

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th April 2016

Present : Justine Garbutt (JG) Andy McIntyre (AM), Mike Honour (MH)
Members of Public: Alec Jones (AJ)

ACTION

125 **Apologies for Absence:**

Becky Hird (BH) Richard Munro (RM)

126 **To Receive Declarations of Interest:**

None

127 **Adjournment for Public**

Alec Jones from Black Bourton attended the meeting concerning a planning application at the wood yard by the Bzn exit gates. In 2006 the wood yard had permission to process 1400 ton of wood. Debbie Bradford had temporary permission which was renewed on the ground there was no escalation. This ran out in March 2015 and by then 3k ton of wood was being processed. They are now seeking permission for 4t of virgin wood and 15t of waste wood. Waste wood has to be decided through OCC and the Principal engineer Geoffrey Arnold is recommending refusal on grounds of Highway safety and sustainability, the application was withdrawn. There is now a new application for 4k ton of virgin timber- the 1st hearing was postponed and then allowed on a vote of 7/6. Black Bourton's (BB) objection is to the tonnage, the access road is 120 yards long with no pavements, school buses are not allowed down there for safety reasons. The old railway bridge is a blind humpback bridge and the road is not wide enough for two vehicles to pass. If a precedent is set with BB then others will follow. From Nov 15 the permission is for 4 k ton and no more than 20 HGV movements per week on the conditions of amenity/highway safety and local community. On 30th March they applied for 7.8k ton of wastewood requiring an extra 65 lorry movements per week-the average figure could be up to 100. If OCC made the condition of 20 how can they now consider an extra 65. The lorry movements will involve all local villages but it is concentrated around BB and Clanfield. The HGV's are 30-44ft long. Most go to Clanfield to access the A420. What permission do they have was it converted from agricultural to brown field site? Not sure- road safety is the concern. WODC and OCC want to push it through as they want a green site on the books. Phil Shaw stated if it does not get passed it will go to appeal and the appeal costs will be massive. Alvescot do sympathize with road safety -we are concerned about traffic and the school. The noise has been objected to as they are chipping outside hours, only 3-4 people are employed there there may be more when they are chipping but only 2 days every 2 months. Craig Rossington, OCC, has commented that he does not think the x3 road movements are severe. The site is not energy efficient when you factor the amount of fuel used to move the wood, the chippings go to bio mass fuel. Bzn have been approached as they are blocking Access Gate 12 and the main store of wood is next to the fuel store but there has not been much response. AJ was thanked for attending the meeting.

128 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

128.1 Minutes of meeting 16th March were accepted and signed

128.2 Fete minutes from 23rd February and 22nd March were accepted and signed.

128.3 None

- 129 **Planning Applications: RM**
 129.1 5 Thorpes Field, 16/00205/FUL withdrawn
 129.2 Park Farmhouse 16/00555/LBC 16/0054/HHD granted
 129.3 5 Thorpes Field, 16/00537/HHD awaiting decision
 129.4 Rectory Farm- 16/00454/FUL – granted
 129.5 Unit 3, The Walk 6/00551/HHD – awaiting decision
 129.6 Priory Barn 16/00287/HHD- refused
 129.7 Wood Yard- Black Bourton. Re issue last letter to David Periam
- 130 **Community Led Planning: (CLP) & Local Plan (LP): RM/JG**
 130.1 Draft is out for comments to be back by mid May. Meeting 15/5. Plan will be ready for Fete. APC have many actions- only the time scales may be the problem. JG asked if Councillors could read the draft and come back with any comments to Richard by mid May.
- 131 **Playing Field: MH**
 131.1 MUGA and tennis court going ahead to be completed early May.
- 132 **Traffic & Highways -**
 132.1 Mill Lane potholes still not done. Clerk has offered to show them where they are if required.
- 133 **Environment & Conservation: AM**
 133.1 No update
- 134 **Countryside & Footpaths:**
 134.1 Clerk has chased with CTT perimeter footpath. No response as yet. Part of footpath has been cleared by McCracken.
 134.2 Report from Sue and Nigel Williams re footpaths has been received. It is very comprehensive and our thanks go to them. MH will send it to Dan Weekes and the footpath wardens. Letter of thanks will be emailed. Rose Cottage, Lower End will be looked at in due course to see what needs doing.
- 135 **Communication: AM**
 135.1 Another Forum will be done before the Fete and will announce that Plan A will be ready.
- 136 **Village Hall Rep: BH**
 136.1 No report
- 137 **Finance**
 137.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. Cheques were signed.
 137.2 Wendy Phipps will be asked to carry out Internal Audit for 2015/16
 137.3 Grass cutting grant of £799.40 will be paid for 2016/17
- 138 **Code of Conduct**
 Deferred until whole Council is in attendance.
- 139 **Village Matters**
 139.1 Fete- arrangements are progressing. Quiz will take place on 14/5 for fundraising
 139.2 Litter Pick & Playground: 12 bags of rubbish were collected- it will be done twice a year so next will be September. Fete equipment was sorted out and now there is a lot more room in the container. A Cadogan has bought new gazebos. The committee have asked to use one from Kencot if necessary.
 139.3 Village Hall storage unit- no confirmation
 139.4 Bus subsidy- still ongoing. No decisions have been made. RM awaiting date for meeting
- 140 **Next Meeting**
 Next meeting will be on 18th May. APM followed by PC meeting.
 AM extended his apologies.