

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 25 January 2021**

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), S Rochford & A Stone

Clerk: A Benfield

Others: Mr Fedorowicz, Mr Harper-Harris, Mr Fares

109.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

110.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence given

111.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3 members of the public were in attendance, Mr Fedorowicz requested that 2 members of AWPC join APC sub group to discuss flooding matters in the 2 villages. He listed the others that were taking part and indicated that they were meeting on the following Thursday evening.

112.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and it was agreed that they be signed by the Chairman when meeting in public is allowed.

113.0 FLOODING

The Chairman provided an update on the recent flooding just prior to Christmas. The Brook rose very quickly and warnings were issued too late for people to prepare defences adequately. 20 houses and 3 businesses were flooded. Whilst the notice was very short there were no personal injuries, and everyone was aware of the situation as soon as it became apparent. Communication was good within the village although the notice from the EA was far too short. Comment was made that Alerts and Warnings were so late that the flooding had already started on the roads before they were received. The Chairman felt that this was exacerbated due to EA staff working remotely. HDC were undertaking an investigation into events to which the Parish Flood Group would contribute as necessary. The Group would also be working closely with Alconbury Parish Council on initiatives to help alleviate flooding in the future.

Resolved 113 That the above statement be noted
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113 That the Chairman report significant outcomes from both the HDC study and the
.2 alleviation work at future meetings as appropriate.

114.0 DEFIBRILATOR

Cllr Gillham was awaiting a response from the village's first responder on recommendations for equipment and installation options. It was expected that more information would be provided at the next meeting.

Resolved That the verbal report be received and noted.

115.0 PARISH COUNCIL MERGER

It was noted that both AWPC and APC have sought a governance review to be carried out by HDC. Although agreed in principle by both councils, The Terms of Reference were still to be formulated and agreed.

Resolved Received and noted

116.0 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Grass cutting & village green – Cllr P Baker reported there were no items to raise at the current time

Speedwatch – Cllr Stone – no update as no movement due to lockdown.

SID – Awaiting delivery of the next 3 mounting brackets

Highway Liaison – It was agreed that Cllr Rochford become the Highway Liaison Representative

Communication with Parishioners – Cllr Bryan – article submitted to Parish Pump on flooding.

Flood Emergency Plan – Cllr Powley reported that some lessons were learned during the recent flooding and that responses to these would be incorporated into the Emergency Plan. This would include incorporating any relevant recommendations from the HDC study referred to at Item 114.0 above.

Residents within the flood risk area have been encouraged to register with the National flood warning service and with their local flood warden but some had not done so and so were not well informed of events

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Flood Alleviation – The Chairman provided an update on what Flood Alleviation is about and what is being considered to alleviate some of the issues. The Alconbury Flood Partnership will be discussing this further at its next meeting.

Play Area report – Cllr Gillham – no update available at the current time. Cllr Rochford agreed to assist Cllr Gillham with this project.

Parish Paths & Trees – Cllr P Baker reported no trees matters. In response to a resident's question on the possibility of the whole of the concrete road alongside the A1 from the top of Vinegar Hill to School Lane in Alconbury, it was noted that the section within AWPC (from Vinegar Hill to the first holding pond) is a designated footpath already. The section from the holding pond to School Lane is not an authorised footpath but that section lies within APC's boundary, outside the jurisdiction of AWPC.

Cllr Bryan commented that the company who are responsible for the concrete road have indicated that they may give permission for its use without it becoming a right of way, something that was still the subject of discussion.

Alconbury Weald Parish Liaison – Cllr J Baker no meeting held so no report

Thursday Club delivered Xmas dinner to all members. However, 2 of the organisers were affected by the flooding so movement has slowed down but is ongoing.

Wooley Hill Wind Farm Grant Body – Cllr Stone nothing to report

Amey Waste Transfer Station – Cllr Bryan nothing to report

Resolved That all reports be received and noted

117.0 PLANNING MATTERS

To ratify comments submitted on planning applications between meetings:-

APPLICATION REF. 20/02363/HHFUL: Demolition of existing wooden garden shed and replacing with a new wooden garden shed with a concrete base. 72 Hamerton Road Alconbury Weston Huntingdon PE28 4JD - recommend APPROVAL as the development is in keeping with the street scene and not over development of the site.

To consider the following planning applications: -

APPLICATION REF. 20/02410/HHFUL: Single storey side extension 22 Highfield Avenue Alconbury Weston Huntingdon PE28 4JS

APPLICATION REF. 20/02539/HHFUL: Erection of two non-habitable rooms. One room to be a garden room, the second to be a combined games room and home gymnasium. Erection of 3m high timber fence to boundary shared with adjacent kennels. The Bungalow Old Vinegar Hill Alconbury Weston Huntingdon PE28 4JG

APPLICATION REF. 20/02550/HHFUL Single storey side extension. Removal of existing conservatory. Two storey rear extension. 28 Wheatsheaf Road Alconbury Weston Huntingdon PE28 4LF

APPLICATION REF: 18/01577/REM: Submission of reserved matters appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale) in respect of the Construction of a new access junction from the A141 including drainage and associated works. Land West Of The East Coast Mainline Railway And North Of Spittals Way Huntingdon

APPLICATION REF: 20/02590/FUL Proposal: Continued use of buildings and land for uses within Use Classes E(g) B2, B8, D1 and Sui Generis Uses (in accordance with drawing no. UAC003/003 rev L) for a temporary period of 5 years. Alconbury Airfield Ermine Street Little Stukeley

Resolved That approval be recommended for all applications listed

118.0 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

Payroll & HMRC – January salary	£281.19
Haven Power – Street Light Energy (direct debit)	£9.74
Morelock – SID brackets	£213.60
CAPALC – Cllr Training	£75.00
ICO – Data Registration	£35.00

Resolved That £1000 is transferred from CCLA to Unity to allow the above payments be made. Authorisation to be made by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

119.0 BUDGET REPORT

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

121.0 BANK RECONCILIATION

Resolved That the Bank Reconciliation up to 31 December 2020 be received and noted

122.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Gardiner reported that if anyone needs help during COVID should visit the CCC & HDC websites. He provided data relating to the support that has been provided since the original lockdown in March 2020.

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Following questions, he provided an update on the Luton Airport stack consultation.

123.0 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

Cllr Stone – requested that tree planting be including on the next agenda with each Cllr asked to consider where this would be feasible in advance.

Land ownership consultation – circulated between meetings – Cllr J Baker has started the process. She is waiting on the Land Registry to request more information. Cllr J Baker to report back to a future meeting when appropriate.

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Chairman - Alconbury Weston Parish Council

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