



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

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Minutes of a meeting of Albury Parish Council held on
Monday 6th September at 7.30pm in the village hall
for the transaction of the under mentioned business.



Present: Cllrs S Bevan, J Brockwell, S Dennis, A McCann, J Rowland, P Yeoman
County Cllr R Hughes
Borough Cllr R Billington
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

- 101/21 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Brockwell, Proposed by Cllr Rowland, Seconded by Cllr Gellatly, **Action**
all in favour.
- 102/21 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllr Robinson
- 103/21 **Declarations of interest:** none were made
- 104/21 **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6th July 2021:** were agreed as a correct record of
the meeting and signed by the Chairman
- 105/21 **Matters Arising**
- a) *Edgeley Park evictions:* members discussed the current threatened evictions
from Edgeley Park. Cllr Hughes was anxious that vulnerable people, who appear
to have been misled about the terms of their tenancies, should be protected.
Members agreed to Cllr Dennis' letter to the Monitoring Officer at GBC as the
logical next step. Cllr Billington advised that he was still awaiting detail on what
the Borough Council intended to do about Haulfryn's actions. **Clerk
RB**
 - b) *Future projects list:* Cllr McCann was of the view that the Parish Council should
have projects to take forward, citing as an example the creation of walking routes
through the maintenance of the local footpath network. At present there is no
place for projects on the agenda. Cllr McCann and the Clerk will discuss. **AM/Clerk**
 - c) *Councillor emails:* Members noted the action to move to using their Councillor
email addresses. **All**
 - d) *IGas application:* discussed at the planning meeting held prior to this meeting.
- 106/21 **Clerks Matters arising**
Clerk and RFO: The Clerk advised that she intended to retire at Christmas, having worked
for Albury Parish Council for over 27 years. A vote of thanks was recorded.
The following actions were agreed:
- a) The Clerk's job description would be circulated to all members **Clerk**
 - b) A staffing committee will be set up to recruit a new clerk. Membership to be
agreed. **All**
 - c) The Clerk will ask SALC for advice. **Clerk**
- 107/21 **Police matters:**
- a) Meeting with the new PCC: at the time of the meeting, the Clerk had received
email acknowledgements from the PCC's office but nothing more. Cllr Hughes
offered to talk to the PCC's deputy and this was gratefully accepted. Subsequent
to the meeting, the Clerk was able to make contact with the deputy and it has
been arranged that the PCC will attend the Parish Council meeting on the 1st

November.

- b) Crime Statistics: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/area/your-area/surrey/guildford/albury-shalford-compton-holy-trinity-shere-gomshall-peaslake--farley-green/about/crimes-in-area>. This web page has more information than the statistics page.

108/21 **Committee reports:**

Highways, Byways and Traffic: Cllr Brockwell

- a) Cllr Brockwell had been approached by a resident concerning trees and hedges overhanging the footpaths. **JB**
- b) Cllr Brockwell reminded Cllr Hughes of the need to investigate the undulations in the surface of the A25 near Silent Pool. **RH**
- c) Cllr Dennis suggested that residents have 20mph stickers on their bins, as she had seen in other parishes. The Clerk will research this. **Clerk**
- d) Cllr Gellatly reported the brambles covering areas of now open grass on the bends that were compulsorily purchased by SCC Highways to improve the visibility on the previously blind bends, that are becoming overgrown and need to have undergrowth kept cut back. Mowing the grass up to the undergrowth that encroaches further each year into the grassed areas is not sufficient. around Farley Green. Cllr Brockwell will arrange for this to be dealt with. **JB**

Outdoor maintenance: Cllr Yeoman

- a) The ditch at Church Lane has been cleared. **Clerk**

Open spaces: Cllr Rowland

- a) Members discussed the track outside Carmanagh Lodge. This is not Ride Lane and it is understood that the Parish Council is not required to maintain it. The Clerk will confirm this position with SCC.
- b) The ditch at Farley Green is cleared and is running well.

Planning and Environment: Cllr Gellatly

- a) planning meeting minutes 19th July had been circulated. **Clerk**
- b) A planning meeting had been held prior to this meeting.

Village Hall: Cllr Brockwell

- a) Hirers are returning, but not in great numbers.
- b) Members discussed the possibility of not renewing the lease on the hall at the next renewal date, but keeping the lease on the library. The Clerk will write to the Estate and request that the rent is reduced, reflecting the impact of Covid.

Allotments: Cllr Robinson

The unused area needs to be strimmed and sprayed.

Communications: Cllr Dennis

- a) Albury Matters was distributed in July.
- b) There will be a SALV meeting in the hall in November.

109/21 **Environmental Projects**

- a) *Surrey Hills Community Forum – extension to the AONB:* Cllr Hughes had requested information on how parishes could sponsor an area, but had not received a response yet. He understood there would be a consultation and stressed the importance of parish councils considering where the AONB should be.
- b) *Cycling events:* Cllr McCann reported that there is a lot of activity in the cycling

world. The changes in the environment and the popularity of cycling will mean that there will be an increase in cyclists in the area. It is important that a better national cycling policy is developed, which would enable Parish Councils to be more pro-active. Members agreed to join in the process to establish a broader agreed policy with landowners, national bodies and local cycling groups.

- c) *Surrey Hills*: making better use of the resources: Cllr McCann was of the view that the Parish Council could make more use of the activities happening in the Surrey Hills.
- d) *Possible wildflower meadow at Farley Green*: after discussion, members agreed that this would not work, and will not be pursued. It will be costly to create and will require maintenance.

110/21 **Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Dennis reported as follows:

- a) A grant of £10,000 had been approved to move the NP on and assess potential sites for affordable housing.
- b) The project may qualify for a further £8,000 Locality Grant subject to a grant application.
- c) After discussion with Locality, it was agreed it would not be possible to use AECOM for provisional site assessments because they are not equipped to provide sufficient detail
- d) The consultant is currently looking at the group's reports and will now start work on site assessment. More work needs to be done on design in order to meet changes in the NPPF. e.

111/21 **Finance**

- a) Cllr Brockwell will review the spend on Farley Green, the recreation ground and ditches, which is currently high. He noted that all areas are looking good, and worth spending money on. **JB**
- b) The contractor will be asked to cut the grass on the amenity area again, and at the bus shelters. **JB**
- c) The top of Brook Hill on the right hand side will be added to the maintenance schedule.
- d) *Draft Management report to 31st August*: Noted and approved.
- e) *Payments to 31st August*: the spend of £14,715.48 to the end of this period was noted and approved.
- f) Bank reconciliation to end July: noted and approved.

112/21 **Landfill site:**

Annex 7: Information Boards. Members considered the proposals in the report and agreed to apply for funding for an information board, showing a viewpoint diorama, through GBC Grant Aid. If this application was not successful, an application would be made for S106 funds.

Clerk

113/21 **Councillors business:** *for noting or including on a future agenda*
No further matters were raised.

114/21 **New Correspondence:**

- a) Surrey Voice: Summer edition

115/21 **Dates of meetings**

Full Council: 4th October, 1st November, 6th December
Planning: 27th September, 18th October, 8th November

The meeting closed at 21.31.

