

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council  
held on Monday 9 November 2020**

**As a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 the meeting was held remotely.**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** J Baker, P Baker, M Bryan, A Gillham, B Powley (Chairman) & A Stone

**Clerk:** Absent due to ill health

**Others:** Cllr Gardiner (From Item 83)

**75.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made

**76.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence given

**77.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of public were in attendance

**78.0 CO-OPTION**

The application for co-option received in advance of the meeting was withdrawn

**79.0 MINUTES**

Cllr P Baker stated that under item 74.0 he had reported the derestriction road sign to CCC not the culvert matter.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and it was agreed that they be signed by the Chairman when meeting in public is allowed.

**80.0 COVID-19**

Cllr J Baker advised that arrangements put in place for the first lockdown earlier in the year were still in place and so there was no need for any further action to deal with the second lockdown just starting.

**81.0 THURSDAY CLUB**

Cllr J Baker provided further information on the situation on the likely closure by Caresco of the Thursday Club. It was noted that a local resident was willing to take the lead in forming a local group to run the club in the future but there was a question over funding. Funds raised locally in the past had been forwarded to Caresco, although it was not known whether those funds remained ringfenced now that Caresco had advised that the Thursday Club was to be closed. Discussion took place on the charity status of Caresco and it was agreed that contact should be made to establish if the Thursday Club relevant finances could be handed over to a local group to run in the future..

**Resolved** 81.1 That Cllr J Baker undertake further research on options for managing the Thursday Club in the future

81.2 That the Clerk invite the Charities Commission to investigate what funds within Caresco rightfully belong to the Thursday Club.

**82.0 DEFIBRILATOR**

The information from London Hearts regarding the supply of defibrillators was considered. It was noted that the cost of each unit was approximately £1400. It was agreed that more investigation into the different type of units available and where the funding could be found should be undertaken before a decision was made.

It was noted that Urban & Civic had agreed to fund the purchase of a defibrillator for the village, although the funds were awaited. It was noted that permission had been granted by the property owner for it to be mounted on the external wall of the White Hart, along with supplying the power to maintain it in a working condition.

**Resolved** That Cllr Gillham be nominated as the Project Lead and that she provides a firm proposal for the next meeting.

**83.0 PARISH COUNCIL MERGER**

The Chairman provided a summary of a meeting held with Alconbury Parish Council attend by himself and Cllrs Gillham and Stone. District Cllr Gardener relayed advice on the next steps from the HDC Elections Officer who had recommended that consent was sought and a resolution to that effect be provided. It was noted that a further joint meeting was arranged later in the month and both District Cllr Gardener and the Elections Officer would be in attendance to provide additional knowledge and guidance.

**Resolved** That the Chairman continue to investigate to feasibility of a parish council merger

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**84.0 TOUR OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

It was noted that the 2021 race was planned for 6<sup>th</sup> June but details of the definitive route were not yet known. Cllr J Baker confirmed she had been in touch with the organiser and was awaiting a response

**85.0 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Grass cutting & village green – Cllr P Baker reported that the additional cut requested had been done and that it was unlikely any further cuts would be necessary before spring.

Speedwatch – Cllr Stone reported that, due to the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown and other restrictions, the speed watch sessions had not been restarted. It was noted that permission to erect the SID had been submitted but that clarification was required on some elements of the risk assessment. Cllr P Baker undertook to provide the Clerk with the necessary clarification.

Communication with Parishioners – Cllr Bryan reported that three articles had been submitted for the Parish Pump. It was agreed that a vote of thanks be recorded for the help from local residents over the Summer to keep the village barrier baskets in good condition

Flood Emergency Plan – Cllr Powley had no report to provide at the current time as they were still awaiting details from the EA as to when the next partnership meeting was to be held.

Flood Alleviation – Cllr Bryan had nothing to report.

Play Area report – Cllr Gillham confirmed that an application was to be made to the next round of Wooley Wind Farm Grants for assistance with new equipment based on the feedback from the Head Teacher. Cllr Bryan reported no concerns with the current equipment.

Parish Paths & Trees – Cllr P Baker confirmed he had contacted CCC regarding Footpath 3 at the rear of Chestnut Farm again but there was still no progress on clearing the obstructions. County Cllr Gardener undertook to look into the matter on behalf of the village.

It was noted that the dead tree beside the memorial had been felled and the wood offered to villagers.

The steps on Vinegar Hill leading to Footpath 3 were in a poor state; Cllr P Baker undertook to investigate.

Alconbury Weald Parish Liaison – Cllr J Baker reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> December and the minutes of the last meeting were yet to be received.

Grant Funding – Cllrs Gillham and Stone had no report under this item

Highway Liaison – Cllr P Baker confirmed he had reported the fallen speed sign on Vinegar Hill but no action had been taken by Highways. County Cllr Gardener agreed to chase the matter on behalf of the parish council  
Wooley Hill Wind Farm Grant Body – Cllr Stone confirmed she was now in communication with the relevant people. She confirmed that 2 applications had been received for funding and that these would be dealt with by email due to COVID19

Amey Waste Transfer Station – Cllr Bryan reported that there had been one complaint received and he would circulate the 6-monthly report by email. There had been no meetings and there were no issues to address

Parish Council Merger – See item 83.0

**Resolved** That all reports be received and noted

**86.0 PLANNING -**

Consideration was given to the application ref:- 20/01970/FUL - Proposed uPVC conservatory with warm roof to provide isolated area for resident / family visits Oakleigh Residential Home 22 North Road Alconbury Weston Huntingdon PE28 4JR

**Resolved** 86.1 Recommend approval

Members considered the disparity between the returned responses on planning application when it was received between meetings. It was agreed that Members should respond to planning application emails with either 'No Objection' or 'No Comment' if they are in agreement with the plans so that the Clerk can respond on behalf of the Council. If any objections were made, further discussion was needed before the response made on behalf of the Council

**Resolved** 86.1 Recommend authority is delegated to the Clerk to respond to Planning Application received between meetings

**87.0 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT**

The following payments were noted as being made: -

BEAM – Grass cutting	£570.00
Payroll & HMRC – October salary	£281.19
Haven Power – Street Light Energy (direct debit)	£9.74
Cllr Bryan – cement refund	£14.00
Payroll & HMRC – November Salary	£281.19
RBL – Poppy Appeal	£50.00

**Resolved** That the above payments be agreed and would be authorised by Cllrs J Baker & the Chairman

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**88.0 BUDGET REPORT**

**Resolved** That the Budget Report up to 31 October 2020 be received and noted

**89.0 BANK RECONCILIATION**

**Resolved** That the Bank Reconciliation up to 30 September 2020 be received and noted

**90.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr I Gardener gave a detailed verbal report, as far as he was able, on the proposed new 'Holding Pattern' route for Luton Airport. He indicated that 2 dates had been agreed for briefings with any resultant comments submitted to HDC for inclusion to be considered by the January meeting. Cllr He Individual PC's can attend the briefings and either submit their own submission or send comments to Cllr Gardener. It was noted that the consultation ends in February 2021 and to date only one resident had raised concerns.

**74.0 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

No comments from Councillors regarding matters affecting the village were made

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairman - Alconbury Weston Parish Council**

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