

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 24th August 2015 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Public Open Forum: A parishioner advised that she had raised £700 towards the proposed war memorial discussed at the May meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had agreed that they had no objection to a small granite war memorial being placed on the village green near to the village sign. Cllr. Baker and Cllr. Lomas agreed to meet on the village green to discuss potential suitable positions for the memorial. The two parishioners present left the meeting.

Councillors present: Mrs. J. Baker, Mr. M. Bryan & Mr. S. Lomas.

Also present: County Cllr. P. Ashcroft, District Cllr. K. Baker & Mrs. D. Benham (Parish Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence: County Cllr. P. Brown (personal), Cllr. C. McGregor (personal).

2. Declaration of Interests: None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 29th June 2015 : The minutes of the meeting held on 29th June were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Alconbury Weald – No meeting had taken place.

b) Repairs to roads and footpaths – The overgrown hedge on the byway has been cut back and the potholes behind the green and on Buckworth Road have been reported to Highways.

c) Reduction in the speed limit on North Road – Alconbury Recreation Field Charity have received an offer letter for the £3900 put aside by the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Trust and paperwork detailing how the results of the scheme will be measured has been completed and returned. The final costs have been confirmed by Highways at £4500. This will be covered by £3900 in grant funding and £300 from Alconbury and Alconbury Weston Parish Councils.

d) Local Highways Improvement Initiative 2016/17 – Councillors agreed not to make an application this time.

5. Parish paths.

No report available. Cllr. Lomas to obtain a quote from Stuart Fry to remove the weeds etc. from the base of the tree that was planted for the Queen's Jubilee. Letter received from CCC asking the Parish Council to report any paths that were due to be cut and have not been completed by the end of October.

6. Play area.

Cllr. Baker to ask neighbouring residents to cut back their leylandii from the fencing. Clerk to write a letter of thanks to the owner of Jasmine Cottage for cutting back his hedge. Clerk to contact GTS for a quote to remove a dead branch from the willow tree.

7. Planning.

a) New applications.

15/01117/REM Approval of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale in respect of the construction of 128 dwellings, pocket park, associated highways, landscaping and ancillary works. Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley. Circulated and returned "no observations either in favour or against".

15/01366/PMBPA Conversion of barn to detached dwelling and creation of garden and parking area. Safefield Farm, Alconbury Hill, PE28 4JW. Cllr. Baker proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council recommend approval. Seconded by Cllr. Lomas and unanimously agreed.

b) Update on previous applications.

15/00408/REP – Replacement of application TWA/99/APP/13 for proposed rail facilities and rail link to East Coast mainline to extend the timescale for commencement, as set in condition 2 (planning ref. 9701500OUT as replaced by 1000692REP). In progress.

1300666FUL, Change of use from vacant land to provide six permanent pitches for gypsies and travellers. Former Megatron site, Ermine Street. Appeal dismissed.

15/00243/FUL, Replacement of permitted mobile home (log cabin) with existing building to include reduced ridge height, reduced footprint and additional timber cladding. Buckworth Lodge Stud, Buckworth Road, Alconbury Weston. Application withdrawn.

8. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Bryan proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) & (2) and approval of payment of items (3) to (5). Seconded by Cllr. Lomas and unanimously agreed.

(1) Mrs. D. Benham - £156.85, wages & expenses for July. Cq. No. 101027

(2) HMRC - £39.40, PAYE/N.I. Cq. No. 101028

(3) ADCHC - £35.00, room hire for meetings Jan – July. Cq. No. 101029

(4) Mrs. D. Benham - £165.13, wages & expenses for August. Cq. No. 101030

(5) HMRC - £39.20, PAYE/N.I. Cq. No. 101031

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

9. Police matters.

The May and June crime reports show no recorded crime in Alconbury Weston. However, there were 4 reported crimes on the B1090 near to the A1 in May and 9 in June.

10. Correspondence.

a) Woolley Hill Wind Farm Trust - An additional £10,000 has become available for local groups to apply for. Applications to be made by 10th September but this may be extended, as it has been poorly publicised.

b) Minutes and accounts from February 2008 to November 2011 have been archived. Receipt number 5813.

c) Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan can be viewed and commented on at transport.plan@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Consultation runs till 21st October.

d) letter from CCC advising that the cost of electricity for the two Parish Council owned street lights will increase from 1st October.

e) Letter from CCC advising that street lighting operation times will remain unaltered.

f) Allocation of address – Sallows Farm, 86 Hamerton Road.

g) Use of the Village Green – draft policy prepared by Cllr. Lomas, to be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Reports from Councillors.

Clerk to ask Highways to remove dead branches from a tree in Highfield Avenue.

District Cllr. Baker advised that HDC's finances were now free from government aid and that they were in a better position than CCC. County Cllr. Ashcroft advised that it had been a quiet month and that CCC continues to plan for the coming year.

12. Dates of the next meetings.

Monday 19th October, Monday 30th November. Both meetings start at 7.30pm at Alconbury Memorial Hall.

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