

# ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Present : Justine Garbutt (JG) Richard Munro (RM) Becky Hird (BH) Dennis Govan (DG) Mike Honour (MH)  
In attendance: J Harter (JH), S Williams (SW), R Mawle (RJM), R Lewin (RL)

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**35 Apologies for Absence:**

None

**36 To Receive Declarations of Interest:**

None

**37 Adjournment for Public**

RL thanked the PC for repairing the chain link fence.

RJM- speed indicator at top of village is obstructed by the trees. Footpath via Alvescot House there are 5 stiles which are too high for elderly people.

**38 Minutes of Last Meeting**

38.1 Minutes of meeting 21<sup>st</sup> June were accepted and signed

38.2 Minutes of Fete meeting were accepted and signed.

38.3 Alvescot Lodge CWU have been spoken to and there has been a misunderstanding the room is still available for hire.

Thames Water will attend the meeting in September.

**39 Planning Applications: RM**

39.1 17/01237/FUL – Field 1468 – awaiting decision.

39.2 17/00582/HHD – Rock Cottage – refused. Reasons for refusal were read out but this does fit with the Draft Local Plan.

39.3 17/01397/FUL – Beechcroft - approved

39.4 17/01707/FUL – Park Farm- awaiting decision.

39.5 17/01721/FUL – Bazeland Farm – withdrawn

39.6 17/01602/FUL – Rectory Farm – approved. Condition of no lighting on the manège still stands

39.7 17/01973/LBC & 17/01961/HHD – Mill House – withdrawn

39.8 17/01280/HHD - Walnut Barn – approved

39.9 17/01874/HHD – Ramblers Cottage – awaiting decision

39.10 17/02098/OUT – Land south of Station Road 54 dwellings. Public meeting will be arranged; deadline is 4<sup>th</sup> August- Clerk will ask for this to be deferred. Ask developer if they wish to attend. JG will email to ask for a site visit but no reply yet. Meeting will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August- village hall is available. RM will draft the flyer- Clerk will print 200 and deliver to MH.

39.11 Local Plan- Inspector to give WODC report- if there are any major changes the process will have to start again with another public consultation. If there are small changes there will be a minor consultation then it will be approved.

Brize Norton are preparing their Neighbourhood Plan.

39.12 16/03585/FUL -Discharge of Conditions- Response was received from Phil Shaw. Do we want to take further. School are trying to monitor parents but it takes a member of staff away from school duties. OCC are the only ones who can object or give a reason for a condition, PC comments do not carry the weight and so is not achievable. Clerk to contact P Handley ref 20mph limit at school.

Phil Shaw's response was unsatisfactory. We should challenge the refusal of the pathway with the diocese. DW was going back to them but height levels between the pavement and the playground are a problem. Practical suggestion was asked for from Diocese.

**40 Playing Field: MH**

40.1 Fencing stakes have been replaced and RoSPA date has been set MDCH will attend.

40.2 MDCH has done layout for new equipment and will discuss this with RoSPA. He will also discuss matting for the higher equipment. MDCH will get quotes for siting new equipment. It was agreed this can be funded from reserves.

40.3 The damage to the chain link fence has been repaired by MDCH. Thanks to him.

40.4 Groundsman L Garbutt has painted the other slide and the next job is to clean the bench and gates ready for painting. The brambles need cutting back in the playground but this will be a job for a working party.

40.5 Cricket Nets- date has been set for 16<sup>th</sup> September. DG will talk to his man with a digger. RM will check with Paul at Mill House to see if he can help.

#### 41 **Traffic & Highways - MH**

41.1 Some pot holes have been mended on the cut through to Shilton but still not Mill Lane.

41.2 Parking in Thorpes Field- Cars are parking in the turn round area and there is usually about 2/3 vans. This is not a problem the PC can deal with. We will ask the resident to contact PCSO Colin Daniels with their concerns.

#### 42 **Environment & Conservation: DG**

42.1 No report

42.2 Allotments- The area which was designated for allotments now has the manège on it. RM has a lifetime tenancy on this land but it does not require the tenant to provide allotment space. RM did have a gentleman's agreement that he would supply ground for allotments but is now withdrawing this. If anyone comes forward for an allotment we will have to try and find a site.

#### 43 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**

43.1 The perimeter path needs cutting back and a resident has reported large potholes on the path. Clerk will contact Ron Spurs CTC to help liaise. MH will give Clerk contact for RAF Brize Norton.

43.2 Footpath survey was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Report to D Weekes there were two blocked footpaths. The footpath sign at Ty Nant has now been re-instated. Churchyard path to back of school to Gassons Mead (104/6) is now clear. The gate is locked but there is a stile to the left. At the back of Alvescot House (104/1) this has been re-built by OCC

#### 44 **Village Hall Rep: BH**

44.1 Nothing to report

#### 45 **Finance:**

45.1 Cheques were authorized for payment and account balances circulated.

45.2 Income & Expenditure figures will be circulated for September meeting.

#### 46 **Fete:**

46.1 It was a very good event with more people than last year but it was thought they did not stay as long due to the heat. £5384.94 was taken which was a little down on last year. It was suggested that £1200 be distributed to each of the causes. £1471.23 will be carried forward to next year- there was an intention to buy a new BBQ but it is now though this will not be needed. RM proposed we support the distribution. Agreed by all. There are some alterations to be made to the submission to the Charity Commission so the Trustees will meet in early September.

DG – Car Park- if we re-do the gravel with a different grade of gravel – flint based- with a footpath for disabled access, once the school and village hall have contributed we will be in a much better position to move forward. DG will contact Hickman Landscapes to visit.

#### 47 **Village Matters:**

D Hird does not want to do fireworks any longer. MH will contact him to see if he will do one more year. Fraser Spence may be able to help. Rosie Johnstone may also want to help. Kimbolton are offering 20% discount to end of July and 10% in August. We can also get a discount from Witney Motor Shop.

#### 34 **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm