



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 2nd November at 7.30pm

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



Present: Cllr J Brockwell (in the chair), Cllrs G Firth, R Hogben, G Robinson, J Rowland, S Scott,

MA von Radowitz, P Webb

County Cllr K Taylor

5 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

188/15 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllr Gellatly
Apologies were noted from Borough Cllr R Billington

189/15 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Webb declared a personal interest in agenda item 192/15a as she is a Trustee of SALV.

190/15 **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 5th October:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

191/15 **Matters Arising**

163/15e: New Road: Cllr Taylor advised that Highways had agreed to monitor the road. Cllr Brockwell reminded him of the big gullies at the side of Park Road. It was noted that there is no Community Highways Officer at present, as Gavin had been re-located to the town centre.

183/15: pavements through the village: this item would be pursued by the Highways and Byways committee with GBC.

184/15b: Church Lane: the ditches and drains have been reported to SCC and this item would also be pursued by the Highways and Byways Committee, with SCC

192/15 **Chairman and Clerks Matters arising**

a) *SALV:* members were asked to consider a grant of £2,000 towards a generator for Shere Surgery. Cllr Webb advised that winter power cuts had a seriously detrimental effect on the surgery, compromising every area of the surgery. In the winter of 2013/14 there had been one power cut which had lasted 48 hours. SALV had received quotes of around £15,000, for a generator that would provide consistent power. It was noted that Shere Parish Council had made a grant of £2,000, and that SALV had applied to SCC for a grant. Cllr Robinson PROPOSED, SECONDED BY Cllr Hogben, that this council make a grant of £2,000. This was agreed by all present.

b) *Proposed development at Newlands Corner:* It was understood that SCC planned to introduce car park charges before starting work on enhancing the area. Cllr Taylor confirmed that charges will be applied from April and it is planned to start work in the spring. It was also understood that motor bikes would be exempt from charges, and concern was expressed that this might lead the area being a meeting centre for motor cyclists. The car park and toilets, Phase 1, will cost £400,000.

Members pointed out that Newlands Corner is in the Parish of Albury, but there has been little consultation with the Parish Council on the plans. Cllr Taylor advised that Phase II will require planning permission and there will be an

opportunity to comment at that stage.

Members **agreed** that their serious concerns about the proposals should be registered, and this will be discussed further at the planning meeting on the 16th November.

- c) *Website, dropbox and newsletter update:* Cllrs Firth and Webb have provided updates to the Clerk and these have been implemented.
- d) *Defibrillator update:* other than the defibrillator at the village hall, which was stolen after a teenage party, all defibrillators in the village are working well.

193/15 **Police matters:** a report was received after the meeting from PCSO Damon Young:

28/10/15 Defibrillator Stolen from the village hall and thrown in the river.

29/11/15 Plant theft, tracker disabled.

194/15 **Open Forum:** *members of the public are welcome to attend and to ask questions or make representations*

- a) *Church Lane:* A discussion ensued concerning the proposed development. Cllr Brockwell advised that the council had looked at the planning application the previous week. The roof height had been reduced by 840mm. Car parking had been changed to 6 spaces at the front and two at the side. The properties would be on a staggered terrace. Mrs Caton noted that residents' objections had been taken on board, but asked why the parking could not be to the rear. She was also concerned about access, as cars park on the roadside opposite, and in particular the problems that will be caused when materials are transported to site.
- b) *Allotments:* this matter was discussed under 197/15: *allotments*.

195/15 **Committee reports:** *Highways, Byways and Open Spaces*

Cllr Brockwell reported as follows:

- a) Cllr Brockwell had replied to Warren Hogben's letter concerning the speed limit on the A25 and had sent him a copy of SCC's criteria for appraising the speed limit.
- b) Cllr Brockwell had attended a meeting of the Cluster group the previous Wednesday, which had also been attended by Ian Fowler, SCC Highways. Last year the Council had requested that funding be used to jet the drains, but this had not been done as the equipment was inadequate for the work. This year Cllr Brockwell has submitted a request for some footpath work. Parishes also discussed purchasing a piece of equipment that would allow the measurement of vehicle speed through the parish, and sharing the cost.
- c) *winter planning:* members were asked to agree the spending of up to £2500 on the purchase of a tractor mounted salt and grit spreader to replace the current equipment which is not fit for purpose. Cllr Brockwell reminded members that it will be necessary to grit New Road, Brook Hill, Church Lane and Westonfields before snow falls, in the same way as it is on priority roads. SCC Highways will not grit these roads and so this work needs to be done by the Parish. Cllr Brockwell PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr Scott, that a sum of up to £2500 is spent on the necessary equipment to carry out this work. Cllr Taylor will consider giving a grant for this equipment. Cllr Scott has started checking the grit bins and Cllr Brockwell will strim around them all.
- d) *Dumped car on the Street:* this car, which was hit by a bus earlier in the summer, has been moved down the Street and is currently dumped in the bus stop. The owner refuses to move it. The Council will write to the resident at 1 Weston Dene and ask her to move her car.

196/16 **Committee reports:** *Community Development*

- a) *Minutes of the meeting held Monday 26th October* had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- b) *Albury Matters:* this will be completed shortly and published by the middle of November.

197/15 **Allotments**

A grant has been secured from IGas, and the landscaping, fencing and gates will be carried out shortly. At present, there are no other plans. There had been an intention to create a community orchard, 47 trees for each of the men from the parish lost in the world wars, but this had not progressed further to date. Cllr Brockwell assured members of the public that there was no intention to remove mature trees. The Council plans to use deer fencing, as deer will be attracted to the allotments once they are being used.

Two members of the public expressed their interest in being involved and in taking an allotment, and hope to have beehives. They were invited to join the sub-committee, chaired by Cllr Robinson, to help take this forward, and accepted.

Cllr Brockwell confirmed that the Parish Council will take a lease on the allotments.

198/15 **Committee reports: Village Hall:**

- a) Members discussed the party the previous Tuesday, where 100 young teenagers had been invited and 200 turned up, clearly alerted by social media. The police had attended and closed the party down, but had to stay as the children were minors and had to be collected. The hall defibrillator had been thrown into the river, and had disappeared. The police have the vehicle number of the car that the perpetrator left the car park in.

As a result, and acting on advice from the police, a further teenage party booked for last Friday had been cancelled.

Members **resolved** that from now on there would be no teenage parties, from age 11 to 20. All parties will incur a deposit of £150.

Cllr Brockwell undertook to review current bookings and cancel any teenage parties.

- b) Current bookings for the year amount to £8717. More regular bookings are to be added, and the budgeted income of £10,000 will be reached.
- c) Booking clerk: Carolyn is not well. However, she wishes to continue as booking clerk and members expressed their appreciation.
- d) Cllr Brockwell is seeking a councilor to take over chairmanship of this committee and control of the village hall.

199/15 **Committee reports: Planning and Environment**

Planning applications received and planning applications determined by Guildford Borough Council

Members to receive a report from Cllr Gellatly

- a) *Holmeleigh*: this had been refused, relying heavily on policy H9 as the reason. It was noted that the Borough Council had attracted criticism from the Planning Inspector, with respect to another application, for relying on this policy at an appeal, which went against a refusal by GBC.
- b) *Change of use of land to the rear of Kirkbury*: GBC planning officer considered this to be inappropriate in the Green Belt, and so it is likely to be refused. However, if it is deemed to be a non material change of use of the land (ie: would not be used for any purpose, just maintained and continued separate from the garden area), then there is no requirement for planning permission.
- c) Planning list of determined applications: had been circulated prior to the meeting.

200/15 **Committee Reports: Parish Plan committee:**

- a) Members were asked to **agree** to approach GBC for their approval to create a Neighbourhood Plan. Members noted that, despite the enormous amount of work that had gone into it, a community plan carried very little weight, but a Neighbourhood plan would allow the parish some influence. Navigus Planning would be contacted to establish their suitability to lead the Council through the process. Cllr Rowland **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council seek approval to create a Neighbourhood plan, **SECONDED** by Cllr Hogben, with all in favour.

201/15 **Finance**

- a) *Management report to 30th September:* had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
- b) *Cheque list for October 2015* had been circulated prior to the meeting and the expenditure of £2551.13 for October was noted and approved.

202/15 **Igas wellsite.**

There will be a short article in the Parish Magazine concerning their current plans for the site.

203/15 **Albury Landfill site**

The Clerk was asked to remind Sita that they had committed to producing a restoration programme by now. It was noted that Albury could not longer apply for a community grant, as the site had finished taking waste.

204/15 **Outstanding matters**

The list had been circulated and was noted.

205/15 **Councillors business:** *for noting or including on a future agenda*

No further items were raised.

206/15 **New Correspondence**

No new correspondence has been received

207/15 **Open Forum**

No further matters were raised.

208/15 **Dates of meetings**

Full Council: 7th December, 4th January
Planning: 26th October, 16th November , 7th December, 28th December
Community Dev: 14th December
Highways: 16th November,
Parish Plan
Village Hall:

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.38pm.