



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH OF ALBURY NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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Minutes of a meeting of Albury Parish Council held on

Monday 4th July at 7.30pm

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



Present: Cllr J Brockwell (in the chair), Cllrs J Chapman, P Gellatly, R Hogben,
A Kerslake, G Robinson, P von Radowitz
Borough Cllr R Billington
PCSO Paul Hyde
3 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

119/11 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllr N Wenman.

120/11 **Declarations of interest**

122/11: Albury Produce Show: Cllr Brockwell and Cllr Gellatly declared an interest in this item, as members of the organizing committee

121/11 **Minutes of the Meeting held 6th June 2011:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

122/11 **Matters Arising**

107/11: Network Rail: Members were advised that Network Rail had agreed, following a site visit, to replace the lattice mast with a monopole. Cllr Hogben proposed that a letter be written to the Chief Executive, who had organized the replacement, congratulating him on taking this action. This was **agreed**.

115/11c: Hedge: The Clerk has written to the neighbour to the Post Office concerning the overhanging hedge, but so far no action has been taken. Cllr Chapman undertook to speak to the person concerned.

115/11d: Sherborne Bus stop: this is now back in service. No explanation had been received for why it was withdrawn from service.

115/11e: Pharmacy in Shere: A letter in support of the surgery has been written. The initial consultation period has been completed and copies of all correspondence received by the NHS Primary Care Support Service was tabled at the meeting. The matter will be considered by the NHS Surrey PCT's Pharmaceutical Regulations Panel.

Rubbish at Cricket Club: Cllr Brockwell advised that he and Tim Wall intended to clear this on Thursday 7th July.

Tuppers Alley: garden rubbish had been thrown over a fence and into the Alley. The Clerk would write to everyone whose garden bordered the Alley.

Albury Produce Show: Members were asked to consider a grant to Albury Produce Association of £250, in recognition of the organization and execution of the Village Day. Agreement to this grant payment was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Robinson, **SECONDED** by Cllr von Radowitz, with all in favour. Cllr Brockwell and Cllr Gellatly abstained from this vote.

123/11 **Clerks Matters arising**

- a) *Vacancy:* the electorate has not called for an election, so the vacancy will be filled by co-option at the September meeting. The vacancy will be advertised in the parish magazine and on noticeboards, and applicants invited to speak to the Clerk in the first instance for more information. Applications would be invited until the end of July, the Clerk would ask all applicants to write a short paper on their interest in the Parish Council, and these would be circulated to

members during August.

- b) *Power of Well Being:* After discussions with SCAP&TC, it has been agreed to hold a training session at Cranleigh PC offices in the early autumn.
- c) *Community Clean ups and nominations campaign 2011:* GBC have asked for nominations for areas in the parish that need extra attention: eg: footpaths, pavements, sweeping, cutting back. It was **agreed** to request that the pavement behind the hedge from the A25 to New Road be cleared, and the pavement through the village to Parkers Hill.

124/11 **Police matters**

104/11:98/11f: speeding cars: PCSO Paul Hyde has written to the car owner.

- a) *Olympic road race:* PCSO Paul Hyde gave some leaflets to Cllr Chapman for display in the Post Office, which advised on the route.
- b) *Speed checks:* PCSO Paul Hyde had carried one out in the village to help with the decision regarding whether a VAS system is worthwhile. He had registered 58 vehicles between 3.15 and 4pm, 21 of which were doing 30mph or less, 28 just over 30, and two doing 40 and 42mph respectively. Those two drivers would have received a letter. The automatic registering system which PC Matt Redfern is to supply for use in August will also be of interest, as people would of course slow down when they saw a uniform.
- c) *Albury Heath:* Young people have been seen driving on the Heath.
- d) *Farley Green:* two people had oil stolen from their premises. PCSO Paul Hyde has arranged for an article in the Parish Magazine, advising people on how to keep their property safe.

125/11 **Open Forum:**

- a) *Albury Picture:* A relation of the person who used to run Pratt's stores had given Mrs Sherman an old picture of Albury and she asked if it could be hung in the library, as the History Society's archives are now in Woking. This was **agreed**.
- b) *Rubbish behind the cricket pavilion:* Mrs Goddard had telephoned the Borough Council about this and was told that Albury Heath did not have a cricket pitch. Cllr Brockwell advised that he had discussed how to handle the rubbish problem with Tim Wall, and it had been noted that a large refuse lorry parks on the Heath, and the smaller lorries bring rubbish back to it. It might be possible to arrange with them to move the rubbish on a regular basis.
- c) *Recreation Ground:* Mr Lethbridge advised that the football posts had been moved, and the one that needed welding was now completely broken.

126/11 **Committee Reports:** *Policy and Resources:* Minutes of the meeting held 16th June had been circulated. Cllr Brockwell asked Committee Chairman to give the Clerk any other items for committee targets, in order that the Business Plan can be approved at the September meeting.

127/11 **Committee reports:** *Facilities:* minutes of the meeting held Monday 27th September had been circulated.

- a) *Recreation Ground:* there are a number of jobs to be carried out. An area of concern is the overhanging trees from Albury House. The Clerk will pursue an answer from the owner regarding a tree survey, and also from Roger Taylor, SCAP&TC's legal advisor. Cllr Brockwell will speak to the Borough Council.
- b) *Dogs in Recreation Ground:* There is one dog in particular which is constantly in the recreation ground. Measures need to be taken to ensure that he cannot access the recreation ground. The Clerk is meeting with the Dog Warden the following day and will seek advice.
- c) *Temporary Closure of Ponds Lane:* this had been agreed at Local Committee
- d) *Footpaths:* Mr Hiley had been asked to trim a number of footpaths in the parish.

128/11 **Committee reports:** *Community Development:* Cllr Hogben reported as follows:

- a) *Mill Bus Stop:* The big stumbling block now is the cost of restoration. Cllr Hogben had spoken to Mr Varley, Surrey Passenger Transport, but there are no funds available. He would now submit a question to Local Committee.
- b) *Environment Enhancement Award:* The judges are to visit Albury on the 12th

July at 4.15pm.

- c) *Produce Show*: Cllr Hogben would like to be able to display the artist's impression of the proposed LPG plant at the Star Energy site. The Clerk would discuss this with their PR representative.

129/11 **Committee reports: Village Hall:** Booking Clerk: Lisa Keech has agreed to take on this role, from the end of July.

130/11 **Committee reports: Planning and Environment**

Cllr Gellatly advised that the planning application for Albury House was to be decided by GBC planning committee the following day. Officer's recommendation is to approve.

Planning: *Planning applications received and planning applications determined by Guildford Borough Council*

Applications received: Members to note 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

131/11 **Finance**

- a) *Statement of account to 31/3/11*: This had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Capital Reserves: Cllr Brockwell proposed that the cost of a number of items recently purchased be taken from Capital Reserves. This will free up some funds for unallocated reserves. These items are:

2009/10

Oak posts:	£578
Post reflectors	£30
No entry signs	£20
Traffic Safety mirrors	£106

2010/2011

APC Banner	£80
Bench for New Rd bus stop	£183
Post reflectors	£23
Instanta auto boiler	£297
Soap dispensers and first aid kit	£108
Vacuum cleaner	£73

It was **agreed** that approval of this proposal be deferred to the September meeting.

- b) *Financial report to 30/6/11*: this was noted and approved

- c) *Cheque list*: this was noted and approved.

132/11 **Star Energy**

Minutes from the meeting held Thursday 23rd June and Press Release: had been circulated.

The recent appraisal showed that it would not be economical to use the site for gas storage at this time. Instead, Star Energy proposed that the site is used for the production of LPG, to be used for electricity. They will now submit a planning application.

Cllr Hogben suggested that, as the new proposal is in the public domain, the Council write to James Whiteman, GBC, and establish the Borough Council's attitude to LPG now. Cllr Wenman would be asked to write this letter.

It was **agreed** that Star Energy had been very conscientious about keeping the Parish Council and the village informed.

133/11 **Albury Landfill site**

The Clerk had contacted the site manager, Steve Horton, concerning the very visible rubbish. He had agreed to install a bund to minimize the impact, and assured the Parish Council that the rubbish was covered over at night.

It was agreed that the visual aspect of the site had improved.

134/11 **Councillors business: for noting or including on a future agenda**

- a) *Pond*: Cllr Hogben was concerned at the visual aspect of the pond, as the area around the edge is full of overgrown weeds. The Clerk will speak to the pond

contractor, Tadpole Water Gardening, about this.

- b) *Telephone box at Brook:* Cllr Hogben complained about the visual aspect of this box. The Clerk reminded members that the Parish Council had wished to adopt this box, at the invitation of BT, but that GBC would not allow this but had not either advised on a way forward. The box is currently derelict, as the phone has been removed. The Clerk will try to establish a way forward, in the meantime Cllr Hogben proposed a working party to clean up the box.

135/11 **New Correspondence**

- a) *Digital Television Switchover Community Outreach Pack:* DigitalUK have provided a pack, which includes a DVD, to support the parish in this switchover, which will take place in early 2012. The pack was tabled at the meeting.
- b) *Victim Support UK:* had written to request a grant from the Parish Council, advising that in the year 1/4/2010 to 31/3/2011 there were 33 reported crimes in the GU5 9 postcode and that all witnesses and victims would have been eligible for support. The Clerk would advise them that all grants applications will be considered early in 2012.

136/11 **Open Forum**

- a) *New Vicarage:* Mr Lethbridge recalled that, at the Annual Assembly, Rev'd Hobbs had mentioned that the Estate are helping with a new vicarage. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not received any information in this respect.

137/11 **Dates of meetings**

Full Council: *no meeting in August*, Monday 5th September, Monday 3rd October, Monday 7th November. All at 7.30pm.

Facilities: 19th September

Community Development: 18th July

Village Hall: 8th August.

Planning and Environment: 18th July, 8th August

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.16pm