



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH OF ALBURY
NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
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Minutes of a meeting of Albury Parish Council held on

Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.30pm

In the **Memorial Library** for the transaction of the under mentioned business.



Present: Cllr J Brockwell (in the chair), Cllrs P Gellatly, R Hogben, A Kerslake, K Kinnes, G Robinson, S Scott, P von Radowitz
County Cllr K Taylor
PCSO Linda Cleary
2 members of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

42/14 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllr N Wenman

43/14 **Declarations of interest:** none were made.

44/14 **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 3rd February 2014:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

45/14 **Matters Arising**

24/14:17/14a: *Dog signs:* nothing further will happen in this respect until the weather has improved. This item is moved to *outstanding matters*.

38/14c: *Tillingbourne Together:* the recent meeting in the village hall had been well attended. Those attending had been advised that it was planned to submit another application for heritage lottery funding in May of this year. A further meeting is to be held on the 1st April and Cllr Hogben will give an update at the next Parish Council meeting.

38/14e: *Keith Balcombe:* Cllr von Radowitz attended the funeral, which was held at Shere church and was well attended. The funeral had been conducted by Dudley Gummer, together with Andrew Pearson. Mr Balcombe is buried at Albury. His years on the Parish Council had been mentioned, and the Council's flowers appreciated.

38/14f: *resident of Westonfields:* GBC Housing have been advised, and are investigating.

46/14 **Chairman and Clerks Matters arising**

- a) *Annual Assembly:* Cllr Scott advised that it was not possible to SCC to give a presentation at this meeting on Superfast Broadband, and they would now attend the May meeting. The Clerk asked for suggestions for a speaker and would approach Rob Fairbanks, Surrey Hills, and Gasp, as well as the original suggestion from Cllr Wenman of an expert on bees.

47/14 **Police matters**

PCSO Cleary advised that the area is very quiet at present. There had been one incident in Church Lane, where a flat bed truck had been used to steal York stone from a patio. The police had received a complaint about speeding between Chilworth and Albury, and planned to use speed cameras for the next month in this area.

Mr Moore asked if the spate of burglaries from sheds last year had now been resolved. PCSO Cleary understood that the perpetrators have been found. She would find out if it is possible to reclaim stolen property, if it is found by the police, and advise the Clerk.

48/14 **Open Forum:** *members of the public are welcome to attend and to ask questions or make representations*
a) *New Road:* Mrs Goddard complained about the state of New Road. Cllr Brockwell advised that the

Council are in discussion with SCC about this, and other highway matters.

- b) *Edgeley Park*: Mrs Goddard advised that two of their low loaders had been parked at the edge Sandy Lane, and were taking up most of the road, which could have caused an accident.

49/14

Committee reports: Facilities

Cllr Brockwell reported as follows:

- a) *Shere traffic calming*: it was noted that the vehicle count promised by SCC had been implemented after the new signs had been put into place.
- b) *Strimming*: Euan Randall had strimmed from the bridge to the A25, under the hedge and against the Estate railing. He has also strimmed around the posts adjacent to the Tillingbourne in the Street.
- c) *30mph sign*: unofficial signs have been erected in three locations, at the top of Little London, New road north of the level crossing, and the bottom of Brook Hill. The Clerk would report this to Gavin Smith.
- d) *Farley Green*: Cllr Brockwell had met with two residents with properties adjacent to the ditch at Farley Green, regarding the part of the ditch next to August Lane, which is now taking in silt. One of the residents had hired a consultant regarding the flooding at his house, who had recommended a silt trap. Cllr Brockwell undertook to speak to the Countryside Access officer in this respect.
- e) *Bridleway*: a new blue sign has been fitted to the finger post, it needs to be placed in a different position.
- f) *Ride lane*: a great deal of water is again coming from Ride Lane along the front of Farley Hall. Cllr Brockwell will raise this with Luke Dawson.
- g) *Bench on heath*: a call from a resident about a bench that is falling apart, Cllr Hogben will investigate.
- h) *Old Rectory*: water from Newlands Corner via Water Lane is running through their property in The Street. A GBC engineer has visited the property but is of the opinion that it is a SCC problem
- i) *Traffic Regulation Order for Ride lane*: Cllr Taylor advised that he would prefer this option to a road closure. Cllr Brockwell did not believe this would improve the situation.

50/14

Committee reports: Community Development

Cllr Hogben reported as follows:

- a) *Old Mill Passenger refuge*: Environment Agency permission has now expired, Highways has not statutory power to ignore the owner's refusal to permit the installation of the refuge, and it seems that there is no solution. There is a perception amongst some residents that Mr Moore, from the Old Mill, has caused the problem, rather than the Eshelbys, who own the land. Mr Moore suggested that the proposed passenger refuge be moved a little further along, so that it is on Estate land instead. Cllr Hogben will speak to Michael Baxter.
- b) *Village Hall*: nothing had been heard from the cricket club, although it was understood that they intend to speak to Michael Baxter during the current week.
- c) *Superfast Broadband*: Cllr Scott reported that SCC will attend the Parish Council meeting on the 12th May.
- d) *Albury Matters*: The latest edition was published and distributed to the whole Parish last week.
- e) *Defibrillators/ Community First Responders*: As advertised in the Albury Matters the Village Hall has been booked for CPR Training on Saturday 29 March. Cllr Hogben hoped that all councilors would attend.
- f) *Village Allotments / Community Orchard*: The formal application to IGas Community Grant has been submitted for £8,500.00. Results are expected by mid April.
- g) *Riverside Open Space*: Nothing further has been done to move this project forward. We still have the £5,500.00 Community Grant money from IGas for its development into a village asset. It continues to be on APPAC's agenda, albeit linked to the possible change of use of the Village Hall.
- h) *Malcolm's Bottom - Village Green / Open Space*: No further progress of this potential important Community Asset has happened. It still remains a priority for Albury's enhancement and hope that a common accord with the Estate can be achieved.
- i) *Memorial Library Disabled Toilet*: Plans have been drawn up by William Cassels and cost implications are currently being done by Jeremy Croucher. Permission has been given by the Estate and, hopefully grant applications can be instigated within the next two weeks. (GBC has

invited Community Grant Applications by the end of March)

- 51/14 **Committee reports: Village Hall:**
Income from 1st April to 31st January: £9373.00.
Debtors to the end of December: £920.00.
- 52/14 **Committee reports: Planning and Environment**
Cllr Gellatly reported as follows:
- a) *Heatherview*: the house has now been sold and the new owners have moved in.
 - b) *Edgeley Park*: a letter has been sent to GBC, giving the Council's view that the latest application is invalid. GBC have sent further plans. Cllr Gellatly requested an extension for a further response, which has been received, and the planning application will be discussed at the planning meeting scheduled for Monday 10th March.
 - c) *Old Planning applications*: Cllr von Radowitz has asked Mr Balcombe's family to return old planning applications to the Council, if they find them.
 - d) Planning list of determined applications had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- 53/14 **Committee Reports: Parish Plan committee:**
- a) Cllr Hogben reported that the informal meeting on the 17th February had been reasonably well attended. The committee had suggested that an update be sent out to all residents, and this would cost in the region of £150. It was agreed that objectives needed to be more defined before advising the parish, and that they had received an update through *Albury Matters*, so any further information at this stage was unnecessary.
 - b) *Scoping Report on traffic through Albury*: members approved a scoping report by Colin Davis, of CJDA Ltd, who has been involved in the proposals that have led to the traffic calming in Shere, as well as schemes in Godalming and Mole Valley. Cllr Taylor had kindly agreed to fund this report from his allowance, and would advise John Hilder and Bahram Assadi of this project.
- 54/14 **Finance**
- a) *Management report to 31/01/14* had been circulated prior to the meeting
 - b) *Cheque list for February*: the expenditure of 1982.79 for the month was noted and approved
 - c) *Grants for 2013/14*: a grant of £500 to the Hurtwood Trust, £200 to the Church, £150 to Surrey Air Ambulance and £100 to the Saxon church was PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr Gellatly, with all in favour.
 - d) *Precept*: Albury has again the highest Parish Council tax in the Borough, but an increase of 2% on precept amounts to only £750, whereas the parish has to find as an example £2,000 towards the external decoration of the hall, so a large part of next year's extra fund requirements will be met from reserves.
- 55/14 **Igas wellsite.**
Nothing to report at present.
- 56/14 **Albury Landfill site**
Cllr Robinson had been aware of an odour from the site in the last month, but it was noted that drilling was taking place, and recognized that it had also been very wet.
- 57/14 **Commemoration of World War I**
- a) *Poppies*: The Clerk advised that she had received some requests for poppy seeds. She would keep a record of where residents were sowing seeds, so that those sown by the Parish Council could take this into account. Cllr Kerslake suggested that children could be involved in this part of the project, and it was agreed that she should speak to the school. Cllr Brockwell would check when the Borough Council planned to strim through the village, to ensure that they would not cut down the poppies.
 - b) *Horse Parade*: Cllr von Radowitz is waiting for a date to be confirmed by the participants. Once she had this, she will work out a route.
 - c) *Memorabilia*: Cllr von Radowitz will speak to Jeremy Croucher, who has a large collection of WWI

memorabilia.

58/14 **Outstanding matters**

Shophouse Lane: unsuitable for HGVs sign. this should be raised at Local Committee by the Council, and Cllr Taylor copied in to the correspondence.

59/14 **Councillors business: for noting or including on a future agenda**

- a) *Benches*: it was agreed that these would be discussed at the next Facilities meeting, date to be arranged at the Annual Meeting. No funding had been allocated to date.
- b) *Website*: Cllr Hogben would like the picture section on the website to be better presented.
- c) *Edgeley Park*: the current planning application is on the agenda for the Planning meeting scheduled for the 10th March.
- d) *Church Lane*: the ditch on the bridal path is almost full again and the sleeper is almost covered.
- e) *Bonfire at Westonfields*: one of the residents has had another noxious bonfire. The Clerk will advise GBC Housing department.
- f)

60/14 **New Correspondence**

No new correspondence had been received.

61/14 **Open Forum**

- a) *New Road*: Mrs Goddard raised this issue again. Cllr Brockwell clarified the recent meetings with SCC Highways, and advised that the Local Committee would be applied to for funding for remedial work.
- b) *Bench*: a memorial bench, belonging to the Trust, which had been next to the Cairn, was now in Mr and Mrs Goddard's garden, Mr Goddard having renovated it. No response had been received from the Trust regarding their plans for it.
- c) *Edgeley Park*: the Clerk was asked to write to the company to advise them that the unloading of chalets along New Road is unacceptable.

62/14 **Dates of meetings**

Full Council:	7 th April, 12 th May
Annual Assembly:	28 th April
Planning:	10 th March, 31 st March
Facilities:	to be arranged at Annual Meeting
Community Dev	to be arranged at Annual Meeting
Village Hall:	to be arranged at Annual meeting
Parish Plan:	10 th March, 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.22pm