

ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th December 2017



Councillors present : Justine Garbutt (JG) Richard Munro (RM) Dennis Govan (DG) Mike Honour (MH)
Residents in attendance: A Battrick (AB) Kim Govan (KG) Mike Hussey (MDCH)

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

103 **Apologies for Absence:**

Becky Hird (BH)

104 **To Receive Declarations of Interest:**

MH – Rock Cottage, Local Plan

105 **Adjournment for Public**

AB- attending to ensure all Councillors are aware of the conditions under which the Lime tree was felled.
MDCH- reported that work had been carried out to re site new equipment to the playground.

106 **Minutes of Last Meeting**

106.1 Minutes of meeting 15th November 2017 were accepted and signed

106.2 VAT update: Clerk reported that if the Fete did not become independent then the Council would have to register for VAT as the income would be greater than £5k limit. KG was asked if there was a date by which this would be known. Approx end February/beginning March.

Paragraph 98.3 RM reported that it was correct if fete was independent they would need to apply for their own Lottery Licence. APC will apply for their own to cover the above.

107 **Planning Applications: RM**

107.1 17/02098/OUT – Land south of Station Road 54 dwellings – refused

107.2 17/01874/HHD – Ramblers Cottage entrance. Enforcement have visited concerning the driveway. Clerk has asked for the to look again at the entrance as Highways have not had a chance to comment. They will re-visit and also look at position of car port which is not as planning application.

107.3 17/02960/FUL- Arkam – approved

107.4 17/03233/FUL – Park Farm – awaiting decision. WODC reported this was due to be refused as there was a problem with the placement of the copse and the marking of the boundary to the site. WODC are in discussions with applicant for a solution.

107.5 17/03567/HHD – Rock Cottage – awaiting decision

107.6 17/03674/HHD -17/013675/LBC Mill House – awaiting decision

107.7 17/03962/HHD – Lime Tree Cottage – awaiting decision. No comments- we will wait to see the comments from Highways with regard to moving the entrance.

107.8 A Battrick has contacted the Parish Council and supplied the Clerk with the documentation from Nick Dalby stating the tree was diseased and removal was permitted.

107.9 Time Out Farm- no update from enforcement.

108 **Local Plan: RM**

108.1 Letter was sent to WODC concerning the additional evidence, as some of the comments were inaccurate.

109 **Playing Field: MH**

109.1 New equipment has been installed at price quoted. This was included in the budget for 2018/19 but as the equipment was deteriorating work was done in advance. Clerk will contact RoSPA to ask if inspection can be brought forward. Clerk will update insurance policy and asset register accordingly.

- 110 **Traffic & Highways - MH**
110.1 Some pot holes have been repaired in Mill Lane and resurfacing has taken place in other areas of the village.
- 111 **Environment & Conservation: DG**
111.1 Rubbish has not been collected from litter pick. DG will chase.
- 112 **Countryside & Footpaths: MH**
112.1 Perimeter path repairs have still not been carried out- Clerk is chasing with Carterton Town Council.
- 113 **Finance:**
113.1 Cheques were authorized for payment and account balances circulated.
113.2 Clerk apologized to Council for not passing on the thanks from PCC for their support with the grass cutting. They are very grateful.
113.3 Data Protection- There are major changes to the act from April 2018. The Clerk has been investigating and we will have to appoint a Data Protection Officer. Clerk asked to attend training on 7th March. This was agreed. Clerk will also contact WODC and ask if they are giving any support re an officer, if not we could contact our neighboring parishes to see if they wish to combine together.
- 114 **RAF Liaison Meeting:**
Attended by RM Little more than a PR exercise. They were shown around the aircraft and lunch was served.
- 115 **WODC Parish Meeting: RM**
115.1 Lengthy agenda which covered budget proposals, broadband, commercial operation, recycling and local plan update. Handouts will be circulated. Council Tax grant which is part of the precept was also discussed.
- 116 **Alvescot Charities:**
116.1 Communication has been received from Nigel with regard to their grants. They are asking for ideas on projects they can support. These have to be linked with education. One suggestion was a lollipop lady but not sure if this would pass as educational. Suggest they contact the school although they ay already have done this.
- 117 **Next Meeting**
Next meeting will be on 17th January 2018 at 7.30pm