



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 1st July at 7.30pm

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



Present: Cllr J Rowland (in the chair), Cllrs J Brockwell, S Dennis, P Gellatly, G Robinson,
P Yeoman
County Cllr K Taylor
8 members of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

Public question time:

Farley Green posts and boulders

Cllr Rowland confirmed that the posts had been removed and the stones would remain until the banks had been built up to protect the driveways. He believed this was a fair compromise, and suggested that thought needs to be given to protecting Farley Green, with increased traffic from new housing developments.

The resident explained that these had been installed to prevent their driveways from being further eroded as vehicles, including large lorries, used this point of the layby to make a U turn.

Cllr Rowland explained that, although there had been some initial investigations into grassing over the layby, it was accepted that this was not feasible as it was shown as a Track on the original plans. Cllr Dennis asked if it would be possible to reach a compromise which protected the residents' driveways, preserved the green and was acceptable to all other residents.

It was agreed to hold an informal meeting after the planning meeting on the 15th July to discuss this in depth and to try to reach a solution.

Road Screen

Mr Moore explained that he had erected a screen between his property and the road to make the property more secure. They had been visited on a number of occasions by a group of young people who wanted to use their land to fish in the river and who, when challenged, had assaulted Mr Moore. The police would not offer assistance.

Members agreed the following:

- a) to write to the police and express horror at their lack of action.
- b) To write to the Police Crime Commissioner and the new Chief Constable to ask for an explanation.
- c) To ask the police why we receive no information about serious offences recorded in the parish.

AGENDA

79/19	Apologies for absence: all members were present.	Action
80/19	Declarations of interest: <i>Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that</i>	

item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter

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82/19 **Matters Arising**

Other than those contained in the agenda.

- a) *29/19c: parish defibrillators*: It was agreed to arrange for the first heated cabinet to be installed at the church. **Clerk**
- b) *Farmers Markets*: this will not be actioned for the time being
- c) *Farley Green*: surfacing and edging.
Members considered the advice given by Hedleys, solicitors regarding the installation of posts and boulders on Parish Council owned land, and agreed that this would be discussed further at the informal meeting to take place on the 15th July.

83/19 **Chairman and Clerks matters arising**

No further matters were raised.

84/19 **Police matters**: Crime statistics for April 2019: Dorking Road (Chilworth border): 5 burglaries, 1 public order; Water Lane: 1 drugs; Albury Street: 1 violence and sexual offences; Silent Pool car park: 1 drugs; Drove Road: 1 anti-social behaviour; Belmont Copse: 1 anti social behaviour.

85/19 **Committee reports**: to receive brief reports on the following:

Highways, byways, traffic: Cllr Brockwell

- a) Minutes of the meeting held 10th June: were noted.
- b) *Meeting of Surrey Hills Highways working group*; a resident of Hydestyle had taken a video of the large volume of traffic through the village, coming from Dunsfold and Cranleigh through to Milford. Cllr Dennis advised that a small forum may be set up within the NP group to consider traffic. Cllr Rowland suggested that the resident be asked if he would do a similar video for Albury.
It was noted that Colin Davis had agreed that the Albury pinchpoint traffic calming scheme had not worked. It was further noted that great deal of the block to progress was caused by Surrey Highways inability to take action but accepted that they are understaffed and have no capital reserves to call on.
- c) *The Street*; the road near the Tillingbourne is collapsing. Cllr Taylor advised that SCC Highways Structures department have agreed to undertake a survey.
- d) *Guildford Lane*; Cllr Taylor confirmed that the corner by the farm will be cleared shortly. It was apparently not possible to do the work at the same time as the surface dressing. The ditch will be cleared at the same time.
- e) *A248 junction*; members discussed the measures needed to reduce accidents. Cllr Taylor confirmed that the 40mph speed limit and signage will be completed this financial year.
- f) *Village gateways*; the village gateways in Clandon had been moved. Cllr Brockwell suggested that the ones in Albury could be better placed. This would be discussed with Bahram Assadi.
- g) *Depression in the road on the A25 near Silent Pool*; Patrick Giles is considering the appropriate action to remedy this.
- h) *Park Road*; the gullies need to be cleared.
- i) The finger post at the end of Brook Lane has been removed. Cllr Brockwell will speak to Highways. **JB**

Outdoor maintenance: Cllr Yeoman

- j) *Grass verge at the corner of New Road;* the Clerk will discuss the lack of maintenance with GBC Parks.
- k) *Brook Hill;* Ben Nicholson has agreed to cut both sides of Brook Hill with a flail. It was agreed that he should be asked to go ahead. **PY**
- l) *Bench in recreation ground;* Cllr Yeoman has removed the rotten bench, but has left the hoops for a replacement.
- m) *Benches in amenity area;* Cllr Yeoman has mended both of these.

Open Spaces: Cllr Rowland

- n) *Additional equipment in the recreation ground;* the Chairman and Clerk had met with a further company the previous week, who had produced a quotation for exercise and additional play equipment for a total cost of £8,000, a more competitive quotation than the others received. It was hoped that the equipment would be installed before the autumn. Cllr Rowland PROPOSED that the quotation from Proludic be accepted, **Clerk** SECONDED by Cllr Dennis, all in favour.
- o) *Cricket club nets and floodlights;* Cllr Brockwell reminded members that the Parish Council had purchased the nets and floodlights for the cricket club, and that they remained the property of the parish council. He did not believe that the club used the lights anymore and would like to take them back for parish use. He will discuss this proposal with the cricket club, on the basis that they could borrow them if needed. **JB**

Planning and Environment: Cllr Gellatly

- p) Minutes of the meeting held 3rd and 24th June had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- q) *Cheynes;* field gate. GBC enforcement had undertaken to investigate.
- r) *Enforcement list;* there were no new cases opened, but none closed.

Village Hall: Cllr Brockwell

- s) *Keys;* following the recent incident when the keys were removed from the key safe, it was agreed to install a second key safe, with keys to be used in an emergency. **Clerk**
- t) *List of contacts;* Cllr Rowland to be added to the list. **Clerk**

Allotments: Cllr Robinson

Cllr Brockwell undertook to talk to Alex about the proposed community orchard.

Communications: Cllr Dennis

- u) *Website;* updates to the website were ongoing.
- v) *Council email addresses;* Cllr Dennis and Julia McClung would set up Gmail addresses for all councillors. The Clerk would also have a Gmail address, as it was agreed that there was no benefit to continuing to use her current email address, which is expensive.
- w) *Parish Vulnerable People;* members agreed that it would be helpful to update the list before the winter. Cllr Dennis PROPOSED that Mrs Pat Webb be invited back to council, to take on this responsibility. This was SECONDED by Cllr Robinson, with all in favour. The Chairman will write. **JR**

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Dennis reported as follows

A meeting of the Steering group will take place in September. Jon Dowty will be asked to present his Vision Proposal document to the Steering group and explain NDO's and CRTB and how they might work in Albury Parish. The Parish Councillors will be invited to attend. Cllr Brockwell reiterated his understanding that the NP should be moved forward without housing,

which would be introduced later on, as housing splits communities. Cllr Dennis explained that the meeting in September is for John Dowty to explain his proposals to the NP Steering Group. It will be up to the Steering Group to decide if they feel either CRTB or NDO's might or might not be suitable and neither could be adopted without the agreement of GBC and Albury Parishioners at referendum. This meeting is not intended to be site specific and there is no reason why this should cause division in the community. The meeting is designed to be fact finding only.

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Finance

- a) Cheque list for June 2019: Members approved the cheque list and expenditure for the period of £1258.20
- b) Management report for May 2019: this was noted.
- c) Bank reconciliation statement for current account: May 2019
Members noted and agreed the bank reconciliation to the current account statement, then signed by the Chairman of Finance.

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Councillors business: for noting or including on a future agenda

- a) *Albury Produce Show*: members agreed not to have a stall this year, as there was no particular project to advertise.
- b) *Landfill site*: the Clerk was asked to organise a public site visit for the autumn. **Clerk**
- c) *IGas*: Cllr Brockwell had met with a representative of IGas, and reported that the site is up and running.
- d) *Effluent in ditch at Farley Green*: this had been investigated by the Environment Agency, and appeared to have been resolved before their visit.
- e) *Trees at railway cutting*: the Clerk will ask Network Rail to remove the cut timber. **Clerk**
- f) *Surrey Hills decluttering*: Cllr Brockwell had not been invited on the tour to inspect the decluttering. As a consequence, one sign had been missed. He undertook to investigate further. **JB**
- g) *Village signs*: Cllr Brockwell undertook to investigate their state of cleanliness. **JB**

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New Correspondence: tabled at the meeting.

- a) Letter of thanks from Mr and Mrs Balshaw for increase in their wages.

90/19

Dates of meetings

Full Council:	2 nd September, 7 th October
Planning:	15 th July, 5 th August
Highways & maintenance	5 th August
Communications	23 rd September

The meeting closed at 10.22pm