



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH OF ALBURY
NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Albury Parish Council held on
Monday 6th June at 7.30pm

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



Present: Cllr N Wenman (in the chair), Cllrs J Chapman, P Gellatly, R Hogben, A Kerslake,

G Robinson, P von Radowitz.
Borough Cllrs R Billington and D Wright
3 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

101/11 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllr J Brockwell

102/11 **Declarations of interest:** none were made

103/11 **Minutes of the Annual Meeting held 23rd May 2011:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the chairman, after the following amendment:
87/11: Ewan Randall had not cleared the pavement as stated, but the grass area above it.

104/11 **Matters Arising**

63/11:44/11: VAS: Cllr Gellatly and Cllr Brockwell had met with PC Matt Redfern and had been advised that it would be necessary to replace the 30mph repeater signs with taller poles to take the VAS equipment. The Clerk will contact Mr Banisaied. Referred to *Facilities*, to bring back to full Council when a proposal has been drawn up.

67/11: Recreation ground: the grass has been cut and a sign banning dogs has been re-installed. Work is being undertaken to the goal posts so that the small ones are safe and netting can be used on the standard ones.

75/11a: Posts on Farley Green: Cllr von Radowitz suggested that, rather than installing posts to keep cars off the grass verge, the area should be made into a layby.

Referred to *Facilities* to investigate. Members noted that a formal petition would be required to reverse the decision to install posts, as it had been made within the last 6 months.

75/11k: Bench at Sherborne: this has been installed.

98/11a: borders of safer surfacing under multiplay equipment in Recreation ground: This has been referred to the *Facilities* committee

98/11b: safer surfacing: the Clerk has asked the village handyman to dig this over, as it has become very compacted despite regular raking.

98/11d: Trees on Albury House Land: the Clerk has written to Latchmere Properties, GBC Parks Department and Roger Taylor at Hedleys to seek advice about these.

98/11e: Nettles on footpath to recreation ground: these have been cleared.

98/11f: Speeding cars: the Clerk has spoken to the PCSO re the speeding cars in Church Lane and Westonfields. He had advised that he could not take action as he had no witnesses; the Clerk would seek advice from PC Nick Sharpe.

98/11i: rubbish at cricket club: the Clerk has asked the Cricket Club to clear the rubbish by the pavilion.

Tuppers Alley: This was agreed to be in a very good state and thanks were recorded

to Matt Hiley.

105/11 **Clerks Matters arising**

- a) *Vacancy:* Members noted that, due to the resignation of Mrs S Robinson before the Annual Meeting, a casual vacancy had arisen in the Parish Council. The vacancy had been advertised and, if the electorate did not call for an election, a co-option onto the Parish Council can be made at the July meeting.
- b) *Power of Well Being:* Due to the casual vacancy, the Parish Council cannot currently fulfill the criteria of having 80% of councilors trained in its use. The resolution passed at the Annual Meeting has therefore become void.
- c) *Safety Report on recreation ground equipment:* this has been received. All matters raised were currently being actioned: pedestrian gate does not close, fencing pulling away from posts in this area, rubbish bin full and rear access panel not fitted (this has been resolved), multiplay structure needed treating. Allianz Engineering had suggested that the slide be replaced, as it is dented, but this was not a requirement.

106/11 **Police matters:**

No report had been received but Members were advised that the cricket pavilion had been broken into recently and that the sight screen had been broken.

107/11 **Open Forum:**

Network Rail: Rob Kelly thanked the Parish Council for its guidance and support so far concerning the communication mast. He advised that Network Rail are now not answering his questions and would not attend a site visit. Mr Kelly outlined the issues:

1. The initial letter from Network Rail had spoken of a monopole rather than a lattice mast, and the pictures accompanying the letter had shown a monopole mast.
2. The Surrey Hills AONB board are statutory consultees but they were not consulted. Network Rail's Town and County Planning section had said that they had consulted with GBC, who had advised that this was not necessary. GBC had confirmed that they had no record of this.
3. In 2006 the proposal to GBC for the mast had given the grid reference for where the mast was finally put. However, in 2007 a different site was agreed, close to the original site, and this had remained the same until May 2010. Between May and August the location had been moved and there was no record that Network Rail had worked with GBC to change the position.

Mr Kelly wished to copy his response to Mr Flindell openly, so that Network Rail was aware that he was not conducting a one-man crusade, and so that the community was involved. Members agreed that the Parish Council would be included. Cllr Wenman suggested that Mr Kelly also pursue a legal challenge.

The following was agreed:

1. Cllr Wright would talk to the planning officers at GBC regarding the statement made by Network Rail, and would establish what else could be done.
2. Cllr Wenman would write to Rob Fairbanks of the Surrey Hills AONB Board, as Chairman of the Council, and express the Council's concern that this matter had not been pursued.
3. The Clerk would write to the Chairman of Network Rail regarding their lack of response.

108/11 **Committee reports:** *Facilities:* there was nothing to report as no meeting had taken place.

109/11 **Committee reports:** *Community Development*

- a) *Mill bus stop:* Land and Water had now submitted a quotation for re-establishing a passenger refuge, of approximately £15,000. Cllr Hogben had originally been led to believe that the work would cost around £5,000.
- b) *Environment Enhancement Award:* Cllr Hogben had put in an application for

this award, and had published a special edition of Albury Matters to draw together all the work that had been done in this area.

c) *Meeting*: the committee would meet on the 18th July.

109/11 **Committee reports: Village Hall:** Due to resignation of a member, the committee is without a chairman. Cllr Wenman would chair the committee until the co-option to the vacant seat on the Council is completed, and then the chairmanship would be reviewed.

111/11 **Committee reports: Planning and Environment**
Planning: *Planning applications received and planning applications determined by Guildford Borough Council*

Applications received: Members noted that minutes from planning meetings and responses to GBC are filed in the planning file, tabled at the meeting.

Applications determined by Guildford Borough Council

11/P/00391 Edgeley Caravan Park

Upgrade/replacement of existing sewage treatment plant and expansion/refurbishment of drainage field

Approved with conditions

11/P/00611 Edgeley Caravan Park

Proposed installation of 6 no bulk gas compound

Approved with conditions

112/11 **Finance**

- a) *Annual Return and statement of account:* members received the Annual Return, internal auditors report, and statement of account for the year ending 31/3/2011. Cllr Hogben PROPOSED that members approve the Annual Return and auditors Report. This was SECONDED by Cllr Gellatly, with all in favour. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Return and Statement of Accountability. The Accounts are now available for public scrutiny.
- b) *Cheque list:* the list of invoices approved and cheques drawn from 1/4/11 to 1/6/11 had been circulated and was approved.
- c) *Section 106 monies:* the Clerk would establish whether there would be a S106 agreement attached to Albury House, and whether the Parish Council could be involved in drawing it up, to give a wider remit than just recreation.

113/11 **Star Energy**

A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 23rd June, to discuss the conclusions and implications of the appraisal drilling.

Rob Kelly recalled the campaign to preserve Sandy Lane and Blackheath, and said that the area is quite magical and the fight very worthwhile.

114/11 **Albury Landfill site**

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 23rd May had been circulated before the meeting. The application for restoration will now go to SCC committee in July. It is expected that filling of the site will be completed by the end of this year.

Cllr Hogben complained about the view of the landfill site from New Road. Where the site is being built up, the rubbish is not being covered on the side slopes and 20 metres of rubbish is exposed. Cllr Hogben will take photographs, the Clerk will write to Sita, the Environment Agency and SCC.

115/11 **Councillors business: for noting or including on a future agenda**

- a) *Country File:* Cllr Kershaw advised that the next programme was scheduled to come from the Surrey area.
- b) *VAS:* Cllr Gellatly advised that PC Matt Redfern had offered to supply a machine on a post for one week which would record the size and speed of vehicles. The Clerk would contact PC Redfern concerning this.
- c) *Hedge:* Cllr Gellatly advised that it was very difficult to see down the road when crossing the road from the post office, because of the hedge on the property next door which was growing out over the pavement. The Clerk would write.

- d) *Sherborne Bus Stop*: Cllr Hogben reported that this was out of service, for no apparent reason. The Clerk would contact the Passenger Transport Group.
- e) *Pharmacy in Shere*: Cllr Hogben reported an application for a pharmacy in Shere, and it seemed that this happened every five years. He considered it very important that Shere surgery kept its dispensary, which would inevitably go if the pharmacy was allowed. Members **agreed** that the Parish Council should write in support of the surgery, as they considered it important that elderly people in particular should be able to pick up their medication immediately they left the surgery.

116/11 **New Correspondence**
None had been received

117/11 **Open Forum**
No further matters were raised.

118/11 **Dates of meetings**
Full Council: Monday 4th July 7.30pm, *no meeting in August*, Monday 5th September, Monday 3rd October, Monday 7th November. All at 7.30pm.
Facilities: 27th June
Community Development: 18th July
Village Hall: 8th August.
Planning and Environment: 6th June, 27th June, 18th July, 8th August

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.