at Ty Nants has been damaged twice. There is a problem with drugs in the layby which Police are looking into.

46.9 Alvescot House- sheds have been broken into.

47 **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on 21st October 2015.