



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

PARISH OF ALBURY
NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Albury Parish Council held on

Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm

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



Present: Cllr S Scott (in the chair), Cllrs MA von Radowitz, P Webb
County Cllr K Taylor
1 member of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

- 43/17 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllrs J Brockwell, G Firth, R Hogben, G Robinson
Apologies were noted from Borough Cllr R Billington
Members noted with regret the resignation of Mr Peter Gellatly at the beginning of the year, and recorded grateful thanks to him for all his work for the Council, particularly in respect of Planning, in his capacity as Chairman of the Planning Committee.
- 44/17 **Declarations of interest:** none were made.
- 45/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6th February 2017:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 46/17 **Matters Arising**
25/17: *Leak on Farley Green:* Thames Water advised that they had found a leak point at a stop cock further up the Green and have repaired in and reinstated the Green. The Clerk will monitor.
26/17: *Bus shelters:* members ratified the decision to proceed with the repairs of the Council's bus shelters, at a cost of £1,290.
25/17: *Welcome pack:* Cllr Hogben wished to rewrite the pack before it goes to print. Members agreed to this, subject to the work being completed in time for circulation and approval at the April full Council meeting. If this work is not complete, it was agreed to continue with the existing pack, which is ready for printing.
28/17: *Newlands Corner:* the Planning Inspectorate has allowed the application by SCC to carry out restricted works on common land, comprising the installation of 3 pay and display car park machines with associated signage.
- 47/17 **Chairman and Clerks Matters arising**
- Website and newsletter report:* the Clerk will send out a newsletter on the following: Annual Parish meeting; allotments, vacancy for a councillor.
 - Defibrillator report:* All are in full working condition.
 - Brook Crossing:* Cllr Brockwell had met with representatives from Network Rail and Bahram Assadi, SCC, to discuss the proposals for re-grading the crossing. The design is currently in outline form. It has been agreed that the diversion will not be via Brook Lane.
 - West Surrey Stroke Care services consultation:* a consultation has been launched by the NHS on proposed improvements to stroke services in West Surrey by consolidating specialist stroke services at two hospital sites in West Surrey: Frimley Park and St Peters. The consultation papers had been circulated. The Clerk will write a letter of support to the Mayor of Haslemere, who had written with his concerns. She will respond to the consultation launched by NHS North West Surrey and ask to be kept fully informed. Cllr Taylor would ascertain whether SCC is making a formal response. Cllr Webb will advise if she has any further information and will update full council on any developments and any action required

- e) *Tree Survey*: due to a recent county court ruling concerning trees on parish council land, the Clerk recommended that the Parish Council carries out a tree survey on all its land, either owned or rented. This was **agreed** and the clerk will now proceed to obtaining quotations. It was also **agreed** that the survey should be conducted bi-annually.

48/17 **Police matters**

The latest police statistics for the area are: 8 crimes in December, 4 anti social behavior, 1 violence and sexual offences, 2 'other' (includes, for example, forgery), 1 possession of weapons. These were noted.

49/17 **Open Forum**: *members of the public are welcome to attend and to ask questions or make representations*
Newlands Corner: Mrs Darling pointed out that the Inspectorate's decision had ignored the fact that there had been 1400 objections, including those from three parish councils. There is no information about the proposed solar panels, and no statement about possible CCTV, which would have an enormous impact. SCC had stated that no work would be done on the downland, but had then installed benches on concrete bases, without applying for Commons Consent. Neither had Commons Consent been applied for with respect to the sale of Christmas trees, or for the motorcycle sales promotion weekend held recently. Members **agreed** that SCC and SWT would be advised that this Council does not support creeping commercialization.

Regarding the proposed play structures, these would be subject to planning permission, which had not yet been applied for. Cllr Taylor said that they would not be a priority in the current financial climate.

50/17 **Committee reports: Highways, Byways and Open Spaces**

Highways: Cllr Scott

VAS training: a training course has been arranged for 11th April, and one space allocated for a representative from Albury. It was agreed to be most practical if this person lived in the village, and the Clerk will contact Cllrs Hogben, Robinson and Rowland to request that one of them takes this on.

Finger Posts: new finger posts had been installed at Farley Green. Members **agreed** to remove the finger post at the end of Brook Lane, subject to agreement from the residents which Cllr Webb would seek to receive within the next 14 days.

Ponds Farm: the pile of earth by the gate, arising from clearing the ditches, will be spread out.

Quiet Lanes: Cllr Scott advised that Cllr Wright had prevented Albury Parish Council from attending a recent meeting in Shere. Peter Hitchins is unwell, so no progress will be made at present, but Cllr Scott had asked for a police statement on putting up signs banning HGVs and David Munro, Police Commissioner, had agreed to take this back. The Clerk will establish the name of the Chief of Police for traffic in Surrey and invite him to the next de-cluttering meeting, in conjunction with Liz Cutter and Rob Fairbanks. Cllr Scott had asked Rob Fairbanks if a timetable for this area could be agreed.

Cllr Scott was anxious for a timetable to complete the de-cluttering project and pointed out the unsatisfactory situation that SCC had not agreed to remove most of the signs that had been identified.

Byways: Cllr von Radowitz

Cllr von Radowitz will meet with Cllr Brockwell on his return.

Open Spaces – Cllr Rowland

Ride Lane: the deadline to receive objections has been reached, but the result had not yet been communicated.

51/17 **Committee reports: Community Development**

Cllr Hogben

Disabled toilet: IGas have offered to fund a discrete part of the work, if they receive estimates before the end of March. The Clerk recommended that the funds are used to upgrade the existing disabled toilet, in order that they are not lost. The remainder of the work, once it has been agreed, can be carried out once a specification has been drawn up, quotations received and the remainder of the funding obtained. Cllr Taylor hoped that it might be possible to retain the SCC grant in the same manner. Members **agreed** that the Clerk should proceed on this basis.

The Clerk has requested drawings from the Estate architect and will meet with a plumber to obtain estimates for the work to the existing toilet, in order to investigate a cost effective and feasible alternative within budget lines.

- 52/17 **Allotments**
Cllr Robinson
Cllr Webb reported that there will be an allotment meeting on the 22nd April, at 10.30am , and it is hoped that Malcolm Clarke will come to talk about bee keeping. The Clerk will convene the meeting. The Clerk is meeting with a representative from IGas on the 13th April, at mid-day and will advise the allotment users accordingly.
- 53/17 **Committee reports: Village Hall:**
The Clerk reported as follows: work needs to be done to the thermostat in the hall. Bookings are healthy and are on target to achieve over budget. The village hall meeting scheduled for Monday 13th will not take place, as members are currently away.
- 54/17 **Committee reports: Planning and Environment**
Planning applications received and planning applications determined by Guildford Borough Council
a) Planning list of determined applications had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
b) *Edgeley Park:* in response to a Letter Before Claim, GBC have reviewed their decision to grant a Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of land at Edgeley Park, for the siting of 5 holiday lodges (16/P/02131) and confirms that it intends to instigate the revocation procedure. This revocation is subject to a 14 day representation period.
- 55/17 **Committee Reports: Parish Plan committee:**
No further action will be taken until the Clerk has heard from the Borough Council concerning the consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 56/17 **Finance**
a) *Cheque list for February 2017* had been circulated and the expenditure of £4178.24 was noted and approved.
b) *Management report to end of January 2017* had been circulated and was noted.
c) *Grants:* members considered Parish Council grants to local organisations for the current financial year and **agreed** to a grant of £250 each to Albury Church, Friends of the Hurtwood, SALV and Surrey Air Ambulance.
- 57/17 **Igas wellsite.**
No report had been received.
- 58/17 **Albury Landfill site**
The Clerk has been in contact with Suez to ascertain whether the tree planting programme is on target, but has not yet heard. She will also organize the site visit planned for the spring.
- 59/17 **Outstanding matters**
The list was discussed and it was noted that the posts next to the Tillingbourne had been reinstated.
- 60/17 **Councillors business: for noting or including on a future agenda**
a) *Mobile phones in meetings:* Cllr Scott advised that the Clerk will ask all members to ensure that their phones are switched off during meetings, as from the next full Council meeting.
- 61/17 **New Correspondence**
a) *Prudential Ride London:* will take place on 30th July.

62/17 **Open Forum**

63/17 **Dates of meetings**

Full Council: 10th April (*please note change of date*), 8th May Annual Meeting

Planning: 13th March, 3rd April

Community Dev:

Highways:

Parish Plan

Village Hall: to be rearranged.

Annual Assembly: 24th April

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.