

**Minutes of the meeting of Alconbury Weston Parish Council  
held on Monday 2 September 2019 in Alconbury Memorial Hall**

Present:

Councillors: S Brine, M Bryan, J Baker (Chairman), P Baker, A Stone

Clerk: A Benfield

Others: 5 Members of the public and CCC Cllr Ian Gardener were in attendance

**60.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made

**61.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Powley (other commitment).

The resignation from Cllr Evans was received and noted and the Clerk confirmed she would inform HDC as required to start the process of advertising the vacancy

**62.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

3 members of the public attended to present some details regarding plans to refurbish and take over the running of the White Horse public house in the village as a consortium. They provided members with costing and details of lease discussions that had taken place with the building owners. They also indicated that in order to make the project viable they would be looking to secure community support to fund the first three months rental. The intention was to make it into a strong community facility for the village and surrounding areas. The spokesman indicated that the team had the skills to pull the project together and would be in communication with the Plunkett Foundation for advice and support.

Following various questions being asked by Councillors and responses given from project consortium the Chairman stated that the parish council were in support of what they were planning as the village is known to be missing the facility.

A resident of Buckworth Road reported to the meeting that the road was very busy with lorries coming through late at night shaking the houses, which was causing damage and distress to residents. They intimated that they had been in communication with lorry watch. The request from the residents was that the current speed bumps were removed and other forms of speed control system was introduced.

CCC Cllr Gardener commented that he was aware that a number of villages suffer from the same problem.

**63.0 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 July 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Brine had been requested to raise the matter of the division of the funds from the Funday as there was some disquiet within the village over the differences in the donations. A discussion took place and it was agreed that Cllr Brine will request the group leaders to contact Cllr J Baker directly about this matter.

**64.0 PARISH PATHS AND TREES**

Cllr P Baker stated that he had received no comments or communications regarding trees or paths

**65.0 PLAY AREA**

Cllr Bryan commented that he had nothing of note to report from his inspections of the play area. He had installed the bird roosting deterrent and since doing so the swings had remained clean. Inspections had taken place on 12 August when dog faeces were removed and 27 August when the yellow bowl was repaired with super glue.

A discussion took place on the proposal that a picnic bench was purchased to encourage people to use the area more often. It was agreed that this as good idea in principle but that it should be considered in conjunction with new play equipment and budgeted for accordingly.

It was agreed that following the resignation of Cllr Evans, Cllr J Baker should progress the investigations into new play equipment and funding.

- Resolved**
- 51.1 That the report from Cllr Bryan on the state of the play area be received and noted
  - 51.2 That the decision on the bench is deferred until a decision is made on the play equipment
  - 51.3 That Cllr J Baker progress the investigation into new play equipment and funding sources

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**66.0 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Members noted that Morelock Signs Ltd were holding a training session at the Highways Depot in Huntingdon on 26 September 2019 for those parishes who have purchased or are thinking of purchasing Speed Indication Devices

**Resolved** That Cllr Stone and a member of Speedwatch attend the training session on behalf of the Parish Council

**67.0 FOOTPATH BETWEEN THE VILLAGES**

Cllr P Baker reported that the main action needed to move forward was buy-in by Alconbury Parish Council as most of the issues were within the Alconbury village. He commented that Cllr Powley had tried to make contact with it to no avail. It was agreed that either Cllr P Baker or Cllr Powley attend the next Alconbury Parish Council meeting to raise the matter directly. It was acknowledged that Alconbury Weston Parish Council cannot progress with the County Council until the buy-in with the other village is confirmed.

Cllr Gardiner agreed to contact the County Council Officers responsible and to report back to the Parish Council once this information was received.

**Resolved 67.1** That the verbal report from Cllr P Baker be received and noted  
**67.2** That Cllr P Baker or Cllr Powley attend the next Alconbury Parish Council meeting to raise the matter of the footpath between the villages and request support to progress on behalf of both villages.

**68.0 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES**

Grass cutting & village green – Cllr P Baker commented there were no matters to bring to the attention of the meeting

Speedwatch – Cllr Brine reported that 3 sessions had been held since the last meeting with one cancelled due to the extreme high temperatures. In total 300 vehicles were logged with 10 were exceeding the speed limit, two were over 45 the others were in the 35-40 mph. Overall the sessions were working with good feedback still being received. Four sessions were to be organised for September and in addition the team were in communication with the Alconbury village team to agree dates.

He further commented that he was meeting with the Highways Officer to discuss the options for the location of the SID's.

**Resolved 68.1** That the report from Cllr Brine be received and noted

Communication with Parishioners – Cllr Bryan commented that the article for parish pump had been submitted

**Resolved 68.2** That the report from Cllr Bryan be received and noted

Flood Planning – The Clerk informed the meeting that Cllr Powley had provided her with a report for the meeting but that she did not have access to it during the meeting but that she would forward to all members following the meeting.

**Resolved 68.3** That the Clerk circulate the communication from Cllr Powley as soon as practicable

Alconbury Weald Parish Liaison – Cllr J Baker commented that the next meeting was scheduled for the following day.

A14 Legacy Fund – Cllr J Baker reported that an application has been submitted for a marquee but no response received so far.

**Resolved 68.4** That the report from Cllr J Baker be received and noted

Amey Waste Transfer Station – Cllr Bryan next meeting to be held shortly

**69.0 ANNUAL INSURANCE**

**Resolved 69.1** That the quote circulated was appropriate for the Councils needs and should be accepted.

**69.2** That competitive quotes should be sought for the 2020/21 insurance

**70.0 S137 DONATION TO POPPY APPEAL**

**Resolved** That a donation of £75 be made to the Poppy Appeal for 3 wreaths be provided to the village.

**71.0 TOUR OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

Members noted that the organisers had been unable to attend the meeting as request but that County Councillors Gardiner was in attendance.

A brief discussion on the issues and poor communication took place and it was agreed that the organisers should be asked to attend a future meeting

**72.0 ORDERS FOR PAYMENT**

It was noted that the following two payments were made between meetings

BEAM – Grass cutting July & August	£570.00
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Payroll & HMRC – August Salary	£273.59
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The following payments were noted as requiring to be made: -

Payroll & HMRC – September Salary	£273.59
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Expenses – Cllr M Bryan	£8.89
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Parish Insurance – CAS	£397.88
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S137 Donation – Poppy Appeal	£50.00
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**Resolved** That the above payments be ratified and made with Cllrs P Baker and Brine authorised to do so online

**73.0 BANK RECONCILIATION**

**Resolved** 73.1 That it be noted that the CCLA Deposit Account is in operation and Cllrs J Baker and M Bryan signed the form to enable the transfer of funds between accounts.

73.2 That the bank reconciliation up to 31 July 2019 be received and noted

73.3 That Cllr Stone undertake to check the financial records on a quarterly basis.

**74.0 BUDGET REPORT**

**Resolved** That the Budget Report up to 31 August 2019 be received and noted

**75.0 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

County Councillor Gardiner provided a summary of his responsibilities on the county council. He also informed the parish council of a letter sent out by the Highway Authority and Keir regarding the closure of the A14/A1 at the Brampton roundabout that is likely to impact on the village in the next few weeks. It was noted that the village has not been informed and Cllr Gardiner agreed to send a copy to the Clerk for circulation.

The situation with the buses was also discussed briefly.

**76.0 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

76.1 Those matters circulated by the Clerk in advance of the meeting were received and noted

76.2 The following matters were raised by Members:-

- Light on the village green is not working – it was agreed that Cllr Bryan should report it to Balfour Beatty

76.3 It was agreed that the Clerk would include the following matter the agenda for the next meeting:-

- Wild flower meadows
- Information boards for the village

**77.0 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential business to be transacted in accordance with s1(1) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

**78.0 TREE WORK**

Having considered the report circulated and following a brief discussion it was agreed that MFTS be appointed to carry out the work on the Parish Trees and required at a cost of £850.00

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**Resolved** That MFTS be appointed to carry out the work on the Parish Trees as specified in the tender documentation at a cost of £---

**79.0 RE-ADMITTANCE OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved** that as the confidential business has been transacted that the press and public be re-admitted to the meeting in accordance with s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

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**Chairman - Alconbury Weston Parish Council**

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