

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 4th March 2013 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Councillors present: Mr. M. Bryan, Mr. R. Coulson, Dr. C. McGregor (Acting Chairman), Mrs. H. Mobius & Mr. L. York.

Also present: District Cllr. K. Baker, County Cllr. L. Kadic, County Cllr. P. Brown & Mrs. D. Benham (Clerk).

In the absence of Cllr. Baker (Chairman) and Cllr. Lomas (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. York proposed that Cllr. McGregor chair the meeting. Seconded by Cllr. Coulson, unanimously agreed.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. J. Baker & Cllr. S. Lomas.

2. Declaration of Interests: None declared.

3. Public participation: No parishioners were present.

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 28th January 2013 : The minutes of the meeting held on 28th January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Alconbury Airfield – Cllr. Baker and the Clerk had attended a liaison meeting on 4th February. Responses to the outline planning application – CCC want the secondary school to be in the central area of the site, not near to tesco. HDC are not asking for more detail on the open spaces/community facilities at this stage but agree that there is a need for certainty over the percentage of green space within the site. Phasing will be in the reserved matters for the whole application.

The new site entrance opened on 18th February. The old entrance is closed except to pedestrians. Construction of the incubator building will start in March and be complete by November. Urban & Civic will be opening an information point in a shop in Huntingdon this month.

Steve Ingram confirmed that the new Local Plan will allow housing to be built without upgraded infrastructure being in place. He also advised that the results of the latest census indicated that the Local Plan will most likely need to contain the higher levels of housing shown in the examples in the consultation document. The Chairman and the Clerk will attend the next liaison meeting on 19th March 2013.

b) Diamond Jubilee tree planting – Still awaiting permission from the land owner.

c) Parish Council website/communication with parishioners – Cllr. Bryan had done some work on a prototype website and asked councillors to view it and return comments to him. Cllr. McGregor reminded councillors that it had previously been agreed that any new website should not contain a “comments” facility. Cllr. Bryan advised that parishioners could be able to register their details on the new website which would enable an e-mail to be sent to them each time new information became available. Item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

d) Water leak on Hamerton Road – reported to Anglian Water on 11th February. Clerk to report to Highways too.

e) Repairs to tarmac surrounding manhole cover on Hamerton Road – reported to highways on 11th February. Clerk to follow up. The Clerk advised that a pothole on Vinegar Hill had been filled and that Highways had advised that the drainage problem would be fixed after April 2013. Clerk to advise Highways that there appeared to be a further drainage problem further up the hill.

f) Anglian Water sewer replacement – work commenced 18th February.

6. No 46a bus service.

The Chairmen and Clerks from Alconbury and Alconbury Weston Parish Councils met with County

Cllr. Kadic on 18th February to discuss the future of the bus service beyond 31st March when the current funding runs out. County Cllr. Kadic advised that it will cost £64,000 to fund the same level of service for the year commencing 1st April 2013. Both Parish Councils have pledged money to support the service but this would still leave a very substantial shortfall in funding. Despite the large number of people who attended the two public meetings last year, it would appear that the bus service is poorly used according to figures produced by Nene and Ouse. County Cllr. Kadic advised that she has secured the service for a few more months so that the usage can be looked into more fully and other options explored. County Cllr. Kadic will be attending a meeting with Nene and Ouse and members of HDC tomorrow and will update the Clerk on any progress made.

7. To consider a request for a salt bin at the cul-de-sac end of Highfield Avenue.

Councillors agreed that salt bins should only be installed at known danger points such as bends and junctions and did not support this request.

8. Parish paths.

Cllr. McGregor advised that CCC had installed steps on the two areas of footpath 4 and 17 discussed at the last meeting at no charge to the parish. There will only be two cuts carried out on the footpaths in the coming year; the Parish Council will review and discuss financing additional cuts if required.

Cllr. York reported a complaint from a parishioner regarding litter on the grass verges either side of Vinegar Hill and a request for an additional dog waste bin. The Clerk will ask for a litter pick and advised that parishioners can also do this via the website www.huntsdc.gov.uk. Councillors agreed that there were already sufficient dog waste bins in the vicinity of Vinegar Hill.

9. Play area.

Carried forward to the next meeting.

10. Planning.

a) Update on previously discussed applications:

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

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

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* Further information received – Revised Flood Risk Assessment and plan accompanying unilateral obligation (refuse bins) received.

Councillors to advise the Clerk within 10 days if they wish to return any further comments.

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

b) Update on planning enforcement case:

0300179ENBCOM – Commercial building, Hamerton Road. No further update received from Nigel Swaby. Clerk to report that some glazing had been carried out to the windows.

11. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts:

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

(1) Mrs. D. Benham - £180.37, wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for January. Cq. No. 100937

(2) Mrs. D. Benham - £200.87, wages and expenses of Parish Clerk for February. Cq. No. 100938

b) Current position.

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

c) To consider a request for a donation from Alconbury Over 60's Club.

The Clerk advised that further information regarding the costs of the trip and the numbers of parishioners attending the club who lived in Alconbury Weston had been received. Councillors agreed that as a donation had already been made in the financial year ending 31st March 2013, that this request should be considered at the next meeting in April.

12. Police matters.

December crime report shows 2 recorded crimes in Alconbury Weston – “Other” near Springfield Road and theft near Alconbury Hill. January crime report – nil.

The Police and Crime Commissioner's Draft Plan is available to view at www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk . Cllr. Bryan advised that the police were to revive the Neighbourhood Watch schemes and residents were asked to re-register their details.

13. Correspondence.

a) Flood Action Group workshop – Saturday 6th April at the Environment Agency Office in Brampton 10am – 3pm. Cllr. Coulson to attend.

14. Reports from councillors.

Cllr. Bryan asked District Cllr. Baker if he could obtain minutes of the Woolley Hill Wind Farm RES meeting. Cllr. Bryan advised that CCC were signing a contract for rural broadband with BT. District Cllr. Baker advised that there would be a £5 per household increase in Council tax.

13. Dates of the next meetings.

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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