

ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 4 November 2008 at 7:35 pm in Village Hall

Those Present: Paul Cole, Spencer Hoy, Tracey Waples,
Brigitte Webster, Derek Kendle, Vivien Gardner (Clerk)

Public: Derek Jerrard - Herts Highways, Stephanie Stroud, Marie
De Souza, Reg Crafter, Peter Simpson, Mr Thomas, Mr & Mrs Davis

ACTION

1. Apologies for absence: None.
2. Notification of urgent business not included in the agenda. Aldwyck update on Affordable Housing. Item 11 on agenda.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7 October 2008. Were AGREED as a correct record. Clarification of start time for SSE meeting is 7:30 pm. BW to clarify if Question Time from public scheduled. BW
4. Declaration of interest. Councillors were reminded of the need to declare any interest in the Items under discussion.
5. Public Question Time.

Marie de Souza spoke to the Council regarding any guidance/help with an on going problem. She has, for 4 years, been a Child Minder in the village. Due to change of Landlord, who has made an objection to her continuing child minding, she now has until Christmas to find alternative accommodation/premises (on going since June). Ms de Souza reported on all the avenues she has taken, even in setting up a nursery. Council suggested she write to us, reporting all she has done and the Council in turn would write a letter to which ever departments i.e. planning to aid her. Suggestion of contacting the local school was also made.

6. Road Safety

The Council welcomed Derek Jerrard of Herts Highways. Mary Bayes had as promised visited various parts of the parish with engineers. Discussions took place with Mr Jerrard covering a number of issues: faded and damaged signage, faded and slow markings on carriageways and replacement of Albury signs at both ends of the village to incorporate some message. Various designs shown and costings varied. From standard signs at no extra cost to more elaborate signage. Discussed flashing speed indicators - it was noted that these are not cheap, approx £30,000. A possibility funding by new developers under section 106. Various other areas of poor/bad decay discussed. Council need to write to Mr Jerrard with a wish list. VG

7. Allotments

Councillors discussed the letter received regarding allotment allocation. It appears that back in 2005 plot 3 (previously known as 8) was allocated. Due to no response

to our enquiry letter and as it was unused, it was allocated to new holder.
It was suggested that a letter goes out to both parties with the view to swapping plots 3 and 5. Further discussion at next meeting of 2 December. VG

8. Planning Applications: Beech House, Albury Lodge. No objections.
9. Report from Clerk
Premium Account: £ 5233.37
Commitments due: None
List of annual expenditure discussed.
10. Council Tax 2009/10 Precept: It was agreed to discuss further at next meeting.
11. AOB
PC would represent the Parish Council at Remembrance Sunday + reef.
PC reported on an invitation by Aldwyck to attend an Open Day at their Clophill, Beds site. Project consisted of 8 units; 2 bedroom houses/bungalow.
High standard development, the village was far bigger than Albury, with many amenities etc. therefore not a true comparison could be made.
Aldwyck informed PC that they would be forwarding a proposal subject to getting an outline approval in 3 weeks time. They were still to obtain funding and under Section 106 Parish Councils can have a considerable contribution regarding many issues, e.g. who can live there. It was pointed out that this only lasts 60 years and to ensure conditions, they should be written in the deeds.
Those of the public present voiced their concerns and objections. As a matter of principle we need to determine need. Also the need to re engage with the community. PC reported that he had made a contact at the Open Day with the Independent Facilitator for Bedford, who gave us the name of: Joe Steven CDA at Hatfield, Herts, an Independent Facilitator.
12. Next meeting dated: Tuesday 2 December @ 6:30 pm SSE Meeting @ 7:30 pm.
13. Meeting closed at 9:40 pm.