

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 24th January 2011 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Councillors present: Mrs. J. Baker (Chairman), Mr. S. Lomas, Dr. C. McGregor, Mrs. H. Mobius, Mrs. M. Morgan & Ms. K. Sewell.

Also present: County Cllr. L. Kadic, County Cllr. P. Brown, Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk), Mr. N. Murphy (Alconbury Youth Group) & 1 parishioner.

1. Apologies for absence: District Cllr. K. Baker.

2. Declaration of Interests: None received.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2010: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Youth Club funding - Mr. Murphy explained that the Youth Club ran once a month and was attended by over 100 children from Alconbury and Alconbury Weston. Funding for the three Youth workers is to be cut and a meeting will be held tomorrow to discuss how the club can be financed in future. The club could decide to pay for a Youth worker to lead the sessions or be community led, which might be less costly but would require a number of volunteers. The Parish Council requested that Mr. Murphy update the Clerk on any decisions made so that they could give consideration to making a grant next financial year if required. County Cllr. Kadic agreed to attend the meeting tomorrow evening and give assistance in securing funding.

b) Woolley Hill wind farm - Cllr. Baker attended the Liaison Group meeting on 18th January. The planning application is now pending a decision from HDC.

c) Common land - Cllr. Lomas had collected the papers from Winters solicitors. Councillors agreed that the Clerk should approach Leeds Day solicitors with regard to the outstanding work.

5. Parish Paths.

The Clerk had passed the Parish Paths Partnership forms to Cllr. McGregor to complete with details of work carried out and work proposed for next year. It was unclear whether any funding would be available, but councillors agreed that Alconbury Weston should complete the application form for 2011/12.

Footpath no. 4 - the grass footpath has been effected by drift when the field was sprayed. This has killed the grass at present but it should grow back in the spring.

6. Play Area.

Cllr. Lomas advised that the play area had been inspected with no problems found.

The perimeter mesh fencing, owned by the Parish Council was being pushed over by trees and hedges belonging to 3 neighbouring properties. The Clerk had obtained quotations to cut them back but councillors agreed this was primarily the owners responsibility. The Chairman agreed to visit the three properties to discuss the matter with the householders.

7. Cemetery.

Cllr. Mobius volunteered to cut the surrounding hedge and tidy the cemetery grounds.

8. Planning.

Planning enforcement case 0300179ENBCOM - Commercial building on Hamerton Road. Awaiting an update from Nigel Swaby.

9. Financial report.

a. Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Morgan proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (4). Seconded by Cllr. Lomas, unanimously agreed.

(1) Alconbury C of E School - £250.00, Section 137 donation. Cq. No. 100854

(2) HDC - £3346.99, village grass cutting. Cq. No. 100855

(3) Mrs. D. Benham - £193.31, wages & expenses of Parish Clerk for December. Cq. No. 100856

(4) Alconbury youth Group - £250, Section 137 donation. Cq. No. 100857

b. Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments was passed to all councillors. Copy to be attached to the minutes. The Clerk advised that the grass cutting grant from CCC was likely to be cut by 25%.

c. Request for a donation from Huntingdonshire Community Radio.

Councillors unanimously agreed that no donation should be made.

10. Police matters.

During the period 14/12/10 to 24/01/11 there was 1 reported crime showing on the my neighbourhood police web-site.

11. Correspondence.

a) Letter of thanks from Alconbury C of E School - to be circulated.

b) Royal British Legion 90th Anniversary - to be circulated.

c) Consultation on becoming a community NHS Foundation Trust - to be circulated.

12. Reports from councillors.

County Cllr. Brown advised that the Localism bill would give Parish Councils more power to influence decisions locally and he will give a monthly report on it's progress.

Clerk to contact Anglian Water for an update on repairs to a water leak on Hamerton Road.

Clerk to contact Highways regarding problems with the drains on Vinegar Hill which resulted in thick ice forming over the carriageway.

Clerk to order free posters from the Keep Britain Tidy website which will ask owners to clean up after their dogs.

County Cllr. Brown advised that parishioners who voiced concerns about the opening of Tease II hotel as detailed in the Hunts Post, should be advised to write to the Licensing Department at HDC. The White Hart will be organising an event to celebrate the Royal Wedding on Friday 29th April.

13. Date of next meetings: Monday 7th March 2011, starting at 7.30pm at Alconbury Memorial Hall.

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