

ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 3 June 2008 at 7:35 pm in Village Hall

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

Public: Reg Crafter, Liz Davis, Phil O'Flaherty, Gloria O'Flaherty, Pam Blevins,
Peter Simpson, Derek Kendle

ACTION

1. Apologies for absence: None.
2. Notification of urgent business not included in the agenda. None.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 May 2008. Were AGREED as a correct record. BW reported email sent to Stop Stansted Expansion regarding setting up a date for them to speak, it was agreed September/October time (same night as our Parish Meeting) would be suitable. BW
4. Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on Agenda). TW reported regarding the Church Yard, stolen railings and lead from roof. If there was anything the Parish Council could do. Write to vicar/warden. VG
5. Declaration of interest. None.
6. Public Question Time.
Main questions relating to Affordable Housing. Various questions relating to the chosen site, how East Herts had determined need, can we object? This was something the Parish Council had inherited. The Parish Council felt that they have tried their best through the circular last year and trying to obtain different sites. Therefore moved onto item 10.
7. Reports from clerk-Financial. No change as VG had not been well, apologises for delay in sending out cheques. Had been handed post by Mrs Stroud re: Charity Fund – VG to contact them as new Trustees named and change of address sent some time ago. VG
8. Walks/Footpaths: TW reported that the maps given to her by PC were not great. Reg Crafter said we would get copies of his maps. This would enable TW to organise one of her walks. It was agreed that we write to the farmers (Watson's, Barclays, Collins, Harvey's) before publishing/advertising the walks. TW/VG
9. Planning Applications. No new ones.
 - Wind turbine – permission granted.
 - High Meadow, Church End, Albury – refuse
10. Status report Affordable Housing.
BW reported that Aldwyck Housing Ass. Were to proceed immediately with Application on original site. As soon as application is made we are to inform village/residents. To have the plan for viewing in the village hall for all (by appointment). PC to find out at once what they are actually proposing and time scale. Information note to village to be prepared by BW. PC
BW
Members of the public proposed various forms of objections i.e. petition by the public – there is an On-line petition already in action with 105 names on it.

The Parish Council will discuss application when it is received with aim to achieving best outcome for Road Safety and public amenity. Once application has been made, then individuals can object (within 21 days).

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11. Road Safety (Parish Plan): TW had sent a copy of Parish Plan to Ian Thompson. No response as yet. Regarding speed restrictions TW to write to Police/ local Community Officer regarding what measures we can take. TW
Reg Crafter reported whilst working on refurbishment to iron road barrier south of Clapgate, eroding bank.
SH to view site and contact Highways or River Authorities. SH
12. Projects/objectives: It was agreed that as the Parish Council had money we should investigate what needs doing around the village. Request suggestions from the public (a note to be attached to the minutes, welcoming any ideas/ community projects etc). Also a notice in Newsletter. VG
Playground Committee to be contacted regarding their progress/intentions. SH
3 New Notice Boards to be purchased. Reg to scout around as to best sites. VG
13. AOB: Ref: Local Development Framework meetings, agreed SH to attend the one on 23.7.08. SH
14. Next meeting date: Tuesday 1 July 2008 @ 7:30 pm.
15. Meeting closed at 9:35 pm.