

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th November 2015

Present : Mike Honour (MH), Richard Munro (RM), Andy McIntyre (AM), Justine Garbutt (JG)

ACTION

62 Apologies for Absence:

Becky Hird (BH)

63 To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

MH- Home Farm Barns, J Garbutt Ty Nant

64 Adjournment for Public

None

65 Minutes of Last Meeting

65.1 Minutes of meeting 21st October were accepted and signed after alteration to Appendix 1 Traffic.

65.2 Matters arising-

Ron Spurs- Clerk for Carterton Town Council will be attending the December meeting
Tracy living in The Gassons thanked the Parish Council for quite fireworks this year.

66 Planning Applications: RM

66.1 3 Home Farm Barns 15/03697/HDD – awaiting decision.

66.2 Ty Nant 15/01652/FUL appeal

66.3 2 Thorpes Field 15/01016/FUL appeal

67 Community Led Planning: (CLP) & Local Plan (LP): RM/JG

67.1 CLP Committee are currently taking stock of information received. Some meetings still need to take place and then RM will be summarizing. They are discussing how far to progress an item before publication. Immediate items can be done, others will be presented as an action. It would be sensible to go with a range of stages and then review when published. The Committee are very near to publishing, but agreed it should include some projects which have been achieved,

67.2 LP- Local Plan is now being heard there are two stages of hearings. The first stage was with set speakers however, Brize Norton Parish Council have now been included. After the review a decision will be made if the Plan is unsound and they will need to start again or it may need reviewing or go ahead as it stands. Next stage may be more homes and where they will be put.

68 Playing Field: MH

68.1 Playground Committee held a meeting and discussed the repairs needed. Some will be carried out straight away and others by the end of the financial year to use the money budgeted- £1200. They are investigating instead of replacing the wooden posts cutting the rotted end off and concreting a metal sleeve into the ground to hold the pole. Therefore it should not need replacing so quickly. These will be approx. £60 each. MDCH obtaining quotes. The priority is to make sure urgent items are done first.

MUGA needs to be booked in for April- this will be discussed under Precept item.

Cricket net needs refurbishing- date will be set by committee- net has been purchased.

Wall was repaired- thank you to Damon Oakey.

Restricted access to the MUGA was discussed by the Playground Committee and brought to the PC for discussion The reason for this is that people come from all around using the MUGA and Alvescot is paying for the upkeep. They have suggested that maybe a keypad could be put on the door and if a small charge was made to non residents this could go towards the maintenance. Charge was suggested at £20 per annum and a sign could be put up if booked. The Parish Council discussed

this at some length and decided that they did not want any charges made to use the MUGA. The Playground Committee will be informed. If problems arise in the future this will be revisited.

69 **Traffic & Highways - MH**

69.1 Potholes in Mill Lane have been looked at by OCC but still not filled. Contact again.
Gullies have been emptied
Street light will be checked during daylight hours
Street light in Churchyard RM will check if it is working.

Clerk

70 **Environment & Conservation: AM**

70.1 No report

71 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**

71.1 MH has repaired the stile on the perimeter path which leads to the meadows. Perimeter track needs cutting. RAF will be contacted. Note will be made to write to them in June 2016.

71.2 E mail was received from Nigel & Sue Williams offering to monitor footpaths. This was very gratefully received and MH will contact them. Clerk will obtain new map from Jim Parke.

72 **Communication: AM**

72.1 Forum has been distributed next one will be January 2016. The bonfire and fireworks went well. We do not know how much was taken on the gate as BH still has funds. She will pay these in to the account.

73 **OCC:**

73.1 Local List- no comments

73.2 OCC Budget 2016/17- extensive paperwork has been received from OCC concerning Parishes taking over responsibility for some items and funding of them. Response to consultation will be drafted.

RM

74 **Finance**

74.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. Cheques were signed. Clerks note: alteration to ORCC Grant figure to £225.31

74.2 Precept/Income & Expenditure- Clerk presented the figures for discussion. PC feel they cannot justify raising the Precept for certain projects only. We have to have a balanced Budget and if necessary fund will have to be applied for from elsewhere. Precept figures will be adjusted as per discussions and circulated for approval at the December meeting. The PC keep all their expenses under strict control and we will ask the church to obtain quotes for the cutting next year as we cannot afford to pay them more and they have advised this will be increasing next year but not by what percentage . It will be capped at £600.

Fete donation- It was discussed that the profits could be split 5 ways instead of four. The Car Park is in need of maintenance no one wants to help with funding or assume responsibility for it so this could be put aside and used on the upkeep. MH will obtain a quote for gravel being laid as a stop gap and this will be added to the Precept. MH will fill holes in car park.

Playground- MUGA maintenance will be funded. We will put £1700 towards repairs and ask Playground to raise/apply for grants for remainder of £500.

JG left the meeting

75 **Joint Meeting with OCC**

75.1 RM will attend, MH will advise if he is available. 1st December 11 7pm

76 **Village Matters**

76.1 Bus Subsidy Route 19 – OCC have voted to withdraw the subsidy for route 19 and it may result in the service being withdrawn. We are asking residents to write to Pete Handley against these cuts being ratified in February. Letter will be sent from PC.

RM

77 **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on 16th December 2015.