

## **ALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

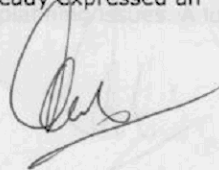
Minutes of Allington Parish Council meeting held on 17 February 2009  
in Boscombe and District Social club at 7.30pm.

Present: Chairman: Sue Borrett; Councillors Mike Brunton, Peter Smith, Rob Kitson, Glynis Barnes, Michael Miles; District Councillor: Mike Hewitt.

Members of the public: Mr and Mrs Hill, Mr Wasling.

Before the meeting started Mrs Corrinne Goodenough said she could not fulfil her role as clerk as she had already exceeded the number of hours per month for which the parish council was paying her. Asked if she wished to withdraw her resignation (originally tendered at the Feb 3 meeting) she declined and left the building having deposited a large box of documents on the floor. Members of the public were subsequently invited to speak; Mr and Mrs Hill expressed concern about the verges on the Newton Toney road being worn away by heavy lorries. It was agreed a letter would be sent to Salisbury District Council on the issue.

Chairman Sue Borrett opened the meeting at 7.40pm. In the absence of a clerk, Rob Kitson agreed to take the minutes.

1. APOLOGIES:- Terry Turner.
  2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:- Mike Brunton declared an interest in item 13 (Bourne Valley Alliance Correspondence)
  3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 3rd February were agreed and signed as a true record after minor tweaks to the original draft of paragraph 9. Proposed MB seconded PS.
  4. MATTERS ARISING. Mrs Goodenough's resignation and subsequent letter of Feb 5 were noted with regret. The post of clerk is to be advertised and one potential candidate has already expressed an interest. MB to follow up.
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work would be involved; a plan can take up to a year to produce. First step is to gauge the amount of interest in the village at a public

5. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS. Things are moving on apace in terms of the new Area Board structure, reported Cllr Hewitt. Much still to be hammered out (no of meetings per year, relationships between parish councils and the new Community Area Partnerships etc). It is still possible for Parish Councils to go straight to Area Boards but being lumped in with Durrington/Amesbury is a problem in terms of encouraging empathy with village life. A short discussion ensued. Cllr Hewitt said he would keep the parish council updated.

6. CEMETERY FEES. Agreement reached that fees should be fixed at £120 for residents or those with long-time connections to the village. Others to be charged at same prevailing rate as applicable in Salisbury.

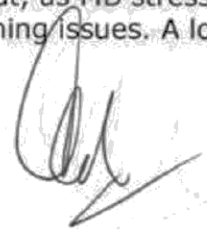
7. PARISH STEWARD. No visit in February as too busy getting the roads back in March. Any so-called requests to RK.

8. GRASS CUTTING. Mr Tony Bowden's revised quote for 2009-10 was accepted, as it now comes in within the agreed budget (see Feb 3rd minutes). Thanks were offered to Mrs Sally Hill for her help in compiling a possible list of wildflowers which might be lurking in the Chalk Pit. It was reiterated that a small extra cost may be incurred if the Chalk Pit grass grows excessively in May and, as a result, needs more work in June.

9. CHAIRMAN OF BOURNE VALLEY YOUTH PROJECT. MB presented a letter dated 11th Dec 2009 from the BVYP.

10. R2 MONEY. A detailed quote for the second phase of the Playpark upgrade was presented by RK. The deadline for spending the money is drawing near and, subject to approval from SDC, it was unanimously agreed to proceed with a new child's swing, a shelter/picnic table/climber and monkey bars for older children, plus new wood chippings and a small wooden balance beam or equivalent. The fence will also be mended, the ageing single swing and disused sandpit removed, new retaining boards fitted and two small training football goals purchased. It is also proposed to purchase a marquee which can be erected in the playpark for village events. MB also updated councillors about the Bourne Valley Youth Project which is seeking funds; a grant of £1,000 from the older-children R2 money pot was accepted as an appropriate figure pending further communication with the council and the BVYP. February 27 MB to attend.

11. ALLINGTON PARISH PLAN. It's not compulsory but, as MB stressed, it would afford some protection with regard to planning issues. A lot of



work would be involved; a plan can take up to a year to produce. First step is to gauge the amount of interest in the village at a public meeting. If no-one is interested, at least the council will have given people the opportunity and cannot be held responsible for related problems down the track. It was agreed the AGM in early May would be an appropriate date to kick-start the process and that advice would be sought from Newton Toney, who have assembled a plan of their own. MB to have a quiet word with one or two Allington residents who might be interested in helping.

10. VILLAGE MAINTENANCE. Agreed to defer bus stop/cemetery gate issues until the spring; PS to apply his magic DIY touch to the playpark bin.

11. PARISH STEWARD. No visit in February as too busy gritting icy roads. Due back in March. Any specific requests to RK.

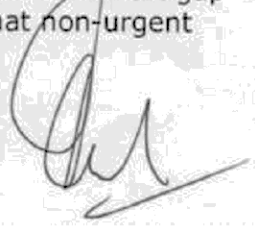
12. STANDING ORDERS. Deferred to next meeting when, hopefully, the box of files will have been excavated.

13. BOURNE VALLEY ALLIANCE CORRESPONDENCE. Reply from Stan Stubbs, Chairman of Bourne Valley Alliance of Parish Councils, to Mrs C.Goodenough dated 11th Dec 2008 was formally noted. General desire to move forward. Hope expressed that the Parish Council and the BVAPC could enjoy a positive relationship going forwards.

14. BOURNE VALLEY ALLIANCE. MB made it clear that, under the new county council structure, there was a danger of another tier of management rendering parish councils superfluous and stressed the importance of retaining a direct link to the county's policy-makers. It was agreed to invite John Smale, the current district councillor, to hear more about 'plans for the future.'

15. A338 MEETING on February 4. Meeting was cancelled because of snow and rescheduled for February 27. MB to attend.

16. CORRESPONDENCE. In absence of a clerk and given the short gap since the last parish council meeting, it was agreed that non-urgent

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correspondence would be dealt with at the next meeting. SB to cancel Mrs Goodenough's standing order.

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17. PLANNING. One planning application received. Planning Ref S/2008/1930. Paguera, Bourne View, Allington. No comments made.

Press: Chairman: Sue Brunt. Councillors: Mike Brunt, Peter

18. FINANCE. Breakdown of expenditure/income deferred due to absence of a clerk. Temporary clerk to be contacted and invited to attend next meeting. Box of documents to be delivered to her by PS.

19. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. SB said that if she received any further correspondence relating to Mrs Goodenough's resignation she would alert councillors immediately. Advice could be sought from the Democratic Services department of Salisbury District Council if necessary.

SB invited on the floor. Members of the public were invited to speak. Mr and Mrs Hill expressed concern

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday March 24th 2009 at 7.30pm at Boscombe and District Social Club.

21. DATE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday May 5th 2009 at 7.30pm at Boscombe and District Social Club.

The meeting formally closed just before 9.00pm.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Mike Brunt declared interest in item 13 (Bourne Valley Angling Correspondence)

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING held on 10th February 2009

