

ALCONBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2010 in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Mr Senior Mrs Adams, Mrs Aylott, Mr Boyce, Mrs Elphick, Mr Lay, Mr Pickering Mr Watson and Mrs Williams

District Councillor Keith Baker

Mrs Sharp-Parish Clerk

6 Members of the Public

Public Forum

No items raised.

52. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mr Barnes, Mr Hardy, and County Councillor's Laine Kadic and Sir Peter Brown

53. Councillors' Declaration of Interest for items on the Agenda

Mr Lay and Mr Boyce expressed personal interests in item 57 as allotment holders.

54. To sign and approve minutes of previous meeting held on 27th July 2010

Minutes of 27th July proposed by Mrs Aylott and Seconded by Mrs Williams

55. Heritage Bridge

Clerk advised that the repair works were now complete and the bridge had reopened. She reported that there had been some problems with incorrect diversions being put in place, however these were rectified and she had received an apology from CCC.

Clerk also reported that an HGV had been seen crossing the bridge since the repair. She had the details and would now be keeping a log of any future incidents in order to contact CCC to see if anything could be done to prevent this happening again.

56. Village Shop and Post Office

Mr Senior welcomed MR Lehal and his father to the meeting and introduced them to the Parish Council. He explained that Mr Lehal is in the process of purchasing the Village Shop and Post Office

41. Proposed Wind Farm development at Woolley Hill/RES Meeting - Mr Watson/Mr Pickering

Mr Watson reported that he had attended a community consultation group meeting on 5th July. This had been attended by RES and also local representatives from the nearby villages. He advised that there was not a lot of new information shared, however, it had been mentioned that the original plan of 7 turbines was likely to be amended to 4 or 5 turbines. Mr Watson also advised that Alconbury would be getting 3 montages made in order to ascertain what the impact of the turbines would be on the Village. He said that the community group meetings would be held approximately every 2 months although the date of the next meeting had not been confirmed.

42. Property Level Flood Mitigation Scheme-Mr Pickering

Mr Pickering advised that initial property surveys would be carried out from Wednesday 28th July until Friday 30th July. These would be external surveys initially. These surveys

would determine which properties qualify for the flood protection scheme. The next stage would be internal building surveys to assess in more detail what measures could be taken. Mr Pickering advised that an average figure of £5k would be spent on each property, up to a maximum of £7k.

43. Urban & Civic meeting at Stukeley-Mr Watson/Mr Hardy

Mr Watson and Mr Hardy attended a meeting of Stukeley Parish Council at which representatives from Urban and Civic were present. They outlined their proposals for the newly purchased airbase which included working with local people to develop the site for mixed housing and employment purposes. They advised that they had commissioned an employment study to determine what type of employment could be attracted to the airfield and hope to have completed the initial assessment by the end of the year. They are looking to see if the guided bus system could be extended to the site and investigating whether a new passenger rather than freight rail system could be directed to the site.

Michael Monk of Stukeley PC advised that SPC would welcome new employment; however they would not support anything that made traffic in the village worse. He asked if the proposals by Urban and Civic would be a new settlement and was advised not as they wanted it to be fully integrated with surrounding villages. Mr Monk raised concern that this would not be favored as any development could not rely on existing infrastructure and rather should provide schools, facilities etc on the site.

It was agreed that Urban and Civic would be open and continue to keep all Parish Council's advised as things progress. They also offered tours of the airfield site if anyone is interested in having a look around.

44. Library Service - Clerk

The Clerk advised that due to budget cuts by CCC, the mobile library service was to be reduced in the village. From October, the mobile library would visit on the first Thursday of the month at Maypole Square between 3.10pm and 4.30pm. It would also visit on the 3rd Thursday of the month at Crown Gardens between 10.45am and 11.15am.

45. Committee Reports

(a) Clerk's Infrastructure Report

Clerk advised that HDC were assessing the requirements for new bins requested for outside Bramble End playground and also on the corner of Mill Lane and Gt North Road. There had also been a report of vandalism to the grit bin placed along Globe Lane. Clerk to investigate and speak with PCSO Gemma Clark.

(i) Churchyard

Nothing to report

(ii) Village Green

The Clerk had received reports of an uneven footpath along High St near the Post Office. Clerk to contact Highways Agency.

(b) Planning Applications Received:

None since planning meeting

Applications determined by Huntingdonshire District Council/Appeal:

None

(c) Bramble End - Monthly Inspection Report - Mrs. Williams

Mrs Williams reported that the barrel from the treadmill had been broken and removed by the Parish Council earlier in the month, however this had now been repaired and replaced.

46. Allotments - Mr Lay/Mrs Aylott

Mr Lay advised that he had attended a committee meeting earlier in the month. One of the issues raised was the borehole. Mr Lay advised that the company doing the works had drilled to 12m but did not immediately hit water. The AAGA are awaiting the report and current costings from TMH Water Solutions.

Mr Lay also advised that there would be an AGM in September.

47. Youth Group-Mrs Adams

Mrs Adams reported that there had been a successful fundraising car wash. She also advised that there had been some stalls doing fundraising for YG at the Village affair which had been a success. The next Youth Group meeting was scheduled for 13th August.

48. Memorial Hall - Mrs Adams/Mr Watson

Nothing to Report

49. Sports and Social Club - Mr Watson/Mr Lay

Mr Lay had attended a meeting earlier in the month. There had been concerns as to whether or not there were trees planted in amongst the fruit hedging at the community orchard. Clerk to contact Bridget Halford.

50. Responsible Finance Officer's Report

The Clerk has received notice that the audit is complete and closed for financial year 2009/2010

Cheques for signature:

- Demon ,Äi Web Hosting July 2010 (paid by D/D) - £11.50
- Jo Sharp-Clerk Salary for June - £427.25
- 4 Seasons-Grass (2 cuts) - £940.00
- 4 Seasons-3 cuts paid between meetings - £1440.00
- Alconbury Thursday Club Donation - £200
- Jo Sharp-Dog Signs - £12.16

Cheques Proposed by Mrs Adams and seconded by Mr Hardy

Cleared Balances

Current Account - £3259.88

Deposit Account - £36246.34

Fund Raising (Ball Park) Account - £1811.18

Youth Group Account - £618.16

51. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 31st August at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.