

Draft Minutes of the Allington Parish Council Meeting on 17th January 2012
Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club

Present were – Cllr Brunton, Cllr Matt Smith, Cllr John Hill, Cllr Richard Noon, Cllr Keith Morris, Cllr Turner, Mrs J Tier (Parish Clerk), George & Sally Hill

Public Questions – No public questions.

1 Apologies

Cllr Smale, Cllr Pete Smith

2 Declaration of interest

No Declarations

3 Approve and sign minutes

A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 6th December 2011 were submitted and proposed as a true record by Cllr Turner, Cllr Hill seconded, all in favour.

4 Matter Arising –

a) Discuss and vote on grass cutting contract;

Cllr Brunton gave a brief overview of the leaf clearing / shrub clearing and grass cutting that had been undertaken in the village at Chalk Pit, opposite the pub, outside of the church, the phone box and Bourne View. Similar work will also be carried out at the following locations; Bourne View / Cloudlands, top of Chalk Pit, opposite side of the road towards the play area and the path edge near Bourne View along to the pub. The Parish Council reviewed three annual grass cutting quotes;

Fox's Property Care	one / two person contractor	£2772.00
Mark Jones	one / two person contractor	£3098.00 (plus vat)
Hurdcott Landscapes	large scale employer	£3800.00 (plus vat)

for the following areas and frequency;

Fortnightly –

Ford

Corner / Bottom of Wyndham Lane

Strip of Land from Pub to Playground

Chalk-pit

Slope by Bourne View

Corner triangle by the Church slip-road

Power Plant

Cemetery

Monthly

Strip of land outside of the pub

Bus Shelter opposite Bourne View

A discussion ensued and Cllr Hill proposed using Fox's property care on a trial basis for a couple of months and revert to Mark Jones if Fox's are not a suitable contractor for the village, seconded Cllr Noon, Cllr Brunton declared an interest, all remaining Cllr's in favour.

Speed-watch consultation

Cllr Brunton reported that the Speed-watch consultation document had generated a few more replies since last month but the general uptake and response was very poor;

14 = No to Speed-watch scheme

29 = Yes to Speed-watch scheme

The figures above represent a 22% response over the whole village .

A discussion ensued and the Parish Council decided not to proceed with the project solely for Allington and Cllr Brunton will request that this is discussed at the next BVAPC meeting with a view to a 'Parish Shared Speed-watch Scheme'.

5 Report from Unitary Councillor

Cllr Smale sent his apologies.

6 Report from BVAPC

Cllr Brunton reported that the previous documentation that had been distributed regarding the Localism Bill had been sent out in error. The Clerk was tasked with contacting Cllr Smale regarding further information on when the correct information will be distributed.

Action: Clerk

The BVAPC discussed the problem of other Parish's wishing to place road signs in Allington for specific events such as village fetes, open gardens, etc. A problem had occurred in Newton Toney whereby;

- a) A request was made to the Parish Council to place a road sign for an event and permission was granted.
- b) The road sign was removed by Wiltshire Council because it did not adhere to their specifications.
- c) Newton Toney wrote an objectionable letter to Allington not realising it was Wiltshire Council who removed the signs.

Cllr Brunton reported the BVAPC will establish a memorandum of understanding between local Parish's for the placing of signs;

- a) A letter / email is sent to the relevant Parish to request to place signage.
- b) The signs adhere to Wiltshire Council's specifications.
- c) The signs are removed 24 hour after the event.

Cllr Brunton reported on the request to change the BVAPC Mandate as requested by Newton Toney Parish Council. A discussion ensued and the Parish Councillors were not of the opinion that the Mandate needed to change, Cllr Brunton will report back to the BVAPC.

7 Crime Report update and appointment of Police Liaison Councillor

The Clerk distributed the latest Crime figures report for the Cllr's perusal.

A discussion ensued regarding the dissipation of the Neighbourhood watch scheme and Cllr Matt Smith will report on this at the next meeting.

Action: Cllr Matt Smith

Cllr Brunton will act as Police Liaison Cllr due to his links with the Police regarding local Parish events and requesting police presence.

8 Planning Application

No Planning applications.

9 Monthly Financial Report and Cheque Signing.

Cheques for Signature – M. Jones, £295.00 grass cut January, Jane Tier, £114.23, Wages January, M.Brunton (Fox's Property Care), £200.00, grass cut specified areas in Allington, Boscombe Social Club, £105.00.

Cllr Hill proposed acceptance of the cheques and financial report and this was seconded Cllr Noon, Cllr Brunton declared an interest, all remaining Cllrs in favour.

10 Correspondence

Cllr Brunton read out an email from Winterslow Play day requesting a donation towards the annual play day event which is held in Winterslow. A discussion ensued and the Parish Council did not feel that it was appropriate to donate on this occasion.

Cllr Brunton read out an email from Wiltshire Councils enforcement office regarding Planning application S/2011/0868 – this has gone to appeal and is awaiting a site visit.

11 AOB

None.

12 The date of the next meeting is 6th March 2012.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.