

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2014

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

ACTION

120. **Apologies for Absence:**
Andy McIntyre (AM), Becky Hird (BH)
121. **To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:**
MH- Stop Carterton West
122. **Adjournment for Public**
None
123. **Minutes of Last Meeting**
123.1 Minutes of meeting 15th were accepted and signed after alteration to paragraph 114
123.2 Matters arising- None
124. **Planning Applications: RM**
124.1 Penrush Cottage- granted
124.2 Rectory Barn, Lower End- awaiting decision
124.3 Avening, Lower End- awaiting decision
125. **Community Led Planning: (CLP): RM**
125.1 Progress is being made. Dates for events have been proposed. Easter egg hunt is first on Easter Sunday which will be advertised in Parish Pump. Questionnaires are trickling back in, deadline extended to the end of March. One comment from Frank that it was difficult to understand. Committee may have to knock on doors to get them back. PC funding is required to buy the eggs. RM and JG will check, they may need to be paid for before the next meeting. This was agreed. Name given to the plan is "Plan A" (for Alvescot.) ORCC have all the information they need to award the grant for £650, extra £500 has been budgeted for in the precept.
126. **Playing Field: MH**
126.1 T Morris could not source an 8" beam so there has been a delay on works, he has now found one and jobs will be completed as soon as possible.
Clerk has received contract for weed killing from Complete Weed Control. This was accepted by Council and Clerk will return.
Wheel on the nets needs to be completed.
127. **Local Plan: RM**
127.1 AGGROW: The plan has now been adopted and has gone to Government inspection, it does not include the site local to Alvescot. This means we should receive our money back from funds being held.
127.2 LOCAL PLAN: SHMA and SHLA not yet published. D McFarlane will be contacted to see if he can give an update. Carterton East is up for consultation but Carterton Town Council did not discuss it at their meeting last night- they passed a motion to defer the decision until reports are received. Meeting with Curtin & Co tomorrow evening in Carterton. HM and JG to attend.
128. **Traffic & Highways - MH**
128.1 VAS signs are still on track. Clerk and MH are meeting Lex McFarlane (OCC Highways) on Friday. Items that need attention: Pot holes in Mill Lane, re paint zig zag outside school, date for

Clerk
MH

VAS sign, repainting of red tarmac, ditch clearance on Filkins road, accidents on △ on way to Carterton.

129 **Environment & Conservation: AM**

129.1 Nothing to report from AM.

MH- Flood questionnaire to be completed; man with theodolite was seen on Mill Lane may have been from EA checking heights to complete works. EA have one job outstanding from last list Shill/Mill brook works to be completed. No houses that we know have been flooded.

Emergency plan for village? Do we need one. Could be part of CLP (look at other villages that have completed theirs). There should be a list of what to do in a flood, where signs are kept and a list of vulnerable people. Clerk has put some information on the website as to how to request sandbags etc. and useful telephone numbers.

130 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**

130.1 Consultation on Rights of Way taking place to be completed.

How much maintenance is being given to Parish Councils is under consideration. The water meadow is marked as a proposed cycle path but it is classed as SSI so cannot be done. RM will report back at next meeting.

RM

131 **Communication: AM**

131.1 AM has completed another edition and it has been distributed. Clerk has put a copy on the website.

131.2 Broadband- distribution box is completed and connected to Carterton. Residents need to contact their providers to make use of the fibre optic broadband. The unveiling will take place on Friday organized by OCC and BT. Part of the car park will be coned off and the playground hard standing will be opened up for parking. Malcom has the key. MH will lay bark over muddy area. The programme has been published and the village informed, it is also on the website.

131.3 RAF meeting- The results of the noise survey have been published on their website, RM will circulate link. RM read his report.

132 **Finance**

132.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. R Mawle was added to the Cheques - £448.20 for works carried out on car park surface. Cheques agreed and signed.

132.2 Precept was confirmed, no deduction will be made by WODC.

132.3 Clerk has completed the work on tender for the grass cutting contract. 3 hours extra will be paid next month. All agreed. Letter received from OCC grass cutting grant £1598.79 for 2014/15 but there is a chance that this will be reduced by up to 50% for 2015/16. The balance will need to be raised through the precept.

133 Home to School Transport: Decision was taken by OCC to start charging for transport from September 2015. This will not affect children already attending schools.

134 Letter received from AM apologizing for his non-attendance. AM is a very active Councillor and has attended other meetings outside the scheduled ones, he also compiles the Forum and would be missed if he left. MH will contact him direct.

135 **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 7.30pm