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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Meeting of Alton Parish Council
held virtually on Thursday 20th August 2020
commencing at 7:30pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Polly Carson [PC], Michael Golden [MG], Alex Oliver [AO], Robert Carpenter Turner [RCT], Hayley Kington [HK]

OFFICERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Martin [EM], Clerk to Council

CHAIR: Robert Carpenter Turner

APOLOGIES: Carol Whittle [CW], Rob Aspinall [RA] - RFO

FC20/21/90 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
CW and RA sent apologies.

FC20/21/91 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION**
PC raised an interest in Planning item 20/05487/FUL and will step away for this part of the meeting.

FC20/21/92 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 16TH**
Proposed PC. Seconded AO. Agreed.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16TH July 2020 be accepted as written.

FC20/21/93 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
No announcements made

RCT announced owners of Fern Bank and the house next door that will repair Chimney Lane completely. The road has been closed for the last two days and has now been completed.

RCT proposed thanks on behalf of the Council to Brenda and Jean for the work done.

RCT has also purchased the domain name for Altonsandhoneystreet.org.uk for three years at a cost of £22.

FC20/21/94 PLANNING

New:

PC refrained from participation on 20/05487/FUL

Application: 20/05487/FUL

Location: 2 Priory Cottages, Village Street, Alton Priors, SN8 4JY

Proposal: Creation of a new timber frame, timber clad, three bay building consisting of; covered open sided end bay, single garage, and garden/home store, new fence and gate

Response: Support

An issue was raised at the lack of green-notice and PC reported that she had not received direct communication on the planning. EM reported that this was the second village she had heard this from. MG informed the Council that he knew of one neighbour who had received a letter.

Application: 20/06215/FUL

Location: Ridgeway Cottage, Honey Street North C38 To Alton Barnes, Alton Barnes, SN8 4LB

Proposal: Convert Ridgeway Cottage and adjoining Hillsboro into one house. Alter the vehicle access and provide new double garage. Alter the pedestrian access and provide bin stores. Provide two new windows and provide alterations at back of property

Response: Support With Condition that the garage move backwards a small amount to allow for growth to help soften the visual aspect.

PC objected the positioning of the garage or the removal of the hedging along the lane.

FC20/21/95 TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION, THE CLERK'S REPORT

No Report

FC20/21/96 TO APPROVE A FLOOD WARDEN FOR THE PARISH TO WORK WITH THE PARISH CLERK

RCT will add the open position to the website and the village WhatsApp group. Revisit in the near future.

FC20/21/97 TO NOMINATE TWO COUNCILLORS TO POST NOTICES ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Alton Priors - Polly Carson

Alton Barnes - Michael Golden

Honestreet – Robert Carpenter Turner

RCT raised the issue of the condition of the notice boards. MG will talk to the owner of the land siting the current notice boards to discuss permissions to replace.

FC20/21/98 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THE BARGE INN CAMPGROUND

The Council discussed the large number of campers. There were 166 cars on the unofficial carpark with 45 on the official carpark. There were over 500 people in attendance. The police were consulted, and they felt this were permissible.

The legal minimum for a speed limit is 20mph which was considered too fast for the lane.

RCT wanted to convey that there were concerns from residents are the number of people. EM will write to the publican, Alasdair, to ask for a discussion on the issue with RCT, AO and MG.

FC20/21/99 **TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A COMPLAINTS POLICY FOR THE COUNCIL.**

Proposed RCT. Seconded MG. Agreed

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Council accept the Complaints Policy as presented.

FC20/21/100 **RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION, CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS RECEIVED**

None.

FC20/21/101 **TO CONSIDER ITEMS OF MAINTENANCE.**

MG asked for any news on the road in Alton Barnes. There has been no update. EM will follow up again.

FC20/21/102 **KEY MESSAGES.**

None.

FC20/21/103 **NEXT MEETING.**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September 2020, 7:30pm. Unless otherwise notified, this and all subsequent meetings will be 'virtual' meetings in accordance with the current legislation, up to and including 5th May 2021.

These minutes are accepted as a true and accurate record: -

Signed _____

Date 17 September 2020

Summary Of Public Participation Section

I. To Receive a report on policing from PCSO Paul Whiteside, Temporary Community Policing Team East.

The Council has received a Police Report but there is nothing pertinent to Altons and Honeystreet. The report will be posted on the website. This is likely to be last Report as the process is under review.

II To Receive a report from the Unitary Councillor Paul Oatley.

WC is still in lockdown; members are working from home. Otherwise, its business as usual. The main focus is the £50m deficit created by Covid-19. CATG and Area Boards have been suspended for the time being, but requests are still encouraged.

PO sent congratulations to the Council for continuing to hold meetings virtually; many Councils are not doing so.

III To Receive an oral report from Monique Klinkenbergh, proprietor of Crop Circle Exhibition Centre.

Honeystreet Resident Monique Klinkenbergh gave a verbal update related to her property and recent planning applications.

Following consultation with villagers and the Police, 2 large safety mirrors were installed on the 7th August 1 to overlook the traffic on the main road, the other for to overlook the cross-point at Chimney Lane and entrance to Honeystreet Mill side. Two safety signs were also installed, one with the text "Attention, Give Way" to traffic from the left when leaving Honeystreet Mill and one at the beginning of Chimney Lane with the text "Attention, this road must be kept clear at all times". This work was done at personal expense to help ensure safety. Except for two households on Chimney Lane there has been positive feedback on the mirrors. Some residents have complained about the safety signs located under the post box.

A local resident has also offered to open up their property to provide additional parking as needed. This will be available until building work starts on the property. Voluntary parking charges are being collected for the Alton Wellspring. MK asked that this information be placed on the village website and notice boards.

AO suggested the consultation should have gone through Highways, Planning or the Parish Council. AO had some personal concerns on the signs and mirrors. AO also queried that the original plans stated there was sufficient parking which was a concern during planning consultation. There is then a concern on where future parking will be.

PC asked that a proper consultation take place on the placement of the signs and mirrors. This should, ideally, be referred to planning.

EM will work with MK to identify the best path forward and help find the correct places to seek permission.

PO stated that due to various concerns in the area WC Officers were involved onsite. The highways officer was present in the area for other reasons and reviewed the positioning of a mirror on the highway. The highways officer's view was reported as the placement was incorrect, and it is likely WC will communicate directly on this issue.

IV. Comments from members of the public to be considered by the Council regarding items on the Agenda.

No other comments