

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 11 December 2017 in Alconbury Memorial Hall**

Present:

Councillors: M Bryan, R Coulson, S Lomas (Chairman) C McGregor, & R Powley

Clerk: A Benfield

Others:

102.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

103.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Cllrs J Baker (personal)

104.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting

105.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and agreed to be signed at the next meeting following some typographical errors being corrected

106.0 LOW CARBON BRITAIN

Cllr York provided a verbal report on his attendance at the recent 'Low Carbon Britain' event. He commented that with the ongoing climate change the low carbon agenda is ratcheting up and government is looking for parish councils to be more involved in recycling and sustainable energy schemes although there is no funding available to assist. The event covered a number of ways of dealing with increases in CO2.

Resolved That the report is received and noted

107.0 PARISH PATHS AND TREES

Cllr McGregor reported that there are no current concerns with the parish paths and trees

The Clerk reported that the Tree Survey was due to be completed shortly and she hoped to be able to provide a copy of this to members at the next meeting

Resolved The verbal report from Cllr McGregor and the Clerk are received and noted

108.0 ALCONBURY WESTON FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Cllr Bryan commented that no meeting held since the last council meeting. However EA have now confirmed the work that they will not be doing on the brook and any work that will be done is now scheduled for next autumn.

Resolved 108.1 The verbal report from Cllr Bryan is received and noted

Cllr Powley provided an update on the activities of the Alconbury Weston Flood Management Emergency Plan. The plan is now written and the group need to run through it with EA to prove it is workable before they will release the funding for the equipment.

Resolved 108.2 The verbal report is received and noted

109.0 PLANNING

No Planning applications were considered or commented on between meetings

110.0 POLICE REPORT

Members noted that no incidences relating to crime in Alconbury Weston had been reported on the Police Neighbourhood Alert Crime updates since the last meeting.

Member considered communication from the local policing team regarding online communication initiative.

Resolved 110.1 That the communication is received and noted

110.2 That Cllr Bryan attend the Rural Crime Forum meeting on 14 December in Buckworth

111.0 DEDICATED COUNCILLOR EMAIL BOXES

Chairman's
Initials

Consideration was given to setting up dedicated Council email addresses for Cllrs at a cost of £7.20 per year in advance of the GDPR 2018 coming into effect.

Resolved That the Council implements dedicated Councillor email addresses

112.0 HOLIDAY SPORTS ACTIVITY

The communication from HDC regarding holiday sports activity was noted. Comment was made that this has been organised in the past and it would make sense to work with Alconbury Parish Council for a scheme to be run in the villages next year.

Resolved 112.1 That the communication is received and noted

112.2 That contact is made with Alconbury Parish Council regarding arranging a joint scheme for next year.

113.0 WINTER HEALTH PACKS

Resolved That the availability of the packs is noted but that none should be requested.

114.0 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2018/19

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting

115.0 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

It was noted that no payments were made between meetings

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

Four Seasons – Grass cutting	£330.00
A Benfield – December salary	£226.77
AskIT – Antivirus annual subscription	£20.95
ADCHC – Room Hire	£31.50
Cllr York – seminar attendance expenses	£66.75
Alconbury Scouts – replacement chq marquee hire	£15.00
Poppy Appeal – Poppy Appeal	£50.00

Resolved That the above payments are agreed and made.

116.0 BANK RECONCILIATION

Resolved That the bank reconciliation up to 1 November is received and noted

117.0 BUDGET REPORT

Resolved That the Budget Report up to 6 December is received and noted

118.0 2018/19 FINANCIAL YEAR

Members considered the draft estimates of income and expenditure presented by the Clerk for the 2018/19 financial year.

Resolved 118.1 Estimates of income and expenditure is received noted and accepted.

118.2 That a precept of £8000 is levied for the 2018/19 financial year

119.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

No reports had been received for either District or County Cllrs in advance of the meeting

120.0 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

120.1 The Clerk had no matters to report at the current time.

120.2 Cllr Lomas reported that he had inspected the play area on 27/09 10/10 9/11 & 20/11 with no issues noted with the equipment. However, he had noted tyre tracks again across the grass. The Clerk was asked to progress with the ordering of a sign informing the public that motorised recreational vehicles were not permitted in the area.

Cllr Bryan informed those present of the work undertaken by Mr Longland in relocating the dog bin on Alconbury Hill and redirecting the HDC street cleansing team to the new location. This assistance was noted with thanks.

120.3 The following items were requested to be included on the next agenda

- ACRE Membership
- White Hart Pub – next steps

SIGNED:

Chairman - Alconbury Weston Parish Council

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