

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st JANUARY 2015

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

ACTION

113 **Apologies for Absence:**

Andy McIntyre (AM), Becky Hird (BH)

114 **To Receive Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest:**

MH & JG- Carterton West Personal & Prejudicial

115 **Adjournment for Public**

None

116 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

116.1 Minutes of meeting 17th December were accepted and signed

116.2 None

117 **Planning Applications: RM**

117.1 3 The Walk 14/01553/FUL- granted

117.2 Ramblers Cottage 14/02092/HHD – granted

117.3 Light Trees 14/02209/HHD – granted

117.4 The Ark 14/02093/S73 – awaiting decision. RM reported on the history of the site. The occupants moved in in 2004 without permission, an eviction notice was issued but not enforced. After 5 years permission needed to be regularised so an application was made to stay on site with the condition that his family would live there and when they left it would be returned to its original state. One of the reasons they were not given permission to live there was the noise from RAF Bzn and moving out would make them homeless. Two appeals were turned down due to the noise, the last public enquiry appeal was rejected.

The argument is now that money has been invested in the site in making it more fit to live there; they are arguing that the recent noise survey and a private survey has put the site into Zone B and therefore there is no reason why the condition should not be removed and if the children wanted to move away they would need to recover their losses.

The location is not within the village boundary- and under normal circumstances would not be allowed- dwellings are mobile homes and timber buildings. Do we want it to become a permanent travellers site – if so would it have permanent buildings. Our objections would be that it is not within the village, not suitable as a permanent site, investment was made knowing this condition was in place. It was intended by WODC that by putting this condition on to make this temporary. If travellers site was sort then we would look for a more suitable site in the village and on a more suitable piece of road.

Letter will be drafted and circulated.

B Hird arrived.

118 **Community Led Planning: (CLP): RM**

118.1 Draft plan has been circulated and some comments have been received. £50 prize draw has been offered to those returning forms. Clerk was asked for a summary of the expenditure so far. There was no cheese and wine held but there may be an event in the pub at a later date. JG and RM met with Mayor of Carterton – potentially when the LDP is in place there will be a meeting with PC's in the Carterton sub area to aim to draw up a NDP together. Other Parishes have not yet been asked so it is not known if it will go ahead. Broadwell are doing their own. NDP will cost money as consultations have to take place.

RM

- 119 **Playing Field: MH**
119.1 Nothing to report. P Handley spoke to MH concerning the £1k payout from OCC it was suggested this was put towards the cost of the bark.
- 120 **Traffic & Highways - MH**
120.1 No report. Speed cameras were in the village on Monday morning and they were stopping some cars. Clerk will contact PC Richard Barnes to see if there are any statistics.
120.2 If the grasscutting grant is cut this year it could cause problems as there has been no consultation. We signed the new contract as we had no choice at such short notice but we will need to formally complain. Clerk will contact McCracken and ask them to extend their contract for another year.
- 121 **Environment & Conservation: AM**
121.1 AM sent message advising that the new mobile dog signs are out.
- 122 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**
122.1 Broken stile has been mended. Waymarkers have been received and RM will give them to F Gibson.
- 123 **Communication: AM**
123.1 Forum was delivered, the fete needs to be chased up. All who benefit from monies need to have a representative on the committee. Meeting will be held in The Plough on 23rd February at 7pm before the Plan A meeting to ask for volunteers if the fete will continue. Poster will be put in notice board and a flyer will be inserted in Parish Pump.
123.2 Defibrillator site will be discussed at Governors meeting this week, they do have an electrician they can use.
123.3 ROAR are holding a rally in Witney on Saturday 24th Jan if anyone wants to attend. CPRE has agreed to support them.
- 124 **Finance**
124.1 Cheque list and accounts balance circulated and agreed. Cheques were signed.
124.2 Donation to Volunteer Link Up- No
- 125 **RAF Meeting:**
125.1 Next meeting is on 9th February RM is away if anyone else can attend. Apologies will be sent.
- 126 **Village Matters:**
126.1 Van has moved from the car park but is now parked in the layby by the noticeboard. If this continues PCSO Colin Daniels will be contacted as it is restricting the view when pulling out from Lower End.
- 127 **Next Meeting**
Next meeting 18th February 2015 at 7.30pm.

Clerk