

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 27th January 2014 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Councillors present: Mrs. J. Baker, Mr. M. Bryan, Mr. S. Lomas, Dr. C. McGregor & Mr. L. York.
Also present: County Cllr. P. Ashcroft, County Cllr. P. Brown, & Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. R. Coulson (Attending another meeting) & District Cllr. K. Baker (Attending another meeting).

2. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

3. Public participation: No parishioners were present.

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 16th December 2013 : The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Alconbury Weald – There had been no Liaison meeting held since the last Parish Council meeting.

b) Humps in the road over the refurbished bridge – CCC are arranging for resurfacing to be carried out.

c) Parish Council website – Cllr. Bryan advised that he would provide councillors with a password to access a sample site created by Parish Websites Ltd. Cllr. Bryan agreed to obtain a free, no obligation quotation, including a “mock-up Alconbury Weston site” for councillors to consider in time for the next meeting.

d) Cambridgeshire Future Transport: Questionnaires were delivered to every household but the Clerk had collected only 21 completed forms from Alconbury Weston residents from the drop boxes. These had been posted on to CCC. Cllr. Bryan will attend the Working Group meeting which has been rescheduled for 12th March.

6. Parish paths.

Cllr. McGregor reported that all the footpaths were very wet and due to spray drift, some paths had lost their grass surface, making them very muddy. The area around the steps at the end of the High Street was particularly bad and Cllr. McGregor will ask the land owner for permission to lay some chippings.

7. Play area.

Cllr. Lomas advised that there were no problems to report and that he had cleaned two pieces of equipment.

8. Planning – Update on applications previously discussed.

1301727FUL – Rear single storey and two storey extension, 5 Vinegar Hill, Alconbury Weston, PE28 4JA. Permission granted by HDC.

1300518FUL – Retrospective proposed mixed use building for office, staff/mess room, secure storage and temporary dwelling. OS 9351 Buckworth road, Alconbury Weston. Cllr. McGregor to attend the appeal hearing on 4th February.

9. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Lomas proposed approval of payment of items (1) & (2). Seconded by Cllr. York and unanimously agreed.

(1) Mrs. D. Benham - £206.31 wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for January. Cq. No. 100967

(2) HDC - £3648.00, village grass cutting. Cq. No. 100968

b) Current position - A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was handed to each councillor.

10. Police matters.

November crime report shows no recorded crimes in Alconbury Weston.

11. Correspondence.

a) Royal Garden Party 3rd June 2014 – Opportunity to put one councillor’s name in the ballot for a pair of tickets.

b) Notes from the Parish Conference.

12. Reports from Councillors:

Cllr. Lomas advised that a number of street lights had yet to be upgraded – Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty.

County Cllr. Brown advised that he had met with Sir Graham Bright and had raised the issue of lorries parking on Buckworth Road. Cambridgeshire Future Transport is ongoing and Cllr. Brown will be pressing for rural services to be maintained.

CCC are finalising their budget and it is likely to result in a 1.9% increase in Council Tax. Details are being finalising as to how the County Council will be governed using the new Committee system. A consultant has been employed to look at how the Cromwell Museum might be able to remain open following the news that CCC may be removing it’s subsidy of £20,000.

The Huntingdon Town Centre scheme is progressing well with Chequers Court now demolished and the new multi-storey car park well under way. The west of town link road should be open end of March/early April.

There may be another round of strikes by the Firemen. Fortunately there have been no serious problems during the nine strikes that have been held so far.

County Cllr. Ashcroft advised that the membership on the new County Council committees will be proportionate and there will be a General Purposes Committee who will decide which tasks will be dealt with by which committee.

13. Dates of the next meeting.

Monday 10th March 2014, Monday 14th April 2014. All meetings start at 7.30pm at Alconbury Memorial Hall.

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