

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 10 August 2020**

As a result of Covid-19 and following the instruction of the Prime Minister's address on 23rd March 2020 the meeting was held remotely.

Present:

Councillors: J Baker, M Bryan, A Gillham, B Powley (Chairman) & A Stone

Clerk: A Benfield

Others:

49.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made

50.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr P Baker

51.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of public were in attendance

52.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2020 were confirmed as a correct record and it was agreed that they be signed by the Chairman when meeting in public is allowed

53.0 COVID-19

Cllr J Baker provided a verbal report on the village's response to the crisis. Now that individuals are no longer shielding, everything is quiet.

54.0 REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVES

Grass cutting & village green – Cllr P Baker reported in writing that he had no report to give. Cllr Stone reported that someone had strimmed a large area around the memorial. This would hinder the plans to naturalise the area. It was agreed that the area should be added back into the grass cutting contract. Consideration would be given to other areas around the village that could be used for this project in the future.

Speedwatch – Cllr Stone reported that this could now be re-started and is being actively investigated.

Communication with Parishioners – Cllr Bryan reported that an article had appeared in Parish Pump recently

Flood Emergency Plan – Cllr Powley had no report to provide at the current time

Flood Alleviation – Cllr Bryan had no report to provide at the current time

Play Area report – Cllr Gillham had no further information at the current time; she was first awaiting the reopening of the school.

Cllr Bryan reported on a wasp nest that had appeared under the swings in the play area. A Pest Control contractor had attended site and removed it but Cllr Bryan was continuing to monitor the situation. It was further noted that the Wetpour around the green spinner had lifted and needed to be replaced. The Clerk was requested to obtain an estimate for the work.

Parish Paths & Trees – Cllr P Baker reported in writing that he was still awaiting a response from CCC regarding the dead tree adjacent to the memorial.

Alconbury Weald Parish Liaison – Cllr J Baker reported that no meetings had been held

Grant Funding – Cllr Bryan reported on grants available that were listed in the County Council correspondence. Cllr Stone indicated that she would investigate further.

Cllr J Baker reported that the application to the Mike George fund for a village marquee had not been successful

Highway Liaison – Cllr P Baker reported in writing that he had been in communication with CCC Highways following the un-notified road closure on Sat 31st July. He had ascertained that that the resurfacing works to repair the carpet underlay experiment on Hamerton Rd had now been undertaken, but that the correct internal procedure for closures was not followed. He would continue to liaise with Highways and once there is anything to report he would do so.

Chairman's
Initials

Cllr Stone reported that the SID has been received but that she was awaiting input from Cllr P Baker on the risk assessments and other documentation required in advance of requesting permission for the use of lamp posts.

Wooley Hill Wind Farm Grant Body – Cllr Stone reported that no meetings had been held, although she had been in communication with them. Cllr Gillham stated that the play area project was not yet advanced sufficiently to submit a bid

Amey Waste Transfer Station – No meeting had been held since the last meeting

Parish Council Merger – No meeting held so far. Cllr Powley stated that he would contact the Chairman of APC to discuss how to take things forward in the light of COVID.

Resolved That all reports be received and noted, that the memorial area be added back into the grass cutting contract, that an estimate be obtained for replacing Wetpour in the play area, and that Cllrs P Baker and Stone to work on the SID matters

55.0 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

The following payments were noted as needing to be made:-

BEAM – Grass cutting	£285.00
Payroll & HMRC – June Salary	£273.59
Haven Power – Street Light Energy (direct debit)	£9.74

Resolved That the above payments be agreed and would be authorised by Cllrs Powley and J Baker and that £500 be transferred from CCLA to the current account.

57.0 BUDGET REPORT

A discussion took place on starting to consider a budget provision for the next financial year.

Resolved That the Budget Report up to 31 July 2020 be received and noted

58.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

It was noted that District and County Cllr Gardener had been unable to attend or provide a report in advance of the meeting

59.0 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The following comments from Councillors regarding matters affecting the village were made

- Cllr Stone – Planning White Paper consider that the parish council should give this consideration and that the Parish Council should also give consideration to producing a questionnaire for the village to establish what the community wants.
- Cllr Powley reported – The footbridge by the main ford was now in the process of being replaced. Agreement had been given by CCC to paint it to be in keeping with the aesthetics of the village.

SIGNED: _____

Chairman - Alconbury Weston Parish Council