



Aldworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 22nd September 2021 at 7.30pm at Aldworth Village Hall

Minute ref: 005/220921/PCM

Members Present:	Cllr. Tim Chapman, Cllr. Donna Roach, Cllr. John Clark, Cllr. Nick Williams, Cllr. Kate Walters
Members Absent:	0
Officers Present:	Mrs Fenella Woods (Clerk & RFO)
In Attendance:	2 Members of Public
Meeting Start Time:	19.43pm
Meeting End Time:	21.21pm

- 061/21 Cllr. Chapman welcomed all to the meeting; there were no members absent and quorum was achieved.
- 062/21 There were no declarations of interest, nor any dispensation requests received.
- 063/21 There were no questions or comments from the public, nor any representations.
- 064/21 Ratifications of the inquorate meeting on 9th August:
- The minutes of the Planning Meeting on 27th July 2021 were **approved** and signed as an accurate record.
 - All councillors **agreed** for 21/01821/HOUSE, 21/01894/LBC2 and 21/01554/LBC2 planning applications to be **approved** with **no objections**.
 - All councillors **agreed** to pay 50% of the clerk's online training seminar with the SLCC
 - All councillors were **happy** to let a property in The Glebe to non-residents of the parish who were in need of housing.
- 065/21 There were no matters arising from the inquorate meeting on 9th August that will not be discussed in this meeting.
- 066/21 It was **agreed** for the new dog waste bin to be placed on the junction of Ambury Road and Townsend Road (What3Words location: reacting.printouts.ivory). The clerk will book CJM services for the installation and advise Triangle Management of the

location for emptying. It was agreed to have them empty the bin once a month to assess usage, with a request for fortnightly, if usage increases.

- 067/21 Three quotes have been received for the repair of the Well House roof opposite the Bell pub. It was **agreed** to proceed with the kind offer from the owner of Bell Cottage to pay for the roof to be fixed at the same time as his own. Cllr. Williams will confirm directly with Bell Cottage and keep the council up to date with progress. The council wished to express their thanks for this offer. If this does not progress as planned, the work will be offered to Reginald Brant from Didcot at a cost of £550.00. It is possible that the structure of the well might need to be surveyed by an engineer. The clerk will look at booking someone in.
- 068/21 The clerk presented the council with plans to restore the fingerpost sign at Pibworth. A quotation to have the finger signs remade authentically was received from Signpost Restoration in Cumbria for £587.00 + VAT. The sanding and painting of the concrete post can be actioned by members of the council / volunteers and the paint will cost £54.00 and the coach bolts and nuts will be £30.00. The clerk had applied for a Parish Plan Grant from West Berkshire Council for this project and was successful, receiving £570.35 into the bank account on 9th September. As part of the grant process, Aldworth Parish Council would need to commit to paying 15% of the total cost. After reviewing the plans, all councillors were **in favour** of proceeding with this project and the clerk will confirm the work with the restoration company and purchase the paint and bolts to claim back via expenses. Once a timescale is known for delivery of the finger signs, plans can be made for painting the post.
- 069/21 The 'Blossom into Spring' campaign from West Berkshire Council was discussed. Up to 3 ornamental cherry trees will be gifted to each parish council for planting during National Tree Planting Week at the end of November. It was **agreed** in principle that we can accept these trees and a possible location was Parsonage Green. However, as each tree grows to 8m – 12m in height it was thought that three trees might overpower the area and potentially cause issues to the surrounding properties. The clerk will investigate and report back before a final decision is made.
- 070/21 West Berkshire Council have launched the new SID Portal (speed indicator devices) to allow Parish Councils to book the devices in their villages subject to training, risk assessments, location agreement and insurance. It was **agreed** that this was not currently needed in Aldworth. The potential for placing the device in Westridge Green was discussed but it was felt that the degree of training and time commitment by volunteers (namely members of the Parish Council) were too onerous at the moment. If it becomes apparent that we need to look into speeding in the villages then we will work with WBC to get volunteers trained and activate the portal.
- 071/21 The CA17 Notice from Yattendon Estates was reviewed by all present. There was concern that a footpath in Westridge Green was missing from the map so the clerk will email Stuart Higgins for confirmation. Once that issue has been solved the council is **in agreement** for this to proceed.
- 072/21 It was **agreed** to provide a £100.00 donation to West Berkshire Libraires for 2021 / 2022 using s.137 money.
- 073/21 An amendment to 21/01821/HOUSE planning application for Westridge Green House has been received for minor changes to internal wall of study, removal of roof lights on west elevation and submission of Building for Recording for Outbuilding. The council were in **agreement** that this did not change their position of **no objections**.

074/21 It was **agreed** to present a formal objection for the Pirbright Planning Application in Compton with regards to the significant traffic increase around our villages. The clerk will prepare a draft for review via email from the councillors and send to the Planning Team once approved.

075/21 The large hole on the PROW out of Westridge Green leading towards Bower Farm has been reported to WBC for filling. We have requested that road planings are not used due to them not suiting the local area. The clerk will advise on any updates received from WBC to the council.

076/21 Clerks' Report:

- Bank account status as of 31st August = £10,280.82. £570.35 has been credited to our account from WBC for the Signpost Restoration project.
- All councillors **agreed** to pay 50% of the SLCC annual subscription with East Ilsley Parish Council at a cost of £65.00.
- A request to pass a motion from the Climate and Ecology Alliance has been received. The council **agreed not** to pass the motion.
- It was suggested that the sight line plan provided by WBC for the wildflower proposal at Westridge Green be amended along the western edge of the green, particularly where the mown margin tapers in to the corner by Daisy Cottage. At present, the plan advises a 2.1 m mown border in that corner of the green, which is a lot narrower than the trial border that exists at the moment, and 2.1 m might restrict visibility for vehicles exiting the track round the green from that westerly corner. The clerk will suggest to Paul Goddard/Paul Hendry that a wider margin might be safer in this part of the green.
- It was **agreed** to write to WBC to support the HGV route revision in Streatley to support their Parish Council and the Bull pub from further damage.
- The next District Parish Conference is scheduled for 19th October; the clerk will attend but hopes this will be on Zoom.

077/21 Concerns were raised over the planning permission that was recently granted for the Old School in Aldworth. Our requested objection was overruled and the concerns with construction traffic and location for the storing of building supplies were ignored. It did not receive enough objections to be raised at the Eastern Area Planning Committee for further investigation. It was **agreed** to speak with the case officer and Cllr. Alan Law, particularly as a case for appeal could be actioned as the name of the property was incorrect on the original application. The clerk will investigate and report back to the council.

With there being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked those present for attending and the meeting closed at 21.21pm.

Signed:

Position:

Date:

Actions from the Meeting:			
	Description	Assigned to	Completed
1	Install new Dog Bin on Ambury Road	Clerk / CJM Services	✓
2	Proceed with Well Roof Repairs via Bell Cottage	Cllr. Williams	✓
3	Look at booking a structural survey of the well	Clerk	
4	Proceed with the Signpost Restoration Project	Clerk	✓
5	Look at location for Cherry Tree	Clerk	✓
6	Liaise with WBC about the missing footpath on the CA17 notice	Clerk	✓
7	Arrange for £100 to be paid to WBC Libraries	Clerk	✓
8	Prepare a draft objection for the Pirbright Institute	Clerk	
9	Log the hole in the PROW in Westridge Green	Clerk	✓
10	Transfer 50% of the SLCC Subscription Fee to East Ilsley Parish Council	Clerk	✓
11	Amend the Wildflower Plan at Westridge Green with a larger border	Clerk	With Paul Goddard @ WBC
12	Prepare a draft request to review the HGV route in Streatley	Clerk	Pending review from WBC
13	Speak to the case officer for the Old School in Aldworth	Clerk	No longer needed