

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 28th January 2013 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Councillors present: Mrs. J. Baker (Chairman), Mr. M. Bryan, Dr. C. McGregor & Mr. L. York.
Also present: Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk) & 1 parishioner.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. R. Coulson, Cllr. S. Lomas, Cllr. H. Mobius, District Cllr. K. Baker, County Cllr. L. Kadic and County Cllr. P. Brown.

2. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

3. Public participation: The parishioner attending the meeting gave information regarding planning application reference 1300056REP (agenda item 8a).

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 10th December 2012 : The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Alconbury Airfield – A copy of HDC's response to the outline application for Alconbury Weald had been forwarded to all councillors. The Chairman and the Clerk will attend the next liaison meeting on 4th February 2013.

b) Diamond Jubilee tree planting – The Clerk collected the oak tree and guard on 24th January and delivered them to Cllr. McGregor, who will arrange planting once the weather has improved. Cllr. McGregor to complete paperwork for Bridget Halford. Cllr. Baker to chase up permission from the land owner.

c) Parish Council website – Item carried forward to the next meeting.

6. Parish paths.

Cllr. McGregor advised that a couple of areas would benefit from the installation of some steps. There are no funds currently available from CCC so it was agreed that Cllr. McGregor should investigate the costs and present a proposal to councillors at the next meeting.

7. Play area.

The repairs identified in the safety inspection have been completed by Wicksteed Leisure, the goal posts have been painted by Smallworks Services and the willow tree has been pollarded by Global Tree Solutions.

8. Planning.

a) New applications:

1202028FUL – Single storey extension to side and rear of bungalow. The Bungalow, Old Vinegar Hill, Alconbury Weston.

Cllr. McGregor proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council should recommend approval of the application. Seconded by Cllr. York, unanimously agreed.

1201653FUL – Proposed building to house office, staff/mess room and secure storage for equine business. OS9351Buckworth Road.

Cllr. McGregor proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council should recommend refusal of the application. Seconded by Cllr. York, unanimously agreed. Reasons for recommendation: There is no information in the application as to the type of "entertainment" required for potential clients, the numbers of staff who would require mess facilities and why there is a need for such a large volume of secure storage. There are inconsistencies in some of the measurements on the drawings and the position shown for the staircase.

1300056REP – Replacement of planning permission 0900339FUL for erection of three dwellings.

Land at Chestnut farm, Hamerton Road, Alconbury Weston. *This is not a new planning proposal. This application seeks to extend the time period for commencement of building for an application that has already received planning permission from HDC*

Cllr. Baker proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council should recommend refusal of the application. Seconded by Cllr. Bryan, unanimously agreed. Reasons for recommendation: Councillors are aware that there is an unresolved issue regarding ownership of part of the application site and have therefore recommended refusal whilst this matter is addressed by the planning officer and the registered land owner.

b) Update on previously discussed applications:

1201519S73 – Removal of condition 1 of PPG 53.60 which limits occupation to persons employed locally in agriculture. New Farm, Buckworth Road, Alconbury Weston, PE28 4JX. Permission granted by HDC.

1201518FUL – Change of use to offices plus single storey addition. New Farm, Buckworth Road, Alconbury Weston, PE28 4JX. Permission granted by HDC.

1201024OUT – Erection of equine dwelling with access. Salix Stud and Livery, Hamerton Road, Alconbury Weston. Pending consideration by HDC.

c) Update on planning enforcement cases:

0300179ENBCOM – Commercial building, Hamerton Road. No further update received from Nigel Swaby.

1200181ENPLAN and 1101605FUL – Siting of mobile home for residential occupation in association with equine enterprise. OS9351, Buckworth Road. This concerns a steel framed structure being erected without planning permission. Planning application 1201653FUL now received.

9. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts:

Cllr. Bryan proposed approval of payment of items (1) to (7). Seconded by Cllr. York, unanimously agreed.

(1) MAGPAS - £100.00, section 137 donation. Cq. No. 100930

(2) Mrs. D. Benham - £143.54, wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for December. Cq. No. 100931

(3) Global Tree Solutions Ltd. - £408.00, tree works at the play area. Cq. No. 100932

(4) CAPALC - £35.00, Councillor training. Cq. No. 100933

(5) Smallworks Services - £100.00, painting goal posts at play area. Cq. No. 100934

(6) HDC - £2870.40, village grass cutting for 2012 season. Cq. No. 100935

(7) Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. - £360.49, repairs to play equipment. Cq. No. 100936

*Item (1) was approved at the last meeting held on 10th December 2012

b) Current position.

A copy of the receipts and payments was handed to each councillor. A copy will be attached to the minutes.

c) To confirm the precept for 2013/14.

The Clerk gave advice regarding the Taxbase and grant for 2013/14. Cllr. Baker proposed that the precept of £8500 agreed at the last meeting, should stand. Seconded by Cllr. York, unanimously agreed.

10. Police matters.

November crime report shows 1 recorded crime in Alconbury Weston – Theft near Spires End.

11. Correspondence.

a) Confirmation of grass cutting costs for 2013 – HDC will charge £304.00 per cut, based on 10 cuts. This is an increase of approximately 1.7%.

b) Letter of thanks from MAGPAS for the donation of £100.

c) Alconbury Over 60's Club – request for a donation. Clerk to obtain further details and add to the

agenda for the next meeting.

12. Reports from councillors.

Councillors observed that very large vehicles continue to use Buckworth Road to access SJH Plant Hire although there had been no further damage to the verges or kerbs since the last meeting.

Clerk to report a leak in Hamerton Road to Anglian Water.

Clerk to report damage to the tarmac surrounding a drain cover in Hamerton Road, close to Willow Farm Close, to Highways.

Cllr. McGregor advised that parts 2 & 3 of his councillor training course had been cancelled due to unavailability of the trainer from CAPALC.

13. Dates of the next meetings.

Monday 4th March 2013.

Monday 15th April 2013.

Monday 20th May 2013 – Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

Monday 1st July 2013.

All meetings start at 7.30pm at Alconbury Memorial Hall.

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