

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 29th June 2015 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Councillors present: Mrs. J. Baker, Mr. M. Bryan, Mr. R. Coulson, Mr. S. Lomas, Dr. C. McGregor & Mrs. H. Mobius.

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. L. York (personal), District Cllr. K. Baker (personal) & County Cllr. P. Brown (attending another meeting).

2. Declaration of Interests: None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 2015 : The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Alconbury Weald – The Clerk had attended the last meeting held on 4th June.

General - Negotiations are ongoing regarding the southern access on to the A141. Urban & Civic have not received any complaints regarding noise from the demolition works. Alconbury Airfield has been declared surplus by USAF but not by the MOD yet. However, The Stukeleys Parish Council have sent an open letter of complaint, protesting that the Parish Councils were not included in preliminary talks held by HDC.

Enterprise Zone – Groundworks have started for the Club Building. Funds have been released so that a start can be made on designing the Vocational Training Centre. Planning applications for the speculative buildings will be with HDC in August/September.

Residential – The first phase of 128 homes will be a joint venture between Urban & Civic and Hopkins Homes. Building will start October/November with the first occupation next summer. There will be no affordable housing in this first phase. Morgan Sindall will be building the first primary school. There will be an exhibition of the first phase of housing in the shop in Huntingdon and in the Incubator Building.

Chairman and Clerk to attend the next meeting on 3rd September at 9.30am.

b) Parish Council website – Cllr. McGregor advised that details on the old website had been removed but the provider will not close the site. The Clerk advised that the accounts had been loaded on to the new website – www.alconburywestonparishcouncil.co.uk

c) Repairs to roads & footpaths – The Clerk had emailed Highways regarding a complaint received about overgrown vegetation on the byway from Alconbury to Alconbury Weston. Highways will replace the broken wooden post outside 4 Hamerton Road with a reflector. The Clerk had contacted Highways regarding paint spillage on North Road but had been told that no action would be taken and it would be left to wear away. Clerk to report a pothole by the Village Green and potholes on the edge of the carriageway on Buckworth Road.

d) Reduction in the speed limit on North Road – Alconbury Recreation Field Charity agreed to make an application to the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Trust in order to release the £3900 put aside for the scheme. The Clerk assisted Laurence Rickard with the application and emailed the necessary documents to the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, who administer the fund. In the meantime, the Clerk is liaising with Highways over the design and cost of the scheme.

5. Parish paths.

Cllr. McGregor advised that footpath 5 had received a second cut and that he had also spent time cutting back hedges and removing dead branches.

6. Play area.

Cllr. Lomas advised that there were no issues to report.

7. Planning – 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. Awaiting result of the enquiry.

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. In progress. Clerk to ask for an update from HDC.

8. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Coulson proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) & (2) and approval of payment of items (3) & (4). Seconded by Cllr. Bryan and unanimously agreed.

(1) Mrs. D. Benham - £229.40, wages & expenses for May. Cq. No. 101023

(2) HMRC - £39.40, PAYE/N.I. Cq. No. 101024

(3) Mrs. D. Benham - £182.59, wages & expenses for June. Cq. No. 101025

(4) HMRC - £39.20, PAYE/N.I. Cq. No. 101026

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

9. Police matters.

The April crime report shows no recorded crime in Alconbury Weston. However, there were 4 reported crimes on the B1090 near to the A1.

10. Correspondence.

a) Houghton & Wyton Neighbourhood Plan - available to view 19/6 to 31/7 on HDC website.

b) A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Update for Stakeholders - forwarded to councillors.

c) Consultation on the revision of Cambridgeshire's strategy for flood risk management. Public consultation from 3/6 to 14/7. Questionnaire available at:

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/site/custom_scripts/cons_details.aspx?ref=369

d) Understanding Luminus: The essential councillor's guide – Meeting attended by Cllr. Bryan.

e) Tour of Cambridgeshire – emails regarding timings and road closures. Clerk to contact the race organisers asking for advance notice of the dates of any future event.

11. Reports from Councillors.

Cllr. Bryan advised that the Luminus meeting had been very informative with a presentation on the various activities and facilities provided by Luminus.

Cllr. Mobius advised that she had reported to the Environment Agency that large quantities of grass cuttings were being tipped into the brook from a property behind her own.

Cllr. Lomas advised that the Grand Fondo event had been a great success and that two villagers who had taken part, had qualified for a race in Denmark.

Cllr. Baker advised that she had spoken to the parishioner who wished to fund raise for a war memorial and asked the Clerk to confirm in writing that the Parish Council had no objection to this.

County Cllr. Ashcroft advised that the County Council continue to look at ways to make savings in the new financial year.

12. Dates of the next meeting.

Monday 24th August 2015 starting at 7.30pm at Alconbury Memorial Hall.

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