

Alconbury Parish Council
Charlotte Copley, Parish Clerk 01487 813606

Minutes of Meeting:

Date: Tuesday 6th August 2019

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Alconbury Memorial Hall

Parish Councillors present: Mr. C. Bodley (Chairman), Mrs. T. Gilbert, Mr. M. Gunney, Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. T. MacLennan, Mr S Tarabella

Also present: Mr I Gardener (County Councillor) and 1 parishioner.

Public Open Forum: The member of the parish present enquired about the A1/M noise barrier progress. It had been dismantled on 17 July 2019 but no more progress had been made. This meant that the road noise from A1/M had significantly increased. He had contacted various individuals regarding plans for installation of the noise barrier but to no avail. Cllr. Bodley agreed to ask the parish clerk to follow up progress with Highways England.

1. Apologies for absence:
Mrs. S. Brawn, Mr. R. Johnson, Ms C Copley (clerk) personal
2. Declaration of Interests:
Cllr. Gunney declared an interest as a trustee of the Alconbury Recreation Field Charity, and Cllr. Tarabella as a trustee of the Memorial Hall.
3. To Approve and Sign the Minutes of Last Meeting 25th June 2019:
Cllr. Gunney proposed the minutes be approved and signed as correct with no changes, seconded by Cllr. MacLennan, with all in favour therefore **resolved** to do so.
4. To confirm submission and outline of the recent Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid from Alconbury PC to Huntingdonshire District Council.
An initial application to the LHI was made on 31 July 2019. It included a proposal to remodel the junction at Rusts Lane/High Street with a view to improve traffic flow.
This is an initial application for funding. It will be assessed for feasibility by Huntingdon District Council, further engagement and with the public will be necessary. The PC welcome support and comments from the villagers on this matter.
5. Reports from County and District Councillors.
C/Cllr. Gardener reported the following:
Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) have the following initiatives ongoing:
 - Improvement in children social services in Cambridgeshire
 - Recycleables Challenge
 - Falls Prevention Scheme – an extra £1M fundingOf further note:
 - Dews have taken on the 46A bus service for the financial year 2019/2020.
 - A14 improvement scheme: the section from Ellington to Cambridge Services is due to open Christmas 2019.
 - Signage for access to Alconbury Weald via A14 – Spittals – A14 link road: Highways England aware of our concerns regarding HGVs using the village and local roads.
 - HGV signage recently installed around the village is not effective. C/Cllr Gardener is in conversation with the Project Engineer for Highways and Road Safety at the County Council to try and resolve this situation.
 - Plans for demonlision of the A14 Railway Bridge will go on show on the following dates:
 - Tuesday 27th Aug 2019 – Huntingdonshire District Office
 - Wednesday 28th Aug 2019 – Brampton Memorial Hall
 - Wednesday 4th September 2019 – Huntingdon Train station
 - Work to improve the A428 to start 2021/2022.
6. To receive verbal reports from Councillors in their portfolio of responsibilities
Sports and Social Club – Cllr. Bodley reported a slow start to the financial year 2019/202 but recovering well now
Alconbury Recreational Field Charity – Cllr. Gunney reported a new trustee has been appointed, Mr J Aylott
Memorial Hall – Cllr. Tarabella reported a new chair has been appointed, Mr R Vanbergen. Cllr. Tarabella will circulate the minutes from the most recent meeting.
Community Orchard/Trees – Cllr. Tarabella reported the orchard is looking well.
Bramble End Playground – Wicksteed Leisure annual inspection has been conducted , see item 7 below.

Woolley Hill Wind Farm – nothing to report

Flood Coordinator – Cllr. Gilbert confirmed the Flood Plan will be issued shortly. The next Flood Partnership meeting is scheduled for the 23rd September 2019.

7. To receive Bramble End play area annual inspection from Wicksteed Leisure and consider actions required. Circulated to councillors 8th July 2019.
No severe or high risk items have been identified in the annual inspection. Some weed and bramble growth identified and the Parish Clerk to contact Mr J Holme to eradicate.
Cllr Tarabella proposed the parish council take steps to fix the medium risk items highlighted on the inspection report, the proposal was seconded Cllr. Gilbert, with all in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.
Cllr. MacClennan proposed as one recommendation regarding signage was made in relation to age restrictions, that the Parish clerk take steps to check the insurance requirements regarding signage for the play ground area, the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert and with all in favour therefore **resolved** to do so.
8. To receive any updates regarding antisocial behaviour at the High Street/Lordsway Park homes viaduct
The Clerk forwarded a report prior to the meeting confirming the graffiti was painted over 12th July 2019.
Road Management Services confirmed they maintain the viaduct on behalf of Highways England and the Parish Clerk has put them in touch with Cambridgeshire County Council to discuss roles and responsibilities moving forwards.
There has been no communication from the Police regarding the anti social behaviour or Huntingdonshire District Council regarding the clean up of the site.
9. Flood prevention; An update on discussions and way forward for the communities views on the 4 options put forward from the Environment Agency for future flood prevention works within the village.
Carried over to next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 24th September 2019.
10. Police crime report
Four (4) reports of crime in the village May 2019.
11. Infrastructure report
 - a) Churchyard - nothing of note
 - b) Village Green – the fallen branch has been removed as instructed. Permission has been sought to remove the remainder of the poplar tree with works scheduled for week commencing 9th August 2019.
 - c) Roads & footpaths:
 - i) Bin in Polecat Lane has been successfully installed, the Clerk has contacted HDC to instruct them to commence emptying of the bin and awaiting confirmation of when this will be carried out.
 - ii) Footpath no. 2 continues to be a concern and has become overgrown once again. Cllr Bodley proposed the Clerk contacts Mr J Hudson (Cambridgeshire County Council, Highways Officer) again, for clarification of the situation regarding the homeowners who back on to the footpath and their responsibilities around preventing greenery from overgrowing on to the footpath etc. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gilbert, with all in favour and therefore **resolved** to do so.
 - iii) Polecat Lane – pot holes have been repaired where as necessary. The Clerk forwarded an email ahead of this meeting from Mr Hudson of CCC confirming the drainage issues are being investigated.
 - d) General – nothing of note
12. Planning
 - a) Planning applications:

19/01341/OUT Outline planning permission for a mixed use development to include – means of access, residential development (up to 1500 dwellings), local centre including retail and community facilities, primary school, open space, play areas, recreation facilities, landscaping, associated demolition, ground works and infrastructure. – Alconbury Weald – Cllr. Bodley proposed the Parish Council vote no observations either in favour or against the application, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert, with all in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.

19/1320/S73 – Variation of conditions 1-26 and 28 for application 1201158OUT – amended wording and key phase submission – KP2 – The Country Park – Alconbury Weald Ermine Street Little Stukeley – Cllr. Gilbert proposed the Parish Council vote no observations either in favour or against the application, seconded by Cllr. MacLennan with all in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.

Update on previous applications:
17/02343/FUL – Alteration to access/driveway to 9 Rusts Lane and erection of 2 bed bungalow – 9 Rusts Lane, Alconbury – This application was approved by Development Control at Huntingdonshire District Council on the 2nd August 2019.
19/01416/FUL – Construction of a chalet bungalow in rear garden fronting Manor Lane – land south of 22 & 24 School Lane Alconbury (previous application Ref **19/00528/FUL** withdrawn May 2019) – Cllr. Bodley

proposed the Parish Council vote no observations either in favour or against the application, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert, with all in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.

19/01463/HHFUL – Side extension to 8 Coulson Way Cllr. Bodley proposed the Parish Council vote no observations either in favour or against the application, seconded by Cllr. Gilbert, with all in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.

b) Previous planning applications;

18/02499/REM – Reserved matters in respect of construction of new highway and re-use of existing runway/taxi way to form part of a link from the A141, Alconbury Weald – IN PROGRESS

18/02275/REM – Reserved matters in respect of the construction of a new highway to form a link from the A141 to Key Phase 1 and all associated works. Land west of the East Coast Mainline Railway and work of Spittals Way - IN PROGRESS

18/01217/FUL - The erection of a building to accommodate the HQ and Air Ambulance Station for Magpas, including hangar and garaging space for a helicopter and emergency vehicles. With associated landscaping, car parking and boundary treatment with access from Ermine Street – IN PROGRESS

18/01577/REM - Submission of reserved matters (appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of the construction of a new roundabout from the A141 including drainage, landscaping and associated works. - IN PROGRESS

18/00707/FUL - Alconbury Services Rusts Lane Alconbury Huntingdon PE28 4WD

Demolition of motel, services and petrol filling station and change of use from lorry park, motel, services and petrol filling station, to lorry park, incorporating container transshipment storage (within the existing lorry park) and erection of office building with associated car parking and replacement lighting – IN PROGRESS

13. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts: Cllr. Bodley proposed proposed the payments numbered 1-8 be approved, seconded by Cllr. Tarabella with all in favour and resolved to do so, the 2 signatories signed the cheques;

1. Ms C Copley	Clerks wages and expenses for July 2019	£ 707.67
2. A Abbs	Grass Cutting to village, CCC & HDC areas, 4 th installment	£1920.00
3. Glasdon	Refuse bin (Polecat Lane)	£ 367.25
4. Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Play areas annual inspection (Bramble End)	£ 108.00
5. St.Ives Quick Print	Newsletters	£ 222.00
6. CAS Ltd	Council insurance renewal (approved June 2019)	£ 632.02
7. Day Today Maintenance	Aborted costs of replacement post (village pump)	£ 110.00
8. PKF Littlejohn	External Audit fees	£ 240.00

b) Current position. Monies received; The Chairman checked and confirmed the bank reconciliation as correct.

c) Cllr. Tarabella proposed the Council consider and agree the annual contribution of £50 for the Royal British Legion towards a Remembrance Day wreath, the proposal was seconded by Cllr. Gunney and with all councillors in favour it was therefore **resolved** to do so.

14. Correspondence;

Usual weekly updates regarding A1 and A14 roadworks and closures

04.07.19 RAF Benevolent Fund – Did you serve poster

08.07.19 Paul Nelson, CCC – confirmation of Dews Coaches taking over the HACT service, no change to timetables

09.07.19 HDC - Waste Minimisation

02.08.19 Highways England – A1 road closures including Alconbury (also on noticeboard and website)

02.08.19 A14 Cambridgeshire – A14/A1 road closures including Alconbury (on noticeboard and website)

02.08.19 Highways Events Diary – Note road closures in Alconbury 15.09.19 – League of Veteran Racing Cyclists

15. Items for Future Consideration

Potential merger of Alconbury and Alconbury Weston Parish Council

Updates on Polecat Lane works

Update on Coulson Way footpath

Councillor photographs on the website and noticeboard

Update on Maypole repairs

16. Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 24th September 2019, 7.30pm, Alconbury Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 20.52

Signed.....

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