

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18th January 2017

Present: Mike Honour (MH), Richard Munro (RM), Justine Garbutt (JG), Dennis Govan (DG), Becky Hird (BH), J Harter (JH), M Ergatoudis (ME), M Farley (MF), S Barling (SB), C Hope (CH).

- 126 Apologies for Absence:
None
- 127 To Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
Groundsman- JG
- 128 Adjournment for Public Participation
As the Public meeting had be held concerning the planning at Park Farm the public were asked if there were any items to be raised other than that item.
Thanks to Parish Council Joe Harter and Mike Ergatoudis for the public meeting.
- 129 Minutes of Meeting:
129.1 Minutes were accepted and signed
129.2 Fete minutes- 16/01/17 were accepted and signed
129.3 OCC footpaths – OCC looking into footpath 15 this for historic information on the width.
Thames Water acknowledged letter. They have contacted Clerk and said the procedure is that the alarm sends a message to the engineer who attends. DG- this is not strictly true it is attended by someone else who then calls the engineer. TW will be contacting Clerk again.
CLP- letter acknowledged
Colin Daniels- will try and attend February meeting or send someone else re Speedwatch.
Fete meeting- Draft constitution was discussed. Detail will be finalised by 30th January. It will probably be March 2017 before it is set up. Confirmed RM is nominated person as Trustee.
Clerk will follow up report of bollards at The Gassons and Lower End sign.
Paul Wilson- leaves on the pavement
- 130 Planning Applications:
130.1 16/04045/FUL Park Farm – After a brief discussion in December the public meeting was held to consult with the village. After what we have heard and looking at comments on WODC website the items we spoke about are the villages concerns. Flood/sewage can be solved we are trying to get the sewage solved now but it maybe the new development may have to make a contribution financially if approved.
Traffic gave a 14 page response mainly concerning S106 monies. Highways did not address the increase in traffic and were quite superficial in their response; more rigorous analysis is required.
Underlying feeling is that village is enthusiastic to have affordable housing but the scale may be excessive for achieving the objectives. Would a smaller scale be economically viable? Would we be happier with nearer 11 than 24 with some suitable for older people. Target for affordable housing is 35% o 11 would only provide 3 or 4.
JG- are we being unrealistic- if we look at the whole district it is quite scary what is happening in other villages. Milton under Wychwood has 70 units, 269 in Burford with a population of 1000. We must remember we are not the planning authority only a consultee and it is easier to get permission for more houses than less. 13% growth is small compared to 30% in the rest of the district. Eynsham is getting 4000 new houses and South Leigh 2000. WODC only has a 3 year housing supply and the normal density is 16 homes per acre so the 3 acre site could be 50 not 24. WODC are not going to consider this a large development.
DG- Regardless of the policy it needs to be in context with the village. Will this open the floodgates? WODC are fighting to get control back after having no LP in place so they will be quite pleased with the application.

If it goes down to 11 other site may be considered.
We need to ask for more work in certain areas- archaeology and ecology.
Houses boundary is very close to the back of Oakeys Close, but not all houses will want the same boundary. eg hedge/fencing.
JH was asked if he owns the whole site and if there was a developer waiting.
No Rebecca and Piers own 1/3 JH owns 2/3. There is no developer at the moment he has been approached.
JH owns another 30 acres of land and it would be unsustainable to develop the rest of the land. Infill is only a small amount of housing. JH stated he hope to keep control over what is built as he will still be living there.
We have a duty to the village to stand by our development policy but this is larger than what we want to see in the village, there is no quota to be met so we will argue for a smaller development.
SB When will we be able to see the PC views on this application. RM will draft the reply and it will be sent to WODC by 31st January and will be available to see on their website. We will look to publicise it ourselves.

- 130 Local Plan and Plan A
Deferred to next meeting
- 131 Car Park – DG:
DG will head the Car Park Committee. DG stated that we had agreed the short term fix of laying gravel which will be paid for from the Fete monies. MH will organise and let Councillors know when it will be laid. DG has sent an email to village hall and school to form a sub committee Malcom Farley has agreed he is waiting to hear from David Walters. Clerk handed DG the file of correspondence so far if he needs to contact firms who have already quoted.
- 132 Finance:
132.1 Cheques paid list was circulated and approved. Cheques were signed.
132.2 New website is up and running. Clerk has spent an extra 9 hours on uploading data which will be paid next month. Agreed.
- 133 Playing Field:
Luke Garbutt has asked to be considered for the job of Groundsman. Clerk has checked the Insurance because o his age and he will be covered. He will also be accompanied by an adult. Clerk and JG have written a Risk Assessment as advised by Came & Co. Items to be supplied by APC hi viz jacket and first aid kit.
- 125 Future Meetings:
Next meeting will take place on 15th January 2017. Apologies received from DG and BH