

# ALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting at the Coronation Hall, 7.30 pm, Jan 19, 2017

**Present:** Steve Hepworth (Chair), Peter Emery, Ben Owen, Robert Carpenter Turner, Alex Oliver, Charles Reiss (Clerk). Apologies: Polly Carson, Mike Golden, Debby Lester, Cllr Paul Oatway

**017/17 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising not on the agenda:

**018/17 Internet:** Steve Hepworth reported that he had received a reply from Claire Perry MP to say that she was seeking a meeting with the appropriate minister to discuss broadband issues affecting this and other areas.

**019/17 Street light outside White Horse Cottage:** Peter Emery confirmed complaints over the light had been made to Wiltshire Council for many years with no response. All members agreed that both the light and the verge were owned by and the responsibility of Wiltshire highways.

**020/17 Planning application & Listed Building Consent 16/12372/FUL and 17/00223/LBC, Mill House, Honeystreet:** Alex Oliver, the applicant, was invited by the Chairman to outline the applications to create a parking space and garage with home office above at the end of his garden; and to roof over an existing loggia to convert it to living space. He said he was mindful that the house was listed, as was the chimney in the garden and was also mindful of the potential impact on the immediate neighbours. He explained some of the details of the plans and answered questions and then, having declared an interest, left the meeting.

In discussion, members agreed they had no objection to the proposals. They did voice concern that the development might open the way for an attempt at some point in the future to convert the site into two separate dwellings. But they accepted that this would require a new planning application which would be for the Parish Council to consider at the time. Proposed Steve Hepworth, seconded Robert Carpenter Turner, that the Parish Council supports the applications. Agreed unanimously.

Any other business:

**021/17 17/00374/TCA, The Old Rectory, Alton Barnes:** Charles Reiss drew members' attention to this application for tree work, already circulated by email. Provided no member had any objection that view could be

submitted to Wilts Council, and noted for the record at the next scheduled PC.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.00pm.