

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th November 2017



Councillors present : Justine Garbutt (JG) Richard Munro (RM) Dennis Govan (DG) Mike Honour (MH) Becky Hird (BH)

Residents in attendance: J Harter (JH), R Mawle (RJM), Abberley +1, R Lewin (RL)

MH reminded the members of the public to their conduct through the meeting.

87 Apologies for Absence:

None

88 To Receive Declarations of Interest:

MH – Rock Cottage

89 Adjournment for Public

RJM- Ramblers Cottage – large tree has been felled and gateway. No lights to village hall.

90 Minutes of Last Meeting

90.1 Minutes of meeting 18th October were accepted and signed

90.2 None

91 Planning Applications: RM

91.1 17/02098/OUT – Land south of Station Road 54 dwellings – awaiting decision

91.2 17/023853/FUL – Field 1468 – approved

91.3 17/01874/HHD – Ramblers Cottage entrance. This has been reported to enforcement and we are awaiting the report from their visit. The garage design/position has also been brought to their attention.

91.4 17/02960/FUL- Arkam – awaiting decision

91.5 17/02741/OUT – Sunset View- refused

91.6 17/03233/FUL – Park Farm – awaiting decision

91.7 17/03567/HHD – Rock Cottage – awaiting decision

91.8 17/03674/HHD -17/013675/LBC Mill House – awaiting decision

91.9 17/03435/HHD – Beechcroft – retrospective change of position – awaiting decision

91.10 Large lime tree felled at Ramblers Cottage. Clerk advised to firstly contact Nick Dalby Tree Officer at WODC to check if permission has been granted due to disease etc. if not then enforcement can be notified. Clerk will contact WODC

91.11 RM has received correspondence from Mill Cottage concerning Time Out Farm. It is alleged that the owners have been exceeding the terms for staying on the premises and a further caravan has appeared. Clerk will contact enforcement and ask we be kept informed of outcome. RM will draft letter.

92 Playing Field: MH

92.1 New equipment will be installed before next financial year due to deterioration if kept in storage. MDCH will organize with Morris. Cricket net resiting will be in Spring. MUGA will be cleaned in March. Groundsman is leaf blowing the courts.

93 Traffic & Highways - MH

93.1 The pot holes in Mill Lane have been marked up again. Zig zag lines outside school need re-painting. Clerk will contact OCC again re car park damage to surface and time taken on recent works.

94 Environment & Conservation: DG

94.1 Thanks to everyone who attended litter pick. There were lots of leaves around War Memorial and these were removed for the service. Rubbish is due to be collected on Friday.

95 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**

95.1 Perimeter path hedge has been cut by MH. Repairs have still not been carried out- Clerk is chasing with Carterton Town Council.

96 **Village Hall Rep: BH**

96.1 BH as our representative will take the subject of lighting the path to the next Village Hall meeting.

97 **Car Park: DG**

97.1 Meeting held on 4th November. First quote was very high. With some items deducted the second quote was for £8k. Malcolm Farley will be asked to arrange a second quote from GL Contractors for the same work. The kerb work by the tree may need to be deducted to make this more affordable. We may not be able to reclaim all the VAT on these works. Monies received from donations are free of VAT but if we reclaim all the VAT we will need to take ownership of the car park. Decision needs to be made on whether we want to do this.

98 **Finance:**

98.1 Cheques were authorized for payment and account balances circulated.

98.2 Precept- final draft was circulated with agreed precept of £13k. JG stated that it should be increased for car park spending and the expense on the playground will leave us short. Clerk advised there is £2k left from 2017/18 budget that will go towards playground as this amount was put aside for works which are now not taking place. RM-Decision on the precept was made at the last meeting. DG- the car park will have to be done within our resources. Council are prepared to use their reserves for the car park but only if the scheme is correct and ownership is taken. Progress on this item needs to be made soon. JG stated that we will not get much for £4k. Tarmac quote has been reduced by 50%- do we need to do the extra items. A proper job has to be done but it has to be value for money.

Precept was confirmed as £13k for 2018/19.

Olivia Pearce has donated £260 towards the cost of installing the War Memorial plaque. Clerk has thanked her for her kind contribution.

98.3 Lottery licence due for renewal in January 2018. Clerk advised that if Fete Committee are formalized then they will need to apply for their own licence. RM was unsure this was correct and will check. Regardless licence will be renewed.

98.4 AGGROW has now been disbanded. A refund of £780 was received.

99 **Fireworks:**

99.1 Evening went very well a collection was made on the gate which totaled £553.80. Thanks to Jo Harter for helping. There was one person with sparklers and they were asked not to light them.

99.2 Stuart at The Plough offered to supply food for the evening. They were put in contact with PCC who took him up on his offer of soup but the sausages had already been purchased. They will approach PCC earlier next year. JG asked if we can split the proceeds that PCC made. We made our money back this year and last year if we make more than £500 the balance goes into the reserves. Clerk- we have to take into account VAT on proceeds. If we have too much income from business activities then we will need to register for VAT. MH- we cover our costs and the history of the event was that it was always run by the Church. JG asked that we remember that just as it was done in the past does not mean we need to continue. Clerk will look into VAT on income we have and report back at the next meeting.

100 **Code of Conduct:**

100.1 Clerk reminded all Councillors to update their Code of Conduct forms as necessary.

101 **Local Plan:**

Amendments went to the Cabinet change of ANOB. Some houses have been taken out of the quota – the Burford site may be removed as the site opposite the garden centre is going ahead. WODC want to proceed as is, there will be another round of consultation and will be at least 6 months before a decision is made.

102 **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be on 20th December at 7.30pm