

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present : Mike Honour (MH), Becky Hird (BH), Justine Garbutt (JG), Richard Munro (RM), Andy McIntyre (AM)
S Barling (SB)

ACTION

82 Apologies for Absence:

None

83 To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:

MH & JG- Carterton West Personal & Prejudicial

84 Adjournment for Public

SB- Came to complain about the fireworks. There are a lot of horses in the village and the fireworks seem to be getting longer each year. This year they were 30-40 mins long and he had to stand in the field with their horse until they had finished. Some horses further down Lower End escaped from their field. He suggested that they last for 15mins at the most in future. There are also a lot of other fireworks being set off in residents gardens.

Response- It is not possible to set off a display for 15 mins. The length of time is governed by the ability to set them off in a safe manner. The Council do not have any control over residents setting off fireworks but there would probably be more if we did not hold the public display. The times are advertised in the Parish Pump and on posters we will try and make this more prominent. SB also asked how much the fireworks cost the Council. This was a minimal amount as the donations on the gate covered the majority of the cost.

85 Minutes of Last Meeting

85.1 Minutes of meeting 15th October were accepted and signed

85.2 No Matters arising

86 Planning Applications: RM

86.1 Jimmys Barn 14/1285/P/FP – withdrawn

86.2 3, The Walk – 14/1553/FUL – awaiting decision

86.3 ROAR- Is a new organisation who is co-ordinating a campaign against planning throughout the County and is asking Parish Councils for support. They are concerned that the Government is not listening to local will or using professional judgement and increasing figures to an unsustainable level. Alvescot PC did support the letter written by Shilton against planning applications. Do we know how measured they are? We would support small development within the village. We also commented on the SHMA figures. We agree with the principal but are concerned about supporting them- we agree with the sentiment but will see how it evolves.

87 Community Led Planning: (CLP): RM

Quiz evening was very good and well supported. The next event is the Cheese and Wine where the but not draft plan will be launched. Comments will be asked for and they are hoping for a good turnout. It will also be distributed around the village, put on the facebook page and the website. Comments will be asked for by end of January.

88 Playing Field: MH

88.1 Tree was cleared from the slide. Some money will have to be spent this year and the figures have been included in the Precept by the Clerk. A working party will be held on 9th May. The cricket nets will also be moved to the corner so they will not need to be moved again.

- 89 **Local Plan: RM**
 89.1 Cabinet will meet on 14th January 2015.
 89.2 AGGROW- RM had circulated an email from AGGROW. The revised plan will be published on 25th November and will go to full Council on 9th December. It will then be published for further consultation in January 2015.
- 90 **Traffic & Highways - MH**
 90.1 Salt bin has been delivered but was not placed where we wanted it as the recovery truck is still parked there. Frank Gibson did talk to PCSO who visited the owner who said it was for sale and will be moved. MH will put letter on vehicle as it has not moved.
 Thames Water removed the blockage from the drain so should now be running.
- 91 **Environment & Conservation: AM**
 91.1 Metal dog signs have been delivered AM will paint them and put them up. The cost of the signs was £29.
- 92 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**
 92.1 Frank Gibson offered to put up the way markers but needs some more. Clerk will contact Dan Weekes
 MH has repaired the stile on his side but stile next to the gate belongs to Alvescot House.
- 93 **Communication: AM**
 93.1 AM will organize the next Forum after Christmas. Proposed litter pick will be suggested by Plan A.
- 94 **Finance**
 94.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. One cheque was added, the payment for the fireworks £500 to Giles Toys. Cheques agreed and signed.
 94.2 Clerks Remuneration- This was discussed by the Council and agreed.
 94.3 Clerk distributed the Precept figures before the meeting. All were agreed with two additions £1000 for Plan A and £500 for works on the War Memorial. Clerk will re-circulate revised figures.
- 95 **Village Matters:**
 95.1 Report has been received from Filkins Stone Company and all the advice was noted. This will now be taken by Plan A and comments will be asked for. It is the advice of the Council that a plaque be set into the wall and the Memorial left as is. The trees have been cut back and it has been washed.
 95.2 Fireworks - Fireworks were very good this year Thanks to Don Hird and AM for letting them off. Disappointing that PCC have not come forward with their thanks. Approx £400 was collected in donations. BH will bank monies.
 95.3 Agency Agreement for Grasscutting- Cuts have been reduced from 5 per year to 2 per year as per the last agreement. Clerk will ask reason for reduction.
 95.4 Emergency Plan- MH and JG agreed to be the contacts. Clerk will return the form.
 95.5 Meeting for WODC and Parishes 3rd Dec- JG and AG will attend.
 95.6 Natural England Floodplains meeting-
 95.7 RAF Nosie Comparison- Has been publicized on website.
 95.8 Defib- Clerk was asked to write formal letter to the Governors if we can put the defib on the building and do they have an electrician.
 95.9 FG has received a letter from David Cameron concerning the zig zag lines. Parish Council will have an informal meeting with the School and PCC and see if the situation can be resolved.
 95.10 Christmas dinner will be held at The Plough after the meeting on 17th December. RM will contact FG and ask if he wishes to attend.
- 96 **Next Meeting**
 Next meeting 17th December 2014 **AT 7PM**. Followed by Christmas meal in The Plough.

Clerk