

**Minutes of the Allington Parish Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012**  
**Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club**

**7.30pm Parish Council meeting.**

**Unitary Cllr John Smale, George & Sally Hill, Trevor Storey, Mark Whitehouse & Lorraine Le-Gate**

**Public Questions**

**No public questions**

**1 Apologies**

None

**2 Declaration of interest**

None

**3 Approve and sign minutes**

A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were submitted and proposed as a true record by Cllr Noon. Cllr Hill seconded. All were in favour.

**4 Matters Arising**

Parish Councillor Co-option – Cllr Brunton reported on the two interviews that had taken place earlier in the evening following on from the resignations of Cllr Keith Morris and Cllr Terry Turner. The Parish Cllr's voted to Co-opt Mark Whitehouse and Lorraine Le-Gate onto the Parish Council. All Cllrs voted in favour. Cllr Brunton welcomed Mark and Lorraine to the Parish Council.

**5 Localism Bill –Registration of Interests**

The on-line Registration of Interests requires all Parish Councillors to register their details on line. Those Cllrs that need guidance on completing their response (regarding sensitive employment issues) should contact the Monitoring Officer, Ian Gibbons ([ian.gibbons@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ian.gibbons@wiltshire.gov.uk)) or Nina Wilton ([nina.wilton@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:nina.wilton@wiltshire.gov.uk)) for instructions.

**6 Area Board Update – Unitary Councillor**

Cllr Smale reported the following;

- a) There is a new Youth Organiser, Jenni Bertram, who has replaced Kevin McCaffrey who has left due to poor health. Jenni has relocated from Wilton where she led a very successful and productive team.
- b) On the 18<sup>th</sup> October there is an Area Board Localism Bill meeting at which David Milton will present the latest update for Parish Councils. The Localism Bill information from Government is being digested by Wiltshire Council in stages, with the relevant information produced and formatted for Parish Councils.
- c) The next Area Board meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> September at Figheldean Village Hall.
- d) On 6<sup>th</sup> September at the Bowmen Centre there will be a meeting specifically regarding all aspects of speeding – covering SIDS, Community Speed watch, Speed Restriction Areas, etc. The local Police will attend the meeting that is chaired by Cllr Graham Wright. Cllr Brunton will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- e) The Area Board have allocated £3k to the Bourne Valley for potential funding of a mini-bus to enable young people in the Villages to attend local events in other areas. This will be discussed in more detail at the next Area Board Meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the parameters of the funding and Cllr Brunton asked if the Villages were expected to match the funding. Cllr Smale advised that there were no expectations to match the funds at this moment in time.

**7 Broken Cross Bridge Public meeting update**

Cllr Smale reported the following;

- a) A Public Meeting was held in July at the Winterbourne at Glebe Hall to discuss the closure of Broken Cross Bridge from October 2012 – February 2013.
- b) There will be a three week period in January when the roads will be completely closed.
- c) A gate system will be in operation whereby local residents / visitors (schools, etc) of Ford will be provided with access during the project
- d) Network Rail and Wiltshire County Highways are currently working on specific questions raised at the meeting.
- e) There will be constant consultation from all relevant parties before and during the works. A discussion ensued and Cllr Hill reported that new bus-timetables for the period of the bridge closure period will be issued on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Residents

with School Children should take special note that due to detours, bus trips into and out of Salisbury will likely take longer than normal.

- f) Diversions for residents were discussed. (Across Range Road to A30 or via Old Sarum to Salisbury.)

## **8 Planning Applications**

None

## **9 Discuss Maintenance of Allington Churchyard**

Cllr Brunton proposed the expenditure of £120 on upkeep of the Allington church which has been adopted by the 'Friends of Friendless Churches Society'. This was seconded by Cllr Noon. All Councillors were in agreement but commented as follows:

- a) Cllr Brunton has been in communication with Parochial Church Council who advised they cannot afford to upkeep the church graveyard area any longer.
- b) The Parochial Church Council uses The Probation Service to cut the grass, trim hedges /bushes, etc but this basic service is not sufficient and needs to be supplemented before winter sets in. This task will be given to Fox Property Maintenance that currently holds the village grass cutting contract.
- c) A discussion ensued and the Parish Council requested Cllr Brunton to organise a meeting with the local vicar (on 20<sup>th</sup> August) to see what funds can be made available to assist as churchyard maintenance is not the job of the Parish Council.

## **10 Monthly Financial Report**

The Clerk produced the monthly financial report and the following cheques for signature:

Jane Tier (£257.26), Boscombe Social Club (£45.00), Adam Fox (£396.00), Wiltshire Council (£26.55).

Cllr Noon proposed acceptance of the cheques and financial report and this was seconded by Cllr Pete Smith. All were in favour.

## **11 Correspondence**

Cllr Brunton read out a flyer from Wiltshire Council regarding a Community Speed Watch meeting at the Beaumont Centre on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2012, Graham Wright will chair the meeting. Cllr Brunton will attend.

## **12 AOB**

- a) Wiltshire Council cuts certain grass areas in the village but this is not being properly done on a regular basis. Cllr Brunton has requested of Wiltshire Council the amount of money that might be allocated to Allington if it took over the service from Wiltshire Council. This would enable the Parish Council to decide if they would wish to take over the contract from Wiltshire Council. (Work in Progress.)
- b) Cllr Brunton reported on a street-lighting consultation proposal from Wiltshire Council to turn off street lights from 12.00 – 5.30am. A discussion ensued and Cllr Brunton tasked Cllr Le-Gate to research how many street lights there are in the village. With that information, the Parish Council has agreed to the 12.00-5.30am turn off for 23 street lights.
- c) Cllr Noon asked Cllr Smale if the Broadband contract had been agreed and Cllr Smale advised that there is a £30million project for broadband across Wiltshire but there is no timing yet as to when this may reach Allington.

## **13 Date of next Meeting – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.03pm.**

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.