

Minutes of the Allington General and Annual Parish Council Meeting on 24th May 2011
Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club

Present were – Cllr Brunton, Cllr Hill, Cllr Pete Smith, Cllr Turner, Cllr Matt Smith, Cllr Richard Noon, Mrs J Tier (Parish Clerk)

2 members of the public – George & Sally Hill

Unitary Cllr John Smale

P.C. Mark Steele

Meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Public Question Time

No public questions.

Cllr Brunton opened the meeting and welcomed Mark Steele from the local Police force who reported on the previous year's reported crime figures for Allington;

4 th July 2010	Theft from West Water site
14 th July 2010	Theft of lorry battery
1 st August 2010	Off road child's motorcycle stolen
27 th August 2010	Damage to West Water treatment fence
10 th October 2010	Graffiti – (offenders caught and referred to the Youth Justice Scheme)
18 th October 2010	Domestic related assault
13 th November 2010	House burgled
18 th April 2011	Brush stolen from farm
11 th May 2011	Fuel taken from farm vehicle

Mark advised this was the lowest recorded acts of crime in the Wiltshire area and that levels of anti-social behaviour in the village had declined. In regard to policing in the area, Mark works with two Police Community Support Officers who between them cover 27 villages so the patrolling of Allington and Boscombe is dependent on what is happening in other areas.

There are changes with the whole of the Police force but Mark does not envisage that it will effect Allington and Boscombe and the smaller rural Communities.

Cllr Brunton thanked Mark for his time and requested relevant signs for the Allington Garden Party.

Mark Steele left the meeting at 7.15pm.

1 To sign minutes of the previous meeting.

Cllr Brunton proposed acceptance of the 18th May 2010 minutes and this was seconded by Cllr Pete Smith, all in favour.

2 2011 – 2012 Chairman and Vice-Chair Elections.

Cllr Turner proposed Cllr Brunton as Chairman and was seconded by Cllr Pete Smith, all in favour.

Cllr Brunton proposed Cllr Tuner as Vice-Chair and was seconded by Cllr Noon, all in favour.

3 Chairman's Report.

Cllr Brunton read out the annual Chairman's report. (copy attached)

4 Financial Report.

Cllr Brunton reported on the Annual Accounts Statement. (copy attached.)

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7.30pm Annual Parish Council meeting.

Public Questions

George Hill requested that the minutes stated that only two parishioners attended the Annual General and Parish meeting which would assume that the remaining parishioners were content with the Parish Council.

1 Apologies

None

2 Declaration of interest

None

3 Approve and sign minutes

A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 12th April 2011 were submitted and proposed as a true record by Cllr Turner, Cllr Noon seconded. All in favour.

4 Matters Arising

Playground gate repair – Cllr Hill has assessed the gate problem and will fix it in the next two weeks.

Cllr Brunton produced quotes from Frenchmoor Pine for discussion of items that need repairing around the Village;

- a) Wooded Slatted fence at Cemetery £90.00
- b) Repair of Metal /Plastic bins around Village (9 in total) £35.00 per bin
- c) Clean and repaint 4 notice-boards £20.00 each
- d) Repair and part re-build Bus Shelter £894.00

A discussion ensued and the Parish Council voted on the following;

- a) Wooded Slatted fence at Cemetery – proposed Cllr Brunton, seconded Cllr Turner, all in favour.
- b) Clean and repaint 4 notice-boards – proposed Cllr Brunton, seconded Cllr Turner, all in favour.

Cllr's Matt Smith and John Hill were tasked with obtaining new quotes for items b and d above.

Action: Cllr Matt Smith & Cllr John Hill.

5 Report from BVAPC – Cllr Brunton reported;

- a) Kevin McCaffrey attend the BVAPC meeting on 19th May to report on Youth work within the Bourne Valley. Kevin has two youth co-workers who together will contact young people in the area with the aim of initiating Youth clubs, activities etc to prevent anti-social behaviour.
- b) The BVA raised several concerns with Kevin regarding previous (and on-going) youth schemes run by Vanda Perrett and the Bourne Valley Youth Project whereby meetings have been held and no minutes or financial statements have ever been issued.
- c) A further concern was raised by the BVA regarding funding that was given to the BVYP by Parish Councils within the Bourne Valley (circa £1600.00).
The BVAPC will pursue the matter with Vanda Perrett.
- d) Broken cross bridge is due to be repaired in the next 3 years, this is dependent on availability of funds. This will have an impact on traffic (diversions) and may also effect the proposed de-priming of the A338.

Report from Area Board – Cllr Smale reported;

- a) Karen Linaker is on maternity leave and is the temporary replacements are Vicky Cobalt and James Hazlewood (james.hazlewood@wiltshire.gov.uk).
- b) The Waste implementation will commence in March 2012 whereby fortnightly collections start and four recycling / waste bins will be available to residents. All residents will have a 180litre bin and may upon request be issued with a 240litre bin. Wiltshire Council will roll-out the details of new waste recycling procedures at road-shows, leaflet drops and newspaper advertising. Waste consultants will be available to attend Parish Council meetings to inform residents of the new Waste Recycling procedures.
- c) Wiltshire Council are investigating the option of opening a new Waste Recycling Centre at Solstice Park whereby waste will be sorted into relevant categories before it is sent to Landfill / recycling centres.
- d) The Government is undertaking a National review of all roads in the country and therefore no decisions on de-priming of the A338 can be made at Government Cabinet level at the present time.

Report from Cllr Pete Smith on Waste discussions at the Area Board meeting;

- a) Wiltshire Council's Waste Consultation resulted in 72% favour of fortnightly collections. (this was based on results from the whole of Wiltshire including the north area who already have fortnightly collections). The results for South Wiltshire were 55% not in favour of fortnightly collections.
- b) Solutions to multi-bin problems (questions from residents) were;
 - Recycling baskets
 - Bin-sharing
 - Blow bags
- c) 'Community Champions' will assist with residents recycling problems.
- d) Increased Land-fill costs and Government led targets have forced Wiltshire Council to initiate fortnightly collections and implementation of further recycling processes.

6 **Planning**

No Planning applications.

7 **Review Clerks Contract of Employment – Discuss and vote on laptop purchase and Clerks Annual Home costs**

The Cllr's discussed the Contract of Employment document produced by Cllr Brunton and the Clerk using the national guidelines set by the Society of Local Council Clerks, all Cllr's were in agreement with the contract.

Cllr Brunton proposed acceptance of the purchase of a laptop for the Clerk, £250.00, which will be exclusive to Allington Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Noon, all in favour. The laptop will be registered on the Fixed asset list and remain the property of Allington and Boscombe Parish Council.

As per the Clerk's contract Cllr Brunton proposed a annual fee for the home office costs for the Clerk, £150.00, which will be paid annually, Cllr Pete Smith seconded, all in favour.

8 **Monthly Financial Report and cheque signing.**

The Clerk produced a spreadsheet detailing the Parish finances and the following cheques were signed: Jane Tier: £250.00, purchase of Laptop, Jane Tier, £150.00, Annual home costs ,J.Tier, £17.39, (BVAPC), £ J.Bailey, £100.00 annual audit fee, Mark Jones, £577.70, (April-May), Came & Company, £456.41, (Annual Parish Council Insurance), Cllr Hill proposed acceptance of the report and cheques, this was seconded by Cllr Noon, all in favour.

9 **Discuss Village Disaster plan**

Cllr Brunton advised the disaster plan is now complete and one of the specifications set out in the plan is the availability of an 'Instant Control equipment kit' which comprises of;

Three Visible jackets

Three Torches

Three whistles

Local area Maps

The above items need to be kept at a named location (Cllr Brunton volunteered his garage) in a box.

After discussion, Cllr Brunton proposed the purchase of the above items and this was seconded by Cllr Turner, all in favour.

10 **Correspondence**

Cllr Brunton read out a letter of resignation received from Glynis Barnes. Cllr Brunton will send a letter of thanks to Glynis on behalf of the Parish Council for all of her hard work and diligence as a Parish Councillor and Parish Council Chairman.

Wiltshire Council have sent notifications of the vacancy to the Chairman and these will be posted on the notice-boards.

11 **AOB.**

Cllr Brunton reported a letter had been sent in from Wiltshire Highways regarding Winter preparation and grit bins. The known locations of two grit bins are Wyndham Lane and Bourne View and the Parish Council concurred this was the correct location for them. Cllr Brunton tasked the Clerk with confirming whether any more grit bins were located in either Boscome or Allington.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Smale advised he would look into the possibility of whether the Allington Track will be moved in response to a question from Cllr Turner.

Cllr Brunton expressed his concerns regarding the lack of response from David Thomas on the proposed 30mph speed restrictions in North Allington.

12 **Agree Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting is 19th July 2011 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm