



# ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

## **PARISH OF ALBURY NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Local Government Act 1972**

Notice is hereby given of an **extraordinary** meeting of Albury Parish Council which will be held on

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 6.00pm**

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

### **AGENDA**



38/12

#### **Apologies for absence**

39/12

#### **Declarations of interest**

*Members are requested to disclose, 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*

##### Personal Interests

*For guidance purposes, a member should disclose a personal interest if it is anticipated that a decision on it may reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of himself or herself, a member of his/her family or a friend, or a body employing those persons, or for which those persons have any degree of ownership, control or management to a greater extent than other council taxpayers, ratepayers or inhabitants of the authority's area.*

##### Prejudicial Interests

*Having identified a personal interest, a Member must consider whether a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably think that the interest was so significant and particular that it could prejudice that Member's judgement of the public interest. If that is the case, the interest must be regarded as "prejudicial" and the Member must withdraw from the meeting.*

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#### **Power of Well Being**

*Statement of Intent:* The Parish Council fulfils the four conditions set out in the Parish Councils (Power to Promote Well-Being) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2008, which are based on some of the criteria in the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme. The Well-Being Power is very broad and removes the need for local councils to rely on other legislation in order to take particular action.

The four conditions set out in the Prescribed Conditions Order and which are met by the Parish Council are:-

- A qualified Clerk
- A minimum of two-thirds of vacancies on the council filled at the last ordinary elections, further clarified by an indication that when exercising the power, at least two-thirds of members must have stood for election.
- 80% of councillors trained in the use of the Well-Being Power;
- A published statement of intent as to community engagement.

The Parish Council to RESOLVE that after allowing a two week period for the Statement of Intent as to Community Engagement to be published, all four conditions laid down in the Parish Councils (Power to Promote Well-Being) (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2008 would have been met and therefore they adopt and will be eligible to use the Power of Well-Being from 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 until the day before the next relevant annual meeting.

#### **Village Shop and Post Office:**

Members to consider and agree the following:

1. That the Parish Council should use the Power of Well Being, now adopted, and all reasonable endeavours to assist in securing the future of the post office and shop in the village of Albury.
2. That a sub committee should be set up for this purpose, and that the sub-committee should have the authority of the Parish Council to negotiate on its behalf with all interested parties, including the Estate and the Post Office. Notwithstanding that all decisions must be agreed by vote by full Council, the committee to be given the authority to spend up to £2,500 with the sole purpose of securing the immediate security of the shop. Any proposal to spend Parish Council funds to be circulated to all members by e-mail, in order that the proposal can be vetoed by a majority or an extraordinary Council meeting called to discuss the matter further, should this be requested by the

majority.

41/12 **Councillors Business:** *for noting or raising on a future agenda.*  
42/12 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March: **Mayor's visit.**