78/09: Open Forum.
John Rowland: Albury Village Residents' Association: will write shortly to set out concerns, which will provide a platform to discuss residents issues.
Chris Gill: personally no confidence in the council in the way this project was put forward initially. The project has been discussed behind closed doors, and should have been put to the parishioners before going to Borough Council. The proposed plans affect him personally. He believes that the PC should look after the interests and concerns of parishioners first and foremost. He would like to see the village stay as a village and not become urbanised. He was also concerned about traffic in Church Lane.
The village is not dying: he had been here for 40 years, and some people in this room had been here longer. They would not say that the village is dying.
Cllr Wenman: the plans had been devised with good intentions. They had clearly upset an enormous number of people, which was not the intention. With hindsight, it was clear it could have been handled a lot better and in that respect he gave the PC's apologies. He wanted to make it clear that these were only ideas. There had been discussions with GBC and the Estate, no discussions with SCC. No plans had been forward to GBC, nor would they be unless the majority of not only the parish but also Albury residents wish us to do so. As they currently stand, the plans will not get the support of Albury village. This Council would not move forward unless it had the support of Albury residents as well as the residents of Albury Parish.
Chris Gill: People in Brook, etc, are not affected at all, so don't count in this situation.
Cllr Wenman: The Parish Council represents the parish, so cannot exclude the rest of the parish. Regardless of what the parish thinks, if the residents of the village of Albury do not want the plans to go ahead, then they will not go ahead.
Carole Robinson: Anybody who works for Albury Estate or lives in their houses will not be able to vote fairly. They will be members of the Residents Association but will not have a vote.
Cllr Wenman: voting will not be in public, it will be subject to the Data Protection Act. The Parish Council does not want to move something forward which the majority of Albury Village does not want. The Parish Council will set up an Advisory Committee and welcomes the formation of the Residents Association. The scheme as it is will not go ahead. A variation of that scheme, which might not include the new playground and affordable housing, could perhaps move forward.
Resident: the plans should be scrapped.
Cllr Wenman: had already said that if the plan did not have public support it would not go ahead. It was up to the advisory committee to decide what elements to bring forward to the parish council. The parish council will not move any plan forward that did not have public support. It may be that the advisory committee would decide that some elements would get parish support. The advisory committee must look at the plans objectively and decide if there is anything that should be moved forward. The plans will be dealt with piece by piece, it might be in the end that what is left is not viable, in which case the whole project will be scrapped.
John Rowland: Requested confirmation that the plan that goes forward may not have anything to do with commercial viability, it might just be for the good of the village.
Cllr Wenman: agreed.
Resident: very unfair that the plans got to this stage.
Cllr Wenman: the Advisory Group had not been planned initially, although it had been intended to go through a thorough consultation process before the parish council moved forward. We took the view that the plans should be discussed in the way we did because we

thought that, until we had feed back from GBC and Albury Estate that the plans were viable, we did not want to put them into the public domain.
Resident: is the Advisory Committee to include the Resident's Association?
Cllr Wenman: it should include a resident from each area of the parish. He agreed that the Residents Association should be part of the advisory committee. 33 people had come forward to be part of the committee, clearly not everyone can be involved.
Resident: The Residents Association should decide who is on the committee and should decide on numbers.
Cllr Hogben: PROPOSED that the plans to date should be withdrawn, the Advisory Committee should move now forward from this point and start the plan again from the beginning, but taking anything from the current plans that was workable. This was SECONDED by Cllr Croucher with all in favour, except Cllr Brockwell, who abstained from voting.
Cllr Robinson: must move forward in a transparent way, so that all of the council is aware of what is going on.
Mrs Robinson: how can you undo the ideas put forward to GBC?
Cllr Wenman: there were no actual plans, and no connection between these plans and site allocations whatsoever.
Cllr Wright: this government decided that all villages should be encouraged to think progressively. Parishes should be encouraged to take an interest in their communities future.
Cllr Wenman: there has been no pressure from any direction to do this.
Cllr Chapman: When is advisory committee to be set up?
Cllr Wenman: the initial plan was that Cllr Nicholson should chair the initial meeting, the plan now is to meet the village association earlier than that to move this forward.

Mrs Carlino, Amber Heights: wanted to know why Parish Council had refused her request for a gate onto the common, for access for horses and farm machinery.
Cllr Wenman: had taken a look earlier in the day. The council's original decision not to grant access onto Farley Green was because of the track that would be created. That still stood. Cllr Gellatly pointed out the impact was not just whilst she lived on the green, but what future residents might do. The parish council wished to keep the Green as it is now and has been for some time.

Pat Grayburn: queried the status of the telephone boxes: Cllr Wenman advised her that the box at Farley Green had been sponsored by the parish council, and we had asked BT to paint it. The box at Brook had been adopted by the parish council at a cost of £1 and would be cared for by local people.

Pat Grayburn: Landfill liaison committee had not met for some time. Cllr Wenman advised that Cllr Nicholson hoped for some progress with SITA before holding another meeting.