



ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Serving Farley Green, Brook, Little London & Newlands Corner

PARISH OF ALBURY NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Albury Parish Council held on

Monday 10th April 2017 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, P Webb

County Cllr K Taylor

1 member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

64/17 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllr M A von Radowitz.

Apologies were also noted from Borough Cllr R Billington

65/17 **Declarations of interest:** none were made

66/17 **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6th March 2017:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

67/17 **Matters Arising:**

Welcome pack: Cllr Hogben tabled a brochure produced on Tillingbourne Trails and suggested that the format would work for a welcoming information leaflet from the Council. This was agreed and Cllr Hogben will take this project on.

68/17 **Chairman and Clerks Matters arising**

- a) *Website and newsletter report:* the Clerk reported the problems she is experiencing with the website and the difficulty of obtaining help from the webmaster. It was agreed that she should explore the possibility of engaging someone else to give this support. A newsletter will be sent out to advertise the Annual Assembly.
- b) *Defibrillator report:* Following the meeting, it was established that the defibrillator at Westonfields has a flat battery and out of date pads. The clerk replaced the pads, South West Ambulance will deal with the battery, as this defibrillator was given to the Parish by them.
- c) *Neighbourhood Plan:* Cllr Brockwell undertook to find out from Dan Knowles what the next step is and to establish whether the parish plan committee wish to be involved. He has been in contact with a parishioner who is interested in joining the Parish Council and who would take on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- d) *Junction of A248 with the A25.* Local committee have agreed to defer a decision on the proposals to reduce speed on the A25 until this junction has been reviewed.
- e) *GBC Planning Committee:* GBC propose to reduce members on this committee from 23 to 15. This means that 8 councils will not be represented. A deferment will be requested to give time for consultation.
- f) *Oil Extraction:* a meeting is to be held at Brockham village hall on Easter Sunday to discuss drilling for oil in the Surrey Hills and the question of acidisation to extract oil from rocks. IGas will be asked for clarification.
- g) *Edgeley Park:* the Certificate of Lawfulness for 5 lodges on the entrance road has been revoked.

69/17 **Police matters**

The latest police statistics for the area are: 4 for January: 2 drugs related crimes in Drove Road and 1 violence and sexual offence, 1 public order in Trodds Lane.

70/17

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

Mrs Sally Blake reported as follows:

1. Parking charges: consent has been given for three paying machines and eight signs. The group continue to lobby against them, on the grounds of local opposition. Merrow Residents association and Shere Parish Council are also lobbying SCC with objections to the proposals.
2. SCC are estimating an income of £330, against outgoings of £319,000, excluding the trim trail. This assumes an increase from 255,000 cars a year to 365,000. The increase in car parking space and cars contravenes government policy to protect wildlife and ancient woodland.
3. Play structures: SCC have confirmed that they will apply for consent shortly.

Cllr Taylor pointed out that SCC have a large financial deficit, with 65% of their budget taken up with the statutory duty to look after old people and children. A new council will be voted in shortly, decisions on how funds are spent may well be different.

The following was agreed:

The Council will write to SCC stating opposition to the proposals and objection to any money being spent on play structures or any other development at Newlands Corner.

71/17

Committee reports: Highways, Byways and Open Spaces

Highways: Cllr Scott

- a) *VAS training:* Cllr Hogben will attend the training course in Normandy on the 17th April. Members approved the cost of £450 to install posts in the Street to take the VAS equipment, PROPOSED by Cllr Brockwell, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson, with all in favour.
- b) *Lengthmans scheme:* the future of this scheme is uncertain at the moment, due to SCC's budget deficit.

Byways: Cllr von Radowitz

Cllr Brockwell and Cllr von Radowitz had met and intend to meet with SCC Rights of Way about the footpaths.

Open Spaces – Cllr Rowland

- a) *Ride lane:* Cllr Taylor advised that, to the best of his knowledge, SCC intend to proceed with the closure order and that funding is in place.
- b) *Schedule of maintenance:* Cllr Brockwell and Cllr Rowland will meet to discuss this. Cllr Brockwell asked Philip Goddard to cut the triangle of grass at Albury Heath and at Little London.

72/17

Committee reports: Community Development

Cllr Hogben

- a) *Disabled toilet:* Quotation for the installation of a disabled toilet within the current facility in the village hall had been circulated prior to the meeting. Also circulated were architects drawings of the proposals, together with further drawings of a proposed toilet within the memorial library, to complete the project. Members were reminded that we are currently in receipt in grants of £2000 from IGas, £5,000 from SCC, and matched funding from GBC of up to £6,800. Cllr Hogben PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson, that this project be proceeded. Paul Gilham, who had been agreed as contractor for the original project, was confirmed as the Council's preferred builder for this project and his quotation of £7,900 was accepted, noting that this would be subject to some change, as it had not been possible, within the timeframe, to cost all elements exactly.
- b) *Albury Honours:* The Clerk will circulate the names of those nominated.
- c) *Guildford in Bloom:* last year the Parish Council had won the Neighbourhood category. Cllr Hogben intends to enter again and will purchase new plants for the roadside troughs.
- d) *The Drift:* Ian Fowler had edged the culvert with sleepers at no cost to the parish, and thanks were recorded. Cllr Hogben wishes to spend up to £500 on ferns: **agenda item:** May emeting.
- e) *Traffic calming:* the road narrowing had not worked as well as hoped and this will be re-addressed.

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Allotments

Cllr Robinson

Cllr Brockwell has installed the pipe, Thames Water will inspect this and then make the connection. The remainder of IGas grant funding has been drawn down. Malcolm Clarke is speaking to the allotment holders about bee keeping on the 22nd April. Cllr Robinson has covered up the vacant plots.

74/17 **Committee reports: Village Hall:**
No reports were tabled.

75/17 **Committee reports: Planning and Environment**
Planning applications received and planning applications determined by Guildford Borough Council
No reports were tabled.

76/17 **Finance**
a) *Cheque list for March 2017* was circulated following the meeting.
b) *Management report to end of February 2017* was circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.

77/17 **IGas wellsite.**
The Clerk will request an update

78/17 **Albury Landfill site**
The Clerk will pursue a site meeting and remind them that they should provide the Parish Council with regular updates.

79/17 **Outstanding matters**
The list had been circulated prior to the meeting.

80/17 **Councillors business: for noting or including on a future agenda**
No further matters were raised.

81/17 **New Correspondence**
a) *Prudential Ride London*: will take place on 30th July.
b) *Guildford in Bloom*.

82/17 **Open Forum**
No further matters were raised.

83/17 **Dates of meetings**
Full Council: 8th May Annual Meeting
Planning: 3rd April, 24th April
Community Dev:
Highways:
Parish Plan
Village Hall:
Annual Assembly: 24th April

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm