

ALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting at the Coronation Hall, 6.30 pm, October 4, 2018

Present: Polly Carson (Chair), Steve Hepworth, Robert Carpenter Turner, Alex Oliver, Richard Heacock, Charles Reiss (Clerk). Apologies: Ben Owen, Debby Lester. In attendance: Cllr Paul Oatway

The minutes of the previous meeting and any matters arising were held over to the next scheduled Parish Council meeting on November 8.

089/18 Planning application 18/08363/FUL, land north of Honeystreet: Alex Oliver, having declared an interest, voiced concerns over the removal of trees and hedges, the width of the new gate and the extent of the hardstanding. He stressed the impact on an important space separating the two villages of Honeystreet and Alton Barnes; and the landscape impact in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. He then left the meeting. In discussion members voiced concern over "creeping development." But they accepted that speculation as to what might happen in future were not grounds for an objection. Cllr Oatway said there could properly be concern at any further use of the site as a car park. That would be a change of use and he intended to raise the issue promptly with Wiltshire planning. Members decided that the PC should make no objection to the current proposal providing hedges and trees were reinstated in accordance with planning policy. They also added the rider that the council was unhappy that every planning consent on this site so far had been retrospective. Agreed unanimously.

090/18 Planning application 18/07202/FUL, Chandlers House: With the consent of the Chair, the PC heard concerns from a neighbouring resident. Members voiced no objection to the building as proposed but raised serious concerns over the very limited parking space. After discussion it was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council should object to the application on the grounds that parking facilities proposed were inadequate for the scale of the development. Members agreed that given the changes being made in and around this property the owner should be invited to meet the Parish Council whenever convenient.

Any other business

091/18 Boat repairs outside the Barge Inn: Robert Carpenter Turner reported a series of boats carrying out repairs and maintenance using the canal, the towpath and pub car park without control since the pub is closed. When the Canal and River Trust moved one boat along another took its place and work continued. The site was becoming a maintenance yard with no authorisation in an Area of Outstanding

Natural Beauty. Members felt strongly this was a case for action by Wiltshire Council.

092/18 Finance: Cheque for £92.40 to Play Safety approved and signed.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:20 PM.