

ALBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 4 March 2008 at 7:30 pm in Village Hall

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

Public: Liz Davis, Joan Marrinan, Derek Kendle, Peter Simpson

1. Apologies for absence: Paul Cole
2. Deputy Chair selection: Spencer Hoy nominated by Tracey Waples, seconded by Brigitte Webster.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 January 2008, were AGREED as a correct record.
4. Matters arising: NONE
5. Declarations of interest: NONE
6. Public Question Time:
 - It was asked what the outcome, if any regarding Affordable Housing. , Contact had been made with Aldwyck. The very few responses we had were passed on and that another received only last week would be considered. Nothing would happen without further discussions. At next meeting this would be a main point on our agenda.
 - It was asked if the Parish Council were going to use 'The Parish Plan'. The Parish Council will be using it as a good point of reference. A lot of hard work had been put into it and it was felt that if we highlighted points of interest, then maybe we could get more villagers involved, sub committees were needed. Special reference to the Travel Plan was made.
 - Speed was another concern brought up. An incident had happened where an elderly lady had her elbow clipped by a car, the driver did stop but the lady in question did suffer severe bruising. Due to the resignation of Heather Nesbitt (Traffic Safety) contact with Hertfordshire Highways had not been made. Further discussion item 10.
7. Communications tasks:
 - Website – it was AGREED that Parish Council business, i.e. Minutes etc, to be put onto the Albury Village site (through Jeremy Donaldson) and that a site just for the Parish Council was not needed.
 - Notice Board – Vivien Gardner stated that the notice boards were not big enough. New bigger ones would be expensive, therefore it was suggested we use one half for Parish Council business and the other half for the community. Headed signs to be put in place. It was suggested that a further notice board be purchased for the opposite end of the village.
 - Village update letter – to be discussed further at next meeting.
 - Albury Newsletter was also a good point of contact with the community and Parish Council Meeting dates would be put there. Tracey to email Vivien with contact details for Pam Blevins.
8. Financial status: Finally received letter from Bank (25.2.08) that all formalities had been completed and that the new Mandate was up and running. It was AGREED to make all payments, for monies owing, prior to the next meeting.
9. Planning Applications:

Spencer Hoy had made an objection to size of MAST – no reply as yet.
Smith – Toddlers Hall, Dewson – Watts – No objections.
Ref. to Albury Hall – a letter had been written concerning 'Bats', awaiting reply.

10. Reallocation of roles:

Road Safety – Tracey Waples. Contact with Hertfordshire Highways to be made regarding speeding and controls.

Chair to Affordable Housing: Brigitte Webster has taken on the role.

11. AOB: Tracey Waples has been approached regarding blocked off footpaths.

It appears that we are losing more and more footpaths. Giles Pitman has been in contact with Carol Young – Definitive Map Officer, she is on the case and we should hear from her by the end of the week. It was agreed that Giles Pitman be invited to one of our meetings.

Concern for owls, in what appears to be a dead tree at Albury End (off the cricket pitch). It was felt that as the tree is on private land and no actual removal was taking place; there was nothing we could do.

12. Next meeting: Tuesday 1 April 2008 at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall.

13. The meeting closed at 9:15 pm