

## **ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2011 at 19.00 hrs in Village Hall

Those Present: Paul Cole, Derek Kendle, Brigitte Webster,  
Tracey Waples & Mandy Hutley (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence: None
2. Notification of urgent business not included in the agenda: A letter is to be written to the Village Hall Committee, concerning an open electricity control box at the rear of the building, which constitutes a hazard. - MH
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2011:  
**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2011, be signed as a true record.
4. Declaration of interest: None
5. Public Question Time: No members of the public attended
6. Report from Clerk:  
Funding for litter-picking in the village has been reinstated. Two people will be required and an advertisement will be placed in the monthly News Letter. . MH  
There are some changes to the way maintenance of footpaths and small works such as renewing gates, will be funded. ( Parish Paths Partnership ) An assessment of likely work is to be made before the current application deadline.  
. DK, TW, PC  
Carole Young of the Rights of Way Service, to be contacted re the outcome of the footpath enquiry . DK  
A new Wayleave Agreement has been signed with Power UK, for the installation of power cables across Parish Council land at Patmore Heath. This will generate a small annual income for the Parish.
7. Report from Finance officer:  
The Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 were approved and adopted and the Accounting Statement duly signed.  
The Annual Governance Statement was read and accepted by Members of the Council.  
**The Annual Accounts will be available to view at the next Parish Council Meeting, to be held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 19.00 hrs.**  
It was agreed that a donation of £50 will be sent to the Herts Air Ambulance Service. . MH

8. Planning Applications

Retrospective planning permission is being sought for the installation of the playground equipment at the Catherine Wheel public house. After much discussion, there was a majority vote in favour of writing to EHDC, in support of this application. . MH / PC

This project has no impact on renovation of the children's playground and work will proceed as arranged.

Planning Applications update:

2 storey extension at 2, Six Cottages, Clapgate . refused

Installation of wine cellar at Tanglewood Cottage, Church End . refused

Change of use of land at Auldbyre, Clapgate . granted

Fixing of solar panels to grain store at Piggots Farm, Albury End . granted

Games room at the Garden House, Patmore Heath . refused.

9. Playground Project:

An application has been submitted to Stansted Airport Community trust, for the provision of a slide for the playground.

There was further discussion re the official opening of the playground, possibly to coincide with the Queen's Jubilee next year.

10. Allotment site: . update

After much chasing by residents, Southern Anglia and the Parish Council, an extensive investigation by Thames Water has begun into the escape of foul water and sewage, onto the allotments and surrounding area.

A thorough clean-up operation has taken place and a holding tank installed, to remove foul water from the site on a daily basis.

The pumps and all pipework is being checked for blockages/damage, including the sewer running along the main road, hence the current road works.

11. AOB: No further issues were raised

12. The next meeting will be held Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 at 19.00 hrs.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ ..

Date \_\_\_\_\_ ..

Paul Cole (Chairman)