

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting at the Coronation Hall, 7.30, June 28, 2012

Present: Steve Hepworth (Chair) Ben Owen, Polly Carson, Jayne Drew, Jenni Frost
Apologies: Peter Emery, Charles Fletcher, Kate Fielden, Cllr Robert Hall

052/12 **RAF memorial:** Steve Hepworth reported concern over the future of the RAF memorial and structures associated with the World War II airfield at Alton Barnes, since the field is about to come under new ownership.

The memorial to five airmen who died stands above the air raid shelter and close to the original "Link Trainer" building. It was suggested that the pc should seek to have the memorial and the surviving building, together with the shelter and nearby pillboxes, listed to save them for future generations.

Members examined photographs of the site, and its history. The trainer building is believed to be the last of its kind in Wiltshire. Although members were strongly in favour of listing the point was made that the process is complicated and outside help might be needed. There was also a need to move quite quickly.

The following resolution was proposed by Polly Carson, seconded Jayne Drew:

The Parish Council registers its concern over the future of the RAF memorial at Alton Barnes and the air raid shelter and surviving structures associated with the World War II airfield.

We urge that the site is given whatever protection is necessary to preserve this part of the history of the village.

Agreed unanimously

053/12 **Treasurer's report - audit:** Jenni Frost reported that the annual audit had been carried out by Arthur Johnson. As required, JF put a series of questions regarding the audit to pc members. Each was answered satisfactorily. Having been approved by the Parish Council as a body, the audit was signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk.

Any Other Business:

054/12 **Insurance:** Jayne Drew asked whether it had been possible to secure any further discount on the pc's insurance costs. Ben Owen said that it had not.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 7.40pm.
