

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 24th November 2014 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

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

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

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. S. Lomas (attending another meeting), Cllr. H. Mobius (work commitment) & Cllr. L. York (personal).

2. Declaration of Interests: None received.

3. Public participation: There were no parishioners present.

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th October 2014 : The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Alconbury Weald – The Chairman and Clerk attended the last liaison meeting held on 14th October. Demolition work is in progress in the Enterprise Zone in preparation for three new buildings. These will consist of an amenity building, due to be completed in December 2015, a building for the Welding Institute, and a Vocational Training Centre, to be built with £10.5 million from the Local Enterprise Partnership. Three more buildings of 50,000sq ft, 25,000 sq ft and 15,000 sq ft are being planned and these may be built speculatively.

The planning application for the extension to the Alconbury surgery has been approved by HDC and will provide GP services for the first residents until a surgery is provided at Alconbury Weald. Building work to provide the first primary school on site, will start in June 2015 and planning for the secondary school will start in 5 years time, with a view to building in 7 years time.

Negotiations are continuing with Network Rail but there has been no further progress with regard to the southern access.

The next meeting will take place on 11th December at 9.30am.

b) Parish Council website – The Clerk will be seeing Mr Smith tomorrow and will ask for an update.

c) Cambridgeshire Future Transport – No further news.

d) Repairs to roads, footpaths and drains – the Clerk has reported the dip in the carriageway outside The Spinney. Work has been completed on the pipe that drains surface water from the junction of North Road and Church Way, into the brook. This has been done following the flooding of The White Hart on 8th August following very heavy rain. The Clerk attended Highways on 5th November to do a presentation in support of the Parish Council's bid for funding to lower the speed limit between Alconbury and Alconbury Weston.

6. Parish paths.

Cllr. McGregor advised that the footpaths were very muddy but that there were no other problems.

Clerk to write to the residents of Bridge House to advise them that a large branch from a willow tree believed to be on their land, has broken and is currently hanging down in the brook.

7. Play area.

The safety inspection was completed by Wicksteed Leisure on 11th November with no urgent repairs required. Cllr. Lomas has removed the remnants of the string from the basketball hoop. Cllr. Coulson agreed to grease the bearings on the turnstile. Councillors agreed that Cllr. Lomas should obtain a quotation from Stuart Fry to fill and seed the low areas highlighted in the report.

8. Planning.

a) New applications.

1401773FUL – Enlargement of pond and associated landscaping (retrospective). HDC has advised that this application is invalid as the address details were incorrect.

b) Update on previously discussed applications.

1401557LBC – Proposed triple garage. 72 Hamerton Road, Alconbury Weston. In progress.

1401318FUL – Erection of stable building for personal use only. Longacres, High Street, Alconbury Weston. In progress.

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

9. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Coulson proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (2) and approval of payment of items (3) to (6). Seconded by Cllr. McGregor and unanimously agreed.

(1) Mrs. D. Benham - £199.82, wages & expenses of Parish Clerk for October. Cq. No. 100993

(2) HMRC - £38.40, PAYE/NI. Cq. No. 100994

(3) ADCHC - £28.50, Room hire for meetings. Cq. No. 100995

(4) CCC - £116.88, street lighting energy. Cq. No. 100996

(5) Royal British Legion - £20.00, poppy wreath (Section 137) Cq. No. 100997

(6) Wicksteed leisure Ltd. - £54.00, play area safety inspection. Cq. No. 100998

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

c) Budget and precept for 2015/16 – Cllr. Coulson proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council set a budget and precept of £7000. Seconded by Cllr. McGregor and unanimously agreed.

10. Police matters.

The September crime report shows 3 recorded crimes in Alconbury Weston near to the B1090.

11. Correspondence.

Already circulated:

a) Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire County Council – consultation runs until 19th January 2015 and can be viewed at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

b) The Clerk has requested that Anglian Water tidy up the pumping station on High Street.

12. Reports from Councillors.

County Cllr. Ashcroft advised that CCC continue to look at ways to economise. County Cllr. Brown advised that Highways budget was under discussion and that there may be a little more money for winter gritting. District Cllr. Baker asked the Clerk to request that Highways put grips in the verge outside the cemetery on North Road so that the rainwater drains off the road.

Cllr. Baker advised that the residents of Church Way had received a letter from Luminus asking them not to park on the grass verges.

13. Dates of the next meetings.

Monday 19th January 2015 starting at 7.30pm at Alconbury Memorial Hall.

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Date.....

Alconbury Weston Parish Council budget for 2015/16

Clerk's wages	2400.00	
Meeting room hire	100.00	
Stationery, admin costs etc	500.00	
Audits	200.00	
CAPALC fees	260.00	
Local Council Review subs.	20.00	
Insurance	420.00	
Grass cutting	3150.00	
Footpaths & trees	500.00	
Maintenance of assets	100.00	
Public lighting maintenance & electricity	120.00	
Contribution to LHI scheme	300.00	(If successful)
Donations	<u>220.00</u>	
	8290.00	
Less:		
Grass cutting grant	1290.00	
Total budget & precept	7000.00	