



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

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Minutes of a meeting of the open spaces, maintenance, and highways & byways committee
Monday 5th August, 2024 at 19:30 in the Memorial Library
for the transaction of the under-mentioned business.

MINUTES

1 Apologies for absence: Cllrs Edwards, Bevan, Robinson, and McCann

Attendees: Cllrs Sandra Dennis (Chair of Meeting), Peter Gellatly and Greg Baker.
Meeting was also attended by Mr John Brockwell

2 Declarations of interest: *Members are requested, in accordance with the Local Code, both the existence and nature of any “personal” or “prejudicial” interests they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.*

None received.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting;

Clerk to resend minutes.

4 Request from Cllr Edwards for another Cllr to take on the responsibility for organizing maintenance of the footpaths. It was agreed that Cllr McCann would be asked to take ongoing responsibility for maintenance of footpaths. It was requested that he contact SCC and ask for their schedule of trimming footpaths which they do once per year. APC should then draw up its own schedule for doing a second trim later in the year, as footpaths have traditionally been strimmed bi-annually.

5 Report from Cllr Edwards

A report had been circulated by the portfolio holder Cllr Edwards prior to the meeting and was reviewed as follows:

Farley Green Tree-the new Liquid Ambeer has now been planted and all watering equipment has been purchased and received. The contractor has been asked to clear a 50cms radius around the Lime trees on Farley Green and fill with bark chipping to assist with growth.

Viewpoint sign at SITA site-this has been reinstalled and approved works completed.

Verge cutting Farley Green-most of the work has been completed. Invoice pending.

Ditch clearing the Warren-now completed. All costs have already been approved by Council. At the last minute the contractor was changed to an Albury Estate contractor who completed the work at a more competitive cost.

Rubbish bins at Westonfields Recreation Ground and Riverside picnic area- The bin at the picnic area has now been emptied and removed. The new bins have been purchased, delivery date is still pending. The total costs for annual emptying of the bins will be £680 p.a. This cost was agreed by those attending the meeting.

Defibrillators-All have now been replaced or repaired where necessary. The pads will need to be replaced every 2 years. SCC have agreed to have the heated cabinet at Newlands Corner connected

through the Discovery Centre, which will supply the electricity supply. William IV pub in Little London have also agreed to allow APC to use their electricity for the defibrillator. Cllr Edwards will get a quote for connecting the defibrillator to the electricity which William IV is willing to pay for. Cllr Edwards will speak to SCC to see if they will pay for quote to connect the defibrillator at Newlands Corner. Mr Brockwell advised that this cost should be paid by Surrey Wildlife. The meeting discussed the defibrillator at Farley Green and requested an update from Cllr Edwards regarding connection to electricity in the former phone box. It was suggested that putting a sub electricity meter at Cllr Edwards property solely for the defibrillator might be a cheaper alternative if he is willing to have this.

Allotments: Cllr Edwards advised that these still need to be strimmed and sprayed to get rid of brambles and make them usable. We have potential tenants who would like this completed before they start their tenancy. This will be deferred until the next meeting as allotments are the responsibility of Cllr Robinson.

6 **Any other business:** None

7 **Councillors Business;** *for noting or including on a future agenda.*

Verge near bus stop and village entry sign by New Road/Sherbourne needs cutting. Cllr Edwards was requested to ask Matt Hiley to do this.

The Street (West side of post office)-the verges and flower troughs seem to have been missed off the village tidy up and there are areas that are overgrown. Cllr Edwards was asked to address this with Matt Hiley.

The triangle Albury Heath (at cricket club) needs post repairs and reinstalled due to recent damage. Request for Cllr Edwards to address this with handy man.

The Street road repairs: Cllr Dennis asked the meeting if there was any update on communications from SCC regarding dates for closure of the Street whilst it was repaired and new lines painted as to date this had been handled poorly. Also was there news about when the white lines would be painted in the village. This will be addressed with Cllr Hughes and put on next Council meeting agenda for update as closing this main road without clear notification is not acceptable.

Sherbourne/New Road: The earth that was piled on the roadside verges has still not been removed. Clerk will ask Cllr Hughes to chase this. Clerk to put this on next Council meeting agenda.

Sherbourne hedges: Cllr Edwards requested to contact Richard Chittenden to trim the hedges on the Albury Park side of Sherbourne and cut the hedge to be lower on the footpath side. This is normally the responsibility of SCC but we have always done this in the past.

Meeting ended at 7.50pm

8 **Date of the next meeting:** TBA.