

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council
held on Monday 9th March 2015 at Alconbury Memorial Hall.**

Councillors present: Mrs. J. Baker, Mr. M. Bryan, Mr. R. Coulson, Mr. S. Lomas, Dr. C. McGregor & Mrs. H. Mobius.

Also present: County Cllr. P. Ashcroft & Mrs. D. Benham (Parish Clerk), Mr. G. Selvidge (Copsehill Investments), Mr. R. Murray (Murray Planning Associates) and 1 parishioner.

1. Apologies for absence: District Cllr. K. Baker (personal) & Cllr. L. York (personal).

2. Declaration of Interests: None received.

3. Public participation: The parishioner present asked for the footpath on High Street to be cleaned (this is already in hand with Highways) and wanted to fund raise towards the erection of a war memorial in the village. Councillors agreed to put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 19th January 2015 : The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. Copsehill Investments II (Ireland) Limited.

Mr. Selvidge explained that Copsehill Investments were the owners of the 4 acre site behind Chequers Close. Having noted that there would be access problems associated with a planning application for this site, they had been in discussion with a local land owner regarding the possible purchase of an additional 10 acres of land which abutts their site and is also adjacent to Buckworth Road, with a view to developing a 60 bed care home and a quantity of affordable housing. A planning application has not been made and there were no plans to view. No other suggestions for the site were made. The Parish Council felt that due to the lack of village amenities, a development of this type would be completely unsuitable in this location.

6. Matters arising from the minutes:

a) Alconbury Weald – The Chairman and Clerk attended the last liaison meeting held on 5th February. The Boulevard is currently closed whilst a new road is constructed in the Enterprise Zone (EZ). Demolition in the EZ is 98% complete. Demolition in the first residential zone is on-going. There have been a few amendments to the Design Code, such as changes to the widths of footpaths and water management issues, before it goes to the Development Management Panel on 16th March. A planning application for the amenity building will be submitted shortly and plans for the other new building in the EZ were being worked on.

A National Skills Academy is in place with Breheny and apprentices are being taken on, which will lead to permanent jobs. The shop in Huntingdon will be turned into a jobs and skills centre. Development of the site will now be controlled by the Section 106 and conditions. Urban & Civic have created a “ready reckoner” of progress, which will be shared with Parish Councils once it has been agreed with HDC and CCC.

Alconbury Weston Parish Council had raised concerns regarding the proposed methods for dealing with contaminated soil in the location of the first school. Urban & Civic gave assurances that there would be an approved process and if there was any doubt, the process would be stopped.

Clara Kerr (HDC) advised that HDC were still fact finding with regard to what will happen to the MOD sites at Alconbury and Molesworth but assured the Parish Councils that they will be updated as soon as there is any news.

The Transport Working Group was due to meet on 11th February to discuss Ermine Street. The minutes will be shared with all Parish Councils.

The next liaison meeting will be held on 19th March starting at 9.30am.

b) Parish Council website – The new website has now gone live and can be viewed at

www.alconburywestonparishcouncil.co.uk There are still some amendments to be made and some documents to be loaded but councillors were very pleased with the new website and found it very easy to navigate. Cllr. McGregor will arrange for a message to be displayed on the old website directing users to the new one and eventually for the old website to be taken down.

- c) Repairs to roads & footpaths – Grips have been dug opposite Highfield Avenue on North Road. The gully outside 21 High Street is now working. The footway has been cleared outside Longacres. The footpath on High Street has been added to the list for the Community Payback team to attend to but this may have to wait until April. A pothole in the footpath at the top of Vinegar Hill has been reported to Highways and damage to concrete markers in the same area, reported to Anglian Water.
- d) Tree on the brook bank – The Clerk advised that as well as writing to the owners of Bridge House, she had also reported the broken bough to the Environment Agency.

7. Result of the Parish Council's bid for funding to the Local Highways Improvement Scheme to reduce the speed limit between Alconbury and Alconbury Weston.

Although well received, the bid had not received funding but was on a reserve list. Alconbury Parish Council had agreed to apply for funding from the Woolley Hill Wind Farm Trust, subject to Alconbury Weston agreeing to make a joint bid. Cllr. Coulson proposed that Alconbury Weston support a joint bid. Seconded by Cllr. McGregor and unanimously agreed. Cllr. Bryan volunteered to assist with the application if required.

8. Parish paths.

Cllr. McGregor had nothing to report.

9. Play area.

Cllr. Lomas advised that Mr. Fry would be repainting the bench as it had begun to peel and that a bolt had been replaced on the play equipment.

10. Planning.

- a) Huntingdonshire Local Plan to 2036 targeted consultation.

All councillors had received information on how to access the plan on line and a paper copy had been circulated. Councillors agreed they had no further comments to make.

- b) Draft A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Development Consent Order.

The Chairman and the Clerk attended an update meeting on 5th March. Highways' application for a development consent order has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate and the scheme will now go forward for examination. There has been an extensive consultation period, including exhibitions and opportunities for members of the public to respond and raise issues. Councillors agreed that as the Clerk had not been contacted by any residents who wished to raise concerns, that it was not necessary to register the Parish Council with the Planning Inspectorate as an interested party.

- c) New application.

15/00259/REM – Approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale relating to outline planning permission 1201158OUT for construction of Enterprise Zone Club Building comprising B1, D1, D2 and A3 uses, with car parking, landscaping, lighting, signage, minor ground remodelling and associated works (advanced outside of a key phase). Alconbury Weald, Ermine Street, Little Stukeley. Councillors agreed that this would not effect Alconbury Weston and that no observations either in favour or against the proposal should be returned.

- d) Update on applications previously discussed.

1408285COND – Condition information for 1201158OUT - Condition 10 “Key Phase 1 Framework” inc. Design Code. Alconbury Weald. Due to go before the Development Management panel on 16th March.

1401979REM – Application for approval of appearance, layout, landscaping, layout and scale in respect of primary infrastructure (to support delivery of primary school), comprising construction of

new highways, new junction to Ermine Street, hard and soft landscaping, new electricity substation(s), gas governors, water pressure booster pump, foul an surface water drainage systems, foul water pumping station, utilities infrastructure, all associated earthworks, including ground remodelling and ancillary works (advanced outside of a key phase). Alconbury Weald. In progress.

1401831FUL – Conversion of garage into annexe and construction of new double garage. 74 Hamerton Road, Alconbury Weston. Approved by HDC.

1401318FUL – Erection of stable building for personal use only. Longacres, High Street, Alconbury Weston. Approved by HDC.

1300666FUL, Change of use from vacant land to provide six permanent pitches for gypsies and travellers. Former Megatron site, Ermine Street. Enquiry due to reconvene 6th May 2015.

Buckworth Lodge Stud OS9351 – The Clerk has emailed the enforcement officer asking for an update.

11. Financial report.

a) Payment of outstanding debts.

Cllr. Lomas proposed retrospective approval of payment of items (1) to (5). Seconded by Cllr. Coulson and unanimously agreed.

(1) HDC - £3720.00, village grass cutting for 2014. Cq. No. 101005

(2) Mrs. D. Benham - £165.13, wages & expenses for January. Cq. No. 101006

(3) HMRC - £39.20, PAYE/NI. Cq. No. 101007

(4) Mrs. D. Benham - £162.30, wages & expenses for February. Cq. No. 101008

(5) HMRC - £39.20, PAYE/NI. Cq. No. 101009

b) Current position - A copy of the receipts and payments and bank reconciliation was handed to each councillor.

c) Request for a donation from HACT towards the Ring & Ride service.

Cllr. McGregor proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council make a donation of £200. Seconded by Cllr. Coulson and unanimously agreed.

d) Request for a donation from Magpas.

Councillors voted 4 to 2 against making a donation.

e) Request for a donation from Alconbury cum Weston Parish Church towards tree work and a new pathway to improve access from the north gate.

Cllr. McGregor proposed that Alconbury Weston Parish Council make a donation of £1000. Seconded by Cllr. Lomas and unanimously agreed.

f) To consider a quotation for the village grass cutting for 2015 from HDC.

Cllr. Coulson proposed that the quotation of £3190 plus VAT for 10 cuts be accepted. Seconded by Cllr. Bryan and unanimously agreed.

12. Police matters.

The December crime report shows 1 recorded crime in Alconbury Weston. The January crime report shows 2 recorded crimes.

13. Correspondence.

a) Receipt from the Archive Office for 4 folders of accounts from 2008 – 2012. Accession number 5732.

b) Confirmation that the precept for 2015/16 Band D charge will be £25.09.

c) Minutes of the first Local Joint Forum. Nobody available to attend the next meeting on 13th April.

d) Details of the Community Work Placement scheme. Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would be unable to provide daily supervision and would therefore not wish to take part in the scheme.

14. Reports from Councillors.

Clerk to contact HDC to request a litter pick on Hamerton Road and for the trees on the green in Highfield Avenue to be trimmed back.

15. Dates of the next meetings.

Monday 11th May – Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.
Parish Council meetings on: Monday 29th June, Monday 24th August, Monday 19th October,
Monday 30th November. All meetings start at 7.30pm at Alconbury Memorial Hall.

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