

ALCONBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 26th October 2010 in the Memorial Hall

Present:

Mr Senior, Mrs Aylott, Mr Barnes Mr Boyce, Mr Hardy, Mr Pickering and Mr Watson.
District Councillor Keith Baker. Mrs Sharp - Parish Clerk. 0 Members of the Public.

Public Forum

Nothing to Report.

87. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Mrs Williams, Mrs Elphick, Mr Lay, Mrs Adams and County Councillor Sir Peter Brown.

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

Mr Boyce expressed a personal interest in item 92 as an allotment holder.

89. To sign and approve minutes of previous meeting held on 28th September

Minutes of 28th September proposed by Mr Watson and Seconded by Mr Barnes. Minutes duly approved and signed.

90. Proposed Wind Farm

Mr Senior advised that there was no news to report on the proposed Wind Farm and at the time of meeting, no planning application had been received. He also reported that he had been researching various internet sites for and against the wind farm and had found a 'pro wind farm' group on a social networking site.

91. Proposed Travellers Site

District Councillor Keith Baker advised that he had been informed that the proposed traveller's site would not be going ahead. He is awaiting full written confirmation of this and will advise the Parish Council when he receives it.

92. Allotments

Mrs Aylott and Mr Boyce had attended the latest AAGA committee meeting. She had advised that there had been some changes to the AAGA committee and also that there had been a bulk seed order placed which had raised around £80 for the AAGA.

Tenancy agreements with a letter had been dispatched to all Allotment tenants.

Mrs Aylott also advised that at the time of the meeting, the borehole had still not been completed. It was agreed by the Parish Council that a definite completion date needs to be obtained from the borehole company and that the borehole must be completed by the end of the year.

The 3 PC Allotment reps were in the process of trying to arrange external funding for all the items for which the PC is responsible.

93. Churchyard

Clerk advised that Richard Scott from the Church had sent a list of work needing to be carried out at the Churchyard. The Clerk reported that there was £1500 in the precept for the Churchyard, none of which had been spent this financial year. Mr Senior suggested

that we offer the Church the full £1500 so that they can decide which jobs from their list to spend the money on and can organize the work at their convenience. Clerk to contact.

94. Bus Shelter on High St

Mr Senior advised that he had received a quote to replace the missing pane of glass in the Bus Shelter on the High St for –£160. This was substantially cheaper than the quote that the Clerk had reported back with at the last meeting to the Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should contact Brookview Glazing and get the glass replaced ASAP.

95. Website - Mr Lay

Mr Senior advised that Mr Lay was absent from the meeting due to illness and as he had done a lot of work and research on websites that this item would be postponed until the next meeting.

96. Christmas Tree

Clerk advised that the tree had been ordered from Dyers and a delivery date was yet to be confirmed. The Parish Council agreed that this should be W/C 29th November. Clerk to liase with Neighbourhood Watch in order to organise the tree being put up and lights added.

97. Parish Planting/Treework

Clerk advised that she had spoken with Peter Rowlands, tree warden, and that there was the possibility of 10 new trees at the Community Orchard. She advised that she will be contacting previous sponsors to see if anyone would like to sponsor a further tree and Mrs Aylott agreed to publish this in the next newsletter.

Clerk also advised that she and Mr Rowlings would be surveying the trees in the Village over the coming weeks to see if any work needed doing before the winter. Clerk to report back at next meeting.

98. Youth Group

Mr Senior advised that there was to be a Youth Group general meeting on 2nd November which he and Mrs Adams hoped to attend. He reported that there was an invoice that had been recently received from Cambridgeshire County Council for £1222.78 but there was not enough money in the Youth Group account to pay it. The Parish Council agreed that, as this was the first invoice that had been received from CCC in 12 months, the Clerk would contact CCC in order to request an extension for payment until the November meeting and this could be discussed in further detail at the precept meeting which was to be scheduled in November.

99. Memorial Hall

Nothing to report

100. ASSC - Mr Lay/Mr Watson

Mr Watson had attended a meeting of the ASSC committee and asked Mr Senior if any consideration could be given to the possibility of the Parish Council contributing financially to the upkeep of the Community Orchard. Mr Senior requested that a figure be obtained from the ASSC as to approximately how much it costs to maintain the area.

101. Committee Reports

(a) Clerk's Infrastructure Report

Clerk reported that the footbridges on the Village Green had been cleaned, however, the kickboards had not been replaced and therefore she was going to contact CCC again to have this rectified before the winter weather arrived.

(i) Churchyard

Nothing to report

(ii) Village Green

Parish Council agreed that another cut of the grass was not necessary at the time of meeting. Mrs Aylott reported that there had been horses galloping across the village green. Clerk to investigate.

(iii) General

Clerk reported that Mrs Williams had expressed concern over the conifer trees that overhang the road at Mill Lane. Clerk to contact Highways Agency again. Mrs Aylott reported that there was a large pothole in Brookside. Clerk advised that this had already been reported and she would chase up Highways Agency to ensure it is repaired ASAP.

(b) Planning Applications Received:

NONE

Applications determined by Huntingdonshire District Council/Appeal:

None

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

Nothing to report.

102. Correspondence

Request for Donation from Alconbury C of E School

Parish Council agreed to donate £500 towards the drugs information bus visit.

Request for Donation from British Legion Poppy Appeal

Parish Council agreed to donate £100 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal

Request for Donation from Citizens Advice Bureau

Parish Council agreed to donate £250 the Citizens advice as per last year

Request for Donation from MAGPAS

Parish Council agreed to donate £250 to Magpas

103. Responsible Finance Officer,Âs Report

Cheques for signature:

- Demon - Web Hosting September 10 (paid by D/D) - £11.50
- Jo Sharp - Clerk Salary for October - £427.25
- Grafton Projects - Stationary and Newsletters - £124.86
- CCC - Youth Worker invoice - £1222.78 - Postponed until next month
- J Sharp - Broadband May - October - £105
- Antony Abbs - Grass Cutting - £470
- Memorial Hall rental for Youth Group - £93.75

Cleared Balances

104. Date of next meeting
30th November 2010 in the Memorial Hall.