

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

ACTION

48 **Apologies for Absence:**

None

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

None

50 **Adjournment for Public**

None

51 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

51.1 Minutes of meeting 16th September were accepted and signed

51.2 Matters arising-

Quotes sent to Village Hall and School awaiting reply.

Insurance confirmed for Fireworks night. Clerk has received an email from S Barling. He has been informed of the times of the display and that other residents nearby with horses will be contacted. MH will distribute letters.

WODC- objecting to closure of recycling sites.

52 **Planning Applications: RM**

52.1 The Old Rectory 15/02719/LBC/15/02718/HHD- approved

52.2 Unit 3, The Walk- 15/012904/FUL -approved

52.3 3 Thorpes Field- 15/02787/HHD -approved

53 **Community Led Planning: (CLP): RM/JG**

53.1 Actions points were submitted to PC for agreement/non agreement. This was discussed in some length- see Appendix 1.

53.2 Local Plan- new dates. RM will be invited to talk in the 2nd round of discussion.

54 **Playing Field: MH**

54.1 RM and MH inspected the playground after the last meeting. There are approx. 10 posts that need replacing. MDCH met with T Morris and we are awaiting quote. He is also looking into the costs of replacing with plastic posts. GRP is not long enough so alternative will be sort. Playground Committee meeting will be held on 9th November.

55 **Traffic & Highways - MH**

55.1 Potholes in Mill Lane have been looked at by OCC and will be filled.

56 **Environment & Conservation: AM**

56.1 No report

57 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**

57.1 Some stiles belonging to MH need repairing. This will be undertaken. MH will carry out survey as per Plan A action points.

58 **Communication: AM**

58.1 AM will undertake before the fireworks night to publicise the times.

7 | Signed

Date

59 **Finance**

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

59.2 Donation request OAB- rejected. If donation money not distributed it will go back into general funds.

59.3 OCC budget- CONFIDENTIAL ITEM. PC will respond to consultation.

60 **Village Matters**

60.1 RAF Meeting- Undertaking new noise survey. Houses within certain bands will be helped with insulation. Alvescot will not be included in Band A, some may fall into Band B. Asymmetric double glazing is now offered.

61 **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on 18th November 2015

PLAN A FOR ALVESCOT: PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE TO ISSUES RAISED BY CONSULTATION

Issue	APC response
<p><i>Housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is strong support for the present policy of resisting large-scale developments in the parish. ○ There is support for small-scale development and affordable housing. ○ If limited development is an option, the PC could take the initiative in identifying potential sites through discussions with land-owners. 	<p>Reaffirmation of policy.</p> <p>Subject to outcome of discussions with WODC, support for appropriate small-scale development including affordable housing to meet the needs of the village.</p> <p>Subject to outcome of discussions with WODC, seek suitable site(s), initially through a general invitation to land owners to come forward; then, if necessary through direct approaches.</p>
<p><i>Places and spaces</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Quick win) Acquisition of additional storage space in partnership with village hall. ○ Safeguarding the pub. 	<p>Already approved in principle. Awaiting detailed proposal from VHC.</p> <p>Immediate threat seems to have receded, but will Investigate Community Asset registration.</p>
<p><i>Parking</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Quick win) Repair of village car park (short or long term). ○ Parking on pavements. 	<p>In hand, currently subject to negotiation with VHC and school. PC has no power to enforce. Will consult TVP on practicality.</p>
<p><i>Traffic</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestions regarding traffic calming; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low-cost signage on white gates; • extending 40 mph limit westwards; • 20 mph limit in Lower End; • voluntary community warden scheme; • pedestrian crossing ○ liaise with OCC and TV Police on options. 	<p>No response.</p> <p>Will approach OCC. Likely to be lengthy and costly process. Ditto.</p> <p>Will contact local parish who already have one to learn their experience. Has previously been investigated and is not feasible for a number of reasons inc. closeness to side junctions, poor lighting. Will do.</p>

<p>Footpaths and pavements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Condition of footpaths, identifying maintenance/improvement needs (inc possible replacement of stiles with kissing gates to improve accessibility?). ○ Improvement of footway between Rose Barn and cattery. ○ Cycle paths to Carterton and Bampton. ○ Direction/street signage for Lower End. ○ More litter and dog poo bins. ○ War memorial plaque. ○ (Quick win) War memorial cleaning policy. ○ (Quick win) Future dates for village clean-up (autumn and spring). ○ (Quick win) More or better signs/communication re use of litter and dog poo bins. ○ (Quick win) Source bugler/horn player for Remembrance Sunday. 	<p>Will undertake a condition survey. Timing and checklist to be worked out. May involve volunteers. Once baseline established, further monitoring will be required. Will investigate options and feasibility.</p> <p>Will consult OCC..</p> <p>Carterton route would be higher priority, but neither likely to be affordable. Will consult OCC re costs and other implications. Potential rout over SSSI field to perimeter path unlikely to be supported by Natural England.</p> <p>Will check on condition of existing signage and consider additional requirements.</p> <p>Do not consider this to be a solution to the problem. Will focus on encouraging people to use the bins already provided.</p> <p>Will investigate costs.</p> <p>Will make sure everyone is aware of the expert advice received.</p> <p>Date in March decided; to be published in Forum.</p> <p>Will include article in next Forum.</p> <p>Will liaise with PCC.</p>
<p>Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oil buying consortium. 	<p>Will advertise availability of Black Bourton scheme.</p>
<p>Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Street lighting. ○ CCTV 	<p>The PC does not consider additional street lighting is in keeping with the rural nature of the village.</p> <p>The PC does not consider CCTV to be either practical or desirable.</p>
<p>Flooding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Quick win) Ditches. ○ (Quick win) Concern over Alvescot House lake. ○ Flood mitigation measures. 	<p>Will contact OCC re clearing of roadside ditches. Will remind landowners not to fill in ditches.</p> <p>The PC is unaware of any problem associated with the lake.</p> <p>Will revisit earlier study and see if</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sandbags. 	<p>there are recommendations which have not been actioned. Storage of sandbags is not practical (they degrade). Will advertise the WODC contact number for supply of bags when required.</p>
<p><i>Emergency planning</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (Quick win) List of emergency numbers. ○ An emergency plan. ○ Emergency supplies/equipment. 	<p>Will do.</p> <p>Agree in principle: project plan to be drawn up.</p> <p>The PC considers this would be of little value.</p>