

# ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017

Present : Justine Garbutt (JG) Richard Munro (RM) Becky Hird (BH) Dennis Govan (DG)  
J Harter (JH), M Farley (MF), M Hussey (MDCH), Mr & Mrs Abberley

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19 **Apologies for Absence:**

Mike Honour (MH)

20 **To Receive Declarations of Interest:**

None

21 **Adjournment for Public**

MF- Planning application at Rectory Farm- The ménage has been built on the glebe land allotments that there used to be a covenant on but now it is not viable, the allotments were last used 10 years ago could another piece of land in Rectory Farm be found.

Alvescot Lodge- has been used as a venue for events and residents paid a commercial rate to use. MF has heard this has now been stopped. Could it be looked into as to why it has stopped.

MDCH- Playground budgeted to replace 20 stockade posts but will have replaced 30 this week. There will be an overspend of about £20 but not sure if it will continue.

JH- new application at Park Farm. There is no affordable housing included with the 5 houses as it was not viable with the reduced quantity. Happy to answer any questions the PC have.

22 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

22.1 Minutes of meeting 17<sup>th</sup> May were accepted and signed

22.2 None

23 **Planning Applications: RM**

23.1 16/04253/OUT – Sunset View – refused. Encroaching into SSI area

23.2 17/01237/FUL – Field 1468 – awaiting decision. Concern of person living on site has been reported

23.3 17/00582/HHD – Rock Cottage – withdrawn

23.4 17/01397/FUL – Beechcroft - awaiting decision. No comments

23.5 17/01707/FUL – Park Farm- awaiting decision.

RM -In keeping with the village and much more acceptable but no affordable housing. Drainage is still a concern.

JG – S Barling has some insight into the drainage- the pressure coming from one direction is stopping the flow and backing up in the other direction. The capacity will need to be checked.

Surface water drainage- ground was saturated as the engineer commented- does this cover the technical report- not sure if he has visited. Lot mentioned about SUDS – rainwater harvesting was recommended. No need for affordable housing as under 6 houses and the contribution would go in to the housing pot. We are supportive of the scheme with concerns on drainage and engineers recommendations. Thames Water will need to be consulted. JH offered to measure the amount of paved surface there is now and that proposed and inform the Council.

23.6 17/01721/FUL – Bazeland Farm – awaiting decision. No comments

23.7 17/01602/FUL – Rectory Farm – awaiting decision. MF will research the allotment site. DG will talk to RM about the site.

23.8 17/01973/LBC & 17/01961/HHD – Mill House – awaiting decision.

JG- this is a complicated structure and the access causes some concern as it is in the conservation target area. Proposed are 2 new garage blocks which are large and some domestic alterations. JG would like to visit the site to assess the impact. We do not have any contact details.

RM- in his opinion there will be little or no detrimental effect on neighbours as it is set back from

the road. It is a Grade 2 listed building and conservation architect has been involved. Paul Franklin has been consulting with neighbours so Rob Rhodes will probably know.

23.9 17/01280/HHD- Walnut Barn – awaiting decision. No comments

23.10 Alvescot Lodge- MF is awaiting a reply from them on the reasons why permission has been withdrawn. It is a resource the village would not want to lose but no action will be taken at present.

23.11 Discharge of Conditions- The travel plan was re-submitted and accepted. No reply from WODC as to why there was no consultation.

MH, RM DW and SK met yesterday. The 2 proposals of the wrap around provision and the walking bus have not moved forward and are thought to not be viable as school budgets have been cut and the proposals take staff away from their duties. A suggestion was made to open a gate at the top of the site off the Church car park but the Diocese thought it was too great a risk. The coach parking in Mill lane does not cause that much obstruction but it would be helpful to know how often and for how long it parks. If regular communication to residents in Mill Lane it would make life easier. Road safety officer was contacted but cannot be of much help as they are short staffed. It was suggested the school involve the children to bring pressure on the parents. The statistics on accidents are low as people generally drive more carefully. It needs to be communicated that we and the school are doing all we can, we need to be happy that we have done everything we can to resolve this matter. Ask school to go back to Diocese and ask if they have an alternative to the gate in the field.

JG – They made promises and if they are not financially viable now they knew that before they set the plan. The concluding statement indicated that it needed to be done but was there ever any intention. The worst will happen when there is confusion with lots of cars. Was it OCC & WODC expectation that nothing would be done? We will wait for an answer to our letter to see if they are happy the travel plan is not being pursued.

BH- There has always been a problem with parking and SK is aware and does raise it with parents. DG – Could we ask for a speed restriction outside the school. P Handley will be approached.

RM asked public if they have any ideas- MDCH stated it is safer to park in the Church car park but the Diocese should be asked why they think it is a security risk.

RM will go back to SK concerning gate.

23.12 Local Plan- Next hearing 12<sup>th</sup> July. Inspector set down ground rules and is not expected to consider sites omitted only if they do not have enough houses. It is clear that developers want CW back on the agenda. If CW is on the agenda APC will want to attend, RM, and support part of the local plan sub area with enough houses. Comment has been submitted. JG will be attending for CPRE. Other communities think Carterton is a good place to put houses. They were uncomfortable with the 5 year supply and were asked how they could deliver houses quickly therefore they cannot criticize time scales. They do already have their 5 year supply.

## 24 **Playing Field: MH**

24.1 As MDCH was attending, and in MH absence, he was asked to up date the Council on the playing field. Awaiting replacement parts for the children's rocker, 30 posts replaced around stockade. Terry Morris given go ahead for works scheduled except the fireman's pole. The school equipment will be fitted into area MDCH would like to attend RoSPA inspection so he can ask advice on spacing, if the firemans pole, slide and monkey bars are included the stockade may need to be increased in size. Clerk will arrange date with RoSPA. School will be using the playing field for sports day next week.

L Garbutt has been asked to take on some extra tasks over the summer. He will also be asked to look at the village gates and benches for re painting.

## 25 **Car Park: DG**

Still waiting for one contractor to quote all options are expensive other than gravel- so wait and see how long it lasts although after the vehicles at the fete some of the gravel has turned to dust. May be if we do it again we use granite chips which should not crush down although will be more expensive. School have confirmed they will contribute their share of the fete proceeds this year to the car park. It is looking like all 4 organisations will receive approx. £1k. Disabled access will need to be thought about. Pushing a wheelchair over gravel is not easy- may be we could incorporate a paved area or tarmac path. DG will investigate. Item will move to 2 month updates.

- 26 **Thames Water:**  
Reply was received from Thames Water concerning the surveying of the pipe and they confirmed that the entire length had been looked at. The paved area at Park Farm, should the application be permitted, may not increase the amount of surface water but we should talk to him. Clerk to invite him to July or September meeting.
- 27 **Traffic & Highways - MH**  
27.1 Clerk will contact Peter Handley concerning the 20mph limit outside the school and extend the 40mph limit around bend. Awaiting CTC reply regarding junction and surveys, if we have the surveys done we will have more evidence to support funding. Clerk to ask for price to cut grass at junction.
- 28 **Environment & Conservation: DG**  
28.1 No report
- 29 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**  
29.1 Clerk to re-circulate footpath survey with next agenda. Ron Spurs to be contacted re perimeter path.
- 30 **Village Hall Rep: BH**  
30.1 Nothing to report
- 31 **Finance:**  
31.1 Cheques were authorized for payment and account balances circulated.  
31.2 Internal Audit was completed by W Phipps and will now be sent to external auditor.
- 32 **Fete:**  
32.1 Good day was had – finances are still being calculated. It was thought that people did not stay as long as it was so hot. It is estimated that the takings will be close to last year although raffle ticket sales were less this time. Division of proceeds will be as last year School, Playing Field, Church and Village Hall.
- 33 **Village Matters:**  
Clerk now has contact for Alvescot House so we hope to move War Memorial project along  
Fireworks- Help is needed to replace A McIntyre. Clerk will advertise. RM asked residents present to mention it in the village.
- 34 **Next Meeting**  
Next meeting will be on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm