



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 4th October 2021 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Library
for the transaction of the under mentioned business.



Present: Cllrs J Brockwell, S Dennis, P Gellatly, A McCann, G Robinson, P Yeoman
Borough Cllr D Jones (left meeting after AONB presentation)
R Fairbanks, Director Surrey Hills AONB
One member of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

Members received a presentation from Rob Fairbanks, Director Surrey Hills AONB, on the work of the Surrey Hills and the proposed cycling policy.

Discussions highlighted the following issues:

- Members were supportive of the extension to the AONB, which is currently a priority.
- The Surrey Hills AONB group wished to make drivers aware that they were driving through traditional countryside, with dark skies and an incredible heritage. Reducing street lighting would assist.
- Recreation, such as cycling and motorbikes, was causing issues. The last year of lockdown had changed behaviours and entitlement.
- De-cluttering and Quiet Lanes: both these initiatives, which a lot of time had been spent on, seem to have gone. Mr Fairbanks acknowledged that issues with SCC Highways had hindered these projects but hoped that a collective approach from parishes would give him a mandate to go back to Highways. It would help to have a political champion county councillor to chair meetings. The Cabinet member for the Environment was proposed, and Matt Furniss, Cabinet member for Highways.
- Greater consultation is needed with regard to future cycling events.
- Unresolved issues around speeding, damage to footpaths and the environment were discussed.

Andrew Morris, member of Albury History Society and a surveyor, highlighted the existence of the Gunpowder Mills which, although mostly in Chilworth, also occupy a corner of this parish. The Mills have a 300 year old history, and the Tillingbourne is the cohesive element that draws the parishes together.

He advised the Council of a small building, West Lodge, on Blacksmith Lane, which St Martha Parish Council were interested in taking on, but needed to raise funding. He undertook to organize a tour at some stage, and to keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

Members also agreed to discuss communications with St Martha Parish Council.

116/21 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Brockwell, Proposed by Cllr Gellatly, Seconded by Cllr Robinson, **Action**
all in favour.

117/21 **Apologies for absence:** were received from Cllrs S Bevan and J Rowland.

118/21 **Declarations of interest:** none were made.

119/21 **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6th September 2021:** as some late amendments had come in by email, it was agreed to defer agreement of these minutes to the November meeting.

120/21

Matters Arising

105/21a: *Edgeley Park evictions*: the letter has been sent to the monitoring officer, by email attachment. No response has been received to date. It was agreed to wait two weeks and then to forward the letter to the Chief Executive of GBC.

Clerk

105/21b: *future projects list*: Deferred pending a discussion outside a full Council meeting.

105/21c: *councillors emails*: to ascertain who is using theirs and agree on action for the remainder. This work is still in progress.

108/21c: *Highways: 20mph bin stickers*: members requested sight of stickers with a different narrative, possibly '20 is plenty' and noted that any stickers would only be of use in the Street.

Clerk

108/21a: *Open Spaces*: track outside Carmanagh Lodge: the Clerk had sought the advice of SCC Highways. She was asked to obtain legal advice on the Council's position with regard to maintaining this track.

Clerk

108/21b: *Village Hall*: The Clerk advised that the Trustees had agreed to a 50% reduction in rent on the Hall for 2022. Thanks were recorded to the Estate. It was agreed to work on promoting the hall next year before making a decision on whether to relinquish the lease.

112/21: *Landfill site*: an application has been made for grant aid for an information board.

121/21

Clerks Matters arising

- a) *Recruitment*: members discussed a timetable and process and agreed to meet the following Monday to take this further. The Clerk advised that SALC will give help and advice, and advertise the post, but will not run the recruitment.
- b) *City Status for Guildford*: members agreed that more information on the benefit was needed before they could support this initiative

Clerk

122/21

Police matters:

- a) Crime statistics: <https://www.surrey.police.uk/area/your-area/surrey/guildford/albury-shalford-compton-holy-trinity-shere-gomshall-peaslake-farley-green/about/crimes-in-area> . Noted.
- b) Visit by PCC at November meeting: Cllr Dennis may not be able to attend, but will send details of the information given to Elmbridge Council for discussion.

123/21

Committee reports:

Highways, Byways and Traffic: Cllr Brockwell

The VAS needs a new battery. Cllr Brockwell and Cllr Gellatly will deal with this.

JB/PG

Outdoor maintenance: Cllr Yeoman

The allotments have been strimmed but need to be weed killed. Cllr Brockwell and Cllr Yeoman will meet to agree on where weed killer should be used.

JB/PY

Open spaces: Cllr Rowland

No report had been received.

Planning and Environment: Cllr Gellatly

Minutes of the meeting held 6th September were noted.

A Planning meeting had been held prior to this meeting.

Village Hall: Cllr Brockwell

The lack of heating in the library was discussed. Cllr Brockwell is dealing with the plumber

JB

in this respect.

Allotments: Cllr Robinson

Nothing to report.

Communications: Cllr Dennis

The Queen's 70 year Platinum Anniversary: it was agreed to leave decisions about celebrations to the Parish, but to support where necessary.

124/21 **Environmental Projects**

- a) An inaugural meeting of the group will be held on the 16th October.
- b) To discuss the future constitution of the group: members agreed that the group should be supported by, but not a sub-committee or working party of, the Parish Council.

124/21 **Neighbourhood Plan**

- a) Cllr Dennis advised that environmental projects will be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.
- b) The NP group will have access to a design consultant, free of charge, through Locality.

125/21 **Finance**

- a) *Draft Management report to 30TH September:* noted and approve
- b) *Payments to 30th September:* the expenditure for the period of £1756.83 was noted and approved
- c) Bank reconciliation to end September: noted and agreed
- d) *External audit:* external auditors report: the clear report was received and approved.

126/21 **Councillors business: for noting or including on a future agenda**

- a) Cllr Dennis reported a tree which had been hit by a vehicle, opposite her property and on Eshelby land. The Clerk will talk to the landowners.

Clerk

127/21 **New Correspondence:**

None had been received

128/21 **Dates of meetings**

Full Council: 1st November, 6th December, 10th January

Planning: 25th October, 15th November, 6th December

The meeting closed at 10.06pm