

# ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

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

### ACTION

78 **Apologies for Absence:**  
None

79 **To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:**  
JG- Ty Nant – personal and prejudicial

80 **Adjournment for Public**  
None

81 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

81.1 Minutes of meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November were accepted and signed

81.2 Minutes of Playground meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November were accepted and signed

81.3 From the December meeting with Ron Spurs, he may be able to ask CTC if they can donate some funds towards the MUGA upkeep as it is used by residents of Carterton. Clerk will write letter mentioning that pupils from school also come from Carterton and use the facilities.

82 **Planning Applications: RM**

82.1 3 Home Farm Barns 15/03697/HDD – withdrawn

82.2 Ty Nant 15/01652/FUL appeal allowed

82.3 2 Thorpes Field 15/01016/FUL dismissed

82.4 Tawny Cottage 15/04047/FUL- approved

82.5 Rectory Farm 15/04148/FUL- awaiting decision

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

83.1 RM to write completed draft by end of February which will go to the committee. After approval there will be a launch event in May or at the Fete (TBD). Final print will need to be funded from money put aside. Number of copies to be printed to be decided. PDF put on website.

83.2 LP- Local Plan has been rejected and WODC asked to look again at the difference between their figures and the SHMA figures. The Inspector is looking for a higher figure. To enable consultation it has now been postponed for 12 months; overflow of housing from Oxford will need to be considered. Carterton East is still going ahead with 700 houses, MOD housing will provide 134 new houses.

84 **Playing Field: MH**

84.1 First stage of repairs £1177.50 is going ahead. MUGA works were included in the Precept figure which will go ahead in May. There is a shortfall in the monies requested by the playground committee, this may need to be made up from grants or fundraising. The PC is under more strain this year and we have had to take a hard stance on our spending for 2016/17.

85 **Traffic & Highways - MH**

85.1 Potholes in Mill Lane have been looked at by OCC but still not filled. Contact again. Clerk will raise a complaint as this has now been waiting nearly a year from the first time it was reported. If OCC cannot find the location they need to contact us.

85.2 Speed trap was present in Alvescot on 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Clerk

**86 Environment & Conservation: AM**

86.1 No update

**87 Countryside & Footpaths: MH**

87.1 Footpath between school and pub is covered with leaves and dirty. There is not much chance of OCC cleaning this as budgets have been cut dramatically.

Grass verge is creeping out over pavement between The Old Rectory and bridge. Clerk will ask McCracken's if they will give a quote for this. The trees need cutting back at the College. MH will do this.

87.2 Map of footpaths has been received from Jim Parke and passed on. Clerk has emailed RAF and asked them to cut back the footpath but no reply received. Ron Spurs offered to help with this so Clerk will contact him accordingly.

**88 Communication: AM**

88.1 Forum will be done in January. Fete meeting is set for Monday where date in June will be set. Quiz fundraising night will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Public fete meeting will be in February to try and involve other people. A family event/tea party is also planned.

**89 Finance**

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

89.2 Final draft of the Precept was circulated.

89.3 BH still has £326 from fireworks gate monies. This will be paid in to bank.

89.4 Car Park- MH has filled the holes with gravel which seems to be holding well. BH, as V Hall rep was asked if funding had been discussed. It has not. Should we proceed with gravel on the rest of the car park. Decision was made to persevere, as there has been no response from V Hall regarding financial help with the tarmac- we will do the best we can at present. We will wait a couple of months before considering doing the rest of the car park.

This will reinforce the decision to split the Fete monies 5 ways so there is some funding for future maintenance. The PC has had extra constraints put on it due to cuts in works carried out by OCC and we still have not heard about how much if any, grass cutting grant we will receive. AM asked if there were any rules to being a sub-committee. Clerk will distribute them. New vehicle will need to be found to hang the bunting as MH insurance does not cover this anymore.

**90 RAF Meeting**

RM was unable to attend. Minutes will be circulated when available

**91 Village Matters**

91.1 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations – could be incorporated into the Fete. Our litter pick will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Date will be added to Forum. Church will be asked if they have any plans.

91.2 Defib Training- will take place in Filkins Village Hall on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan if anyone wants to attend.

91.3 Map of footpaths has been received from Jim Parke and passed on to Nigel and Sue.

91.4 Bus service- RM attended the meeting but they had already discussed our Route before the allotted time. Stagecoach are trying to find a way to run our service without a subsidy. There may be other sources of funding- Section 106 money, rules on Sec 137 money from precept are still being investigated. Currently, route 19 will stop in June- other options are being looked into including a shuttle to Carterton. There are 4 buses on the route at present; it could be another option to cut this to one. Stagecoach will report back. 42% of the usage of the bus is by bus pass. P Handley has advised it is 99% sure that the cuts will go ahead.

**92 Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016