

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting at the Coronation Hall, 7.30 pm, August 20, 2015

Present: Steve Hepworth (Chair), Peter Emery, Ben Owen, Alex Oliver, Polly Carson, Mike Golden, Debby Lester. Apologies for absence: Robert Carpenter Turner. In attendance: Cllr Paul Oatway

Steve Hepworth welcomed Mike Golden as a new member of the Parish Council.

075/15 **Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed (proposed Ben Owen, seconded Polly Carson) and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising not on the agenda:

076/15 **Workway Drove car park:** SH reported that the car park signs are now in place and thanked Cllr Oatway for his assistance

077/15 **Horse warning signs, Alton Priors:** These are still not installed. PO to pursue.

078/15 **Honeystreet road sign:** Charles Reiss (Clerk) reported that a sign correctly reading Honeystreet, rather than Honey Street would cost £160 according to Wiltshire highways department. Agreed that CR check whether Honeystreet residents would be prepared to contribute, and report back.

079/15 **All Saints' Church:** SH reported on a meeting called by the Churches Conservation Trust concerning the theft of lead from the roof. The Trust is prepared to reinstate the lead and fit an alarm. The work is expected to take place next summer at an estimated cost of £60,000 which the trust hopes to fund. Alex Oliver offered to circulate information about maintaining the roof, and security.

080/15 **Housing Needs Survey:** Following the decision to apply for a survey, agreed that Peter Emery be the nominated pc member to coordinate with Wilts Council.

081/15 **Honeystreet sawmill:** Members considered whether to support, oppose or remain neutral to the proposed development of housing and office space on the site, bearing in mind that under the procedure of a Neighbourhood Development Order implemented by the Parish Council, the final decision would be made by a referendum of local residents. After discussion, the following resolution was proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Polly Carson:

The Parish Council, while proceeding with a Neighbourhood Development Order, is neutral concerning the proposed development.
Carried unanimously.

082/15 **Neighbourhood Development Order:** SH reported that he and Robert Carpenter Turner had met David King, the planning officer responsible for Wiltshire Council's role in the NDO process. His understanding from Mr King was that the referendum at the end of the process would be for the parish. AO said that his understanding from Mr King was that this was not automatically a parish-wide vote. Although it was for the parish council to initiate, it was a "Neighbourhood" Development Order. Honeystreet was a separate neighbourhood with its own Village Design Statement. He was concerned that while Honeystreet was where the proposed development would actually take place and would therefore be by far the most greatly affected, the number of dwellings in the village was small, and could be outvoted by the rest of the parish. Polly Carson said that there would be a lot of concern in the other villages at a large development which would impact on the whole parish. Agreed that the Honeystreet parish council members consult residents in the village informally and report back.

SH then outlined the proposed terms of reference (attached as an annex to minutes) for the Steering Group which will be set up to implement the NDO. After consideration point by point, it was proposed, Peter Emery, seconded Polly Carson:

That the terms of reference for the proposed Steering Group be approved.

Carried unanimously.

Further agreed that CR forward the terms of reference as a draft, subject to any points made by Wilts Council and subject to confirmation by the Steering Group, to Mr King.

Any other business:

083/15 **Playground:** CR reported a complaint about dog mess in the playground. Members discussed the option of putting up a warning sign but felt it would be of limited value.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:25 PM.
