

ALCONBURY WESTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting held Monday 23rd August 2021 from 7.00pm, Upton Village Hall

MINUTES

	Who
21.0 PRESENT Councillors J Baker, P Baker, M Bryan, B Powley (Chairman), S Rochford & A Stone Clerk C Copley Others 5 Members of public	
22.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies received from District and County Councillor I Gardener, due to his attendance being required elsewhere.	
23.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None received.	
24.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Four members of the public addressed the Council with their concerns relating to planning item 29.0 below. The fifth member of public was here to observe the discussion relating to item 27.0 below.	
29.0 PLANNING 21/01343/OUT - Land North West Of 1 Chequers Close Alconbury Weston – Outline permission for the erection of up to 15 Dwellings. All matters reserved except access. Resolved At the Chairman's request, it was resolved to bring agenda item 29.0 (21/01343/OUT) forward to this point in the meeting to allow discussion to follow as it was the main focus of public participation. That the Council voted unanimously to oppose the application. The Council's response is appended to these minutes.	Clerk
21/01349/FUL - Buckworth Lodge Stud Buckworth Road Alconbury Weston - Retrospective application for driveway and crossover. Resolved To note the retrospective response from councillors in order to achieve the deadline for comments as follows; Alconbury Weston Parish Council unanimously agreed to continue to refuse to support the application on the grounds that the application is not in keeping with the surrounding area. It is believed that this was the second time that the Parish Council has been presented with this application and will it continue to recommend refusal on the same grounds.	Clerk
25.0 MINUTES The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 th June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman	BP
26.0 VACANCY The statutory period for electors to request an election to fill the vacancy, due to the resignation of Cllr A Gillham, has now passed without such a request having been made. Therefore, the necessary arrangements can go ahead to co-opt to fill the vacancy once an applicant has been identified.	ALL
27.0 PARISH COUNCIL GROUPING Resolved That the Elections Office of Hunts District Council be instructed to pause the review whilst the joint working group reconvene to work through matters in greater depth.	Clerk

28.0 FLOOD ALIEVIATION

Cllr Powley presented the monthly flood report from The Alconbury Brook Flood Group, which is appended to these minutes.

30.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- 30.1 Grass cutting and village green – Cllr P Baker had nothing to report
- 30.2 Speedwatch SID – Cllr Stone reported that Speedwatch will now be sharing its equipment with Alconbury Weald as well as with Alconbury. Approval has been sought to install another pole on the correct side of Vinegar Hill to resolve the issue with skewed figures. Cllrs Stone and Rochford will work on a possible LHI application for a 40mph speed reduction/buffer zone on Buckworth Road and Vinegar Hill. The Clerk has been asked to seek licenses from Balfour Beatty in relation to siting the SID on columns L17LB on Hamerton Road and L4LBUon North Road.
- 30.3 Communication with parishioners – Cllr Bryan reported that a joint entry between the two villages has been submitted to the Parish Pump. Cllr Bryan had also responded to comments made on Nextdoor in relation to the planning application 21/01343/OUT (see item 29.0 above).
- 30.4 Flood Emergency Planning – Cllr Powley had nothing to report.
- 30.5 Flood Alleviation Plan – Cllr Bryan advised that this item would be covered in future by referring to reports submitted by the Alconbury Brook Flood Group. The latter have undertaken to submit monthly reports on their activities.
- 30.6 Play Area – Maintenance – Cllr Bryan had nothing to report.
- 30.7 Parish Paths and Trees – Cllr P Baker had nothing to report.
- 30.8 Alconbury Weald Parish Liaison – Cllr J Baker reported that no further meetings had been held.
- 30.9 Highway Liaison – Cllr Rochford. It was resolved to remove this item and cover the matter under Speedwatch/SID.
- 30.10 Amey Waste Transfer Station – Cllr Bryan reported that no further meetings had been held.
- 30.11 Wooley Hill Wind Farm Grant Body – Cllr Stone reported the next meeting was due to be held in October
- 30.12 To consider any actions as required as a result of the above reports.

Resolved 30.2 That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for licenses to lighting columns.
That a budget figure is sought in relation to the LHI bid, in particular the Parish Council's contribution percentage, and presented at the next meeting for resolution in time for the deadline for the application (LHI bids deadline is 30th September).

30.9 To remove this item and cover under Speedwatch/SID.

30.0 To receive and note members updates.

31.0 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

To ratify those payments made between meetings:

Payroll and HMRC – July	£281.19
Expenses – Locum clerk – July	£ 10.35
Upton Village Hall – Hire June meeting	£ 20.00
Alconbury Parish Council – Locum Clerk fee May	£103.18
Alconbury Parish Council – Locum Clerk fee June	£233.40
Haven Power DD	£ 9.37

To note and agree the following payments are made:

Beam – grass cutting 01251/01265	£570.00
Payroll and HMRC – August	£281.19
Alconbury Parish Council – Locum Clerk fee July	£453.48
Haven Power DD 16.08.21	£ 9.74

- 31.1 To receive a request from Cllr Stone to attend Social Media Training via CAPALC at a cost of £45.00.

Resolved That the above payments be agreed for payment, which will be authorised online by Cllrs Rochford and P Baker, **by Friday 27th August.**
31.1 That a spend of £45.00 be agreed for Cllr Stone to attend the Social Media Training session.

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32.0 BANK RECONCILIATION

Resolved That the bank reconciliation be confirmed as correct and the Clerk to provide a spend against budget figure for the next meeting.

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33.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None received.

34.0 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

34.1 To note the following communications not previously circulated.

34.2 To receive comments from Councillors regarding matters affecting the village.

34.3 To agree items to be brought forward to the next meeting for further consideration.

1). To confirm the Parish Council's proportion of contribution to the pending LHI bid.

2). The Clerk to provide an expenditure against budget calculation.

3). The Clerk to provide members with a meeting actions sheet.

Clerk

35.0 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20th September 2021 – Venue to be arranged.

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