

Minutes of the Allington Parish Council Meeting on 18th September 2012
Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club
Cllr Brunton (Chair), Cllr Hill, Cllr Noon, Cllr Whitehouse, Cllr Le-Gate, Jane Tier (Clerk)

7.30pm Parish Council meeting.

Unitary Cllr John Smale, George & Sally Hill, Maggie Whitehouse

Public Questions

Maggie asked the Parish Council if any action could be taken regarding the overhanging bushes and branches at the corner of Bourne View and other various locations within the village. Cllr Brunton advised that this would be reviewed and action would be taken (depending on area) by either, Wiltshire Council, the Parish Council or the village Environment Committee.

1 Apologies

Cllr's Pete Smith, Matt Smith

2 Declaration of interest

None

3 Approve and sign minutes

A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 7th August 2012 were submitted and proposed as a true record by Cllr Hill, Cllr Whitehouse seconded, all in favour.

4 Matters Arising

Maintenance of Allington Churchyard – Cllr Brunton reported the following;

- a) Cllr's Brunton, Hill & Whitehouse met with the vicar to discuss the winter clearing of the Churchyard and whether the Parochial Church would fund the project.
- b) Cllr Brunton has arranged a meeting with a local resident who will clear and tidy the churchyard free of charge on a trial basis with a view to this becoming a paid position in the future if appropriate.
- c) There are various tasks around the village, including both churchyards that will be undertaken by the Environment group which will include litter-pick, etc.
- d) The probation team work has not been satisfactory on their visits to the village and Cllr Brunton has contacted the team manager regarding this.

Community Speed-Watch meeting – Cllr Whitehouse reported;

- a) Parish Councils meet as a whole group with the aim of working with the Police / Wiltshire Council to try and solve speeding issues in the village.
- b) Individual Parish Councils to produce a document and map highlighting three suggestions for speed reduction, crossings, SIDs, lights, etc.
- c) The group of Parish Councils endeavour to seek funding as a whole group which will add power. Cllr Smale reported that the meeting had been successful and the ideas would be brought forward to a wider aspect but the group may not be able to resolve every issue.
- d) Cllr Whitehouse will attend the next Speed-meeting on the 4th October.

A discussion ensued regarding the various locations around the village where speeding was prevalent and what action has / has not been undertaken to rectify the problem;

- Cholderton to Allington road – this has been addressed by Wiltshire Council who will send out the proposed engineering drawing to Cllr Brunton shortly, there will be a new speed limit in this area and possibly a narrowing of the road.
- Top of Bourne View to Boscombe – long road prone to speeding.
- Metro- Counts results show no speeding problem but this is due to the percentile figure of 15% whereby the overall statistics show no speeding problems.
- Shrewton village run a successful Speed –watch programme and may be asked to visit Allington & Boscombe to assist with obtaining further detailed figures of speeding in the village.

Wiltshire Council – Allington Grass-cutting contract –

Cllr Brunton reported he had spoken to Wiltshire Council regarding the grass cutting that is undertaken by them in the village with a view to the Parish Council undertaking the task and being refunded by Wiltshire Council.

The grass cutting areas include Bishops Reach – Wyndham Lane, outside of the church, side roads to the bus shelter, bottom of West End. Wiltshire Council supply 3 men, 1 lorry and 2 machines at a cost of £244.00 per year.

The money is paid to Wiltshire Council via the housing tax and Cllr Brunton advised this contract should still be undertaken by Wiltshire Council as it would cost a great deal more for the Parish Council to fund this.

Code of Conduct Registration -

Cllrs Brunton, Hill, Whitehouse, Pete Smith, Le-Gate have all completed the Code of Conduct forms on-line. Cllr's Noon and Matt Smith to complete before next meeting.

Cllr Brunton reported on the following;

- a) The overhanging tree on the A338 by the churchyard has been cut.
- b) The start date for the speed limit reduction and associated works (as above Cholderton – Allington Road) is Jan / Feb 2013.
- c) CAT-G - the drains in the village should be cleared every two years in July but this has not happened this year as yet and Cllr Brunton is pursuing the matter.

5 Bourne Valley Youth Transport Project

Cllr Brunton reported on the following;

Idmiston Parish Council initiated a Bourne Valley Youth Transport Project whereby the Area Board was approached for funding a mini-bus for the youth in the Bourne Valley. The application was successful and £3000 was given to the project. The Bourne Valley Alliance discussed this matter in full at their last meeting and raised the following concerns; The age group of children using the service are there facilities to enable disabled children to use the service, Parental permission, etc.

The new Youth Leader, Jenni Bertram has been invited to the next meeting of the Bourne Valley Alliance on the 4th October at Glebe Hall to discuss the concerns raised above.

6 Village Recycling Centre at Social Club

Cllr Brunton reported on the on-going situation regarding the Recycling units at the Social Club whereby Wiltshire Council will not insure the ground in case of an accident.

Cllr Brunton read out an email from Vicki Harris at Wiltshire Council regarding the closure of mini-recycling sites in the villages. The Recycling unit at the Social Club is on the list.

7 Area Board Update

Cllr Smale reported the following;

- a) The next meeting of the Area Board is on 20th September at Figheldean Village Hall where Toby Sturgis, Cabinet member for waste, will be attending.
- b) There is a Parish Localism meeting on 18th October at the Beaumont Centre in Archers Gate at which David Milton will present the latest update for Parish Councils.
- c) Unitary Cllr's Hewitt and McLennon attended at meeting with Graham Hay regarding the closure of Broken Cross Bridge with regard to permits to residents and road access. Old Malthouse Lane (off A30) will be used as an alternative route to bring in materials.
- d) The closure of Broken Cross bridge will commence on 29th October for 4 months.

8 Discuss relevant Planning

None.

9 Monthly Financial Report

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

Jane Tier, (£128.63)

Cllr Hill proposed acceptance of the cheque and financial report and this was seconded by Cllr Whitehouse, all in favour.

10. Correspondence

The Parish Council discussed the latest Crime Bulletin and requested the Parish Councillors and residents to be vigilant around the village.

An email from the Mobile Library was distributed and Cllr Brunton will be placed in the next Parish magazine.

11 AOB

Cllr Le-Gate reported her concerns on;

- a) The poor state of several pot-holes around the village
- b) Condition of Churchyard
- c) Drains around the village

A discussion ensued on the state of the pot-holes and Cllr's Brunton and Le-Gate will drive around the village with a view to listing the pot-holes and reporting to Wiltshire Council. Cllr Smale will also contact Ray McKenzie regarding this matter.

Cllr Whitehouse commented on the road sign at Bourne View which has the wrong information written on it. Cllr Brunton advised Cllr Whitehouse to discuss the matter with Cllr Hewitt.

Cllr Brunton reported the Parish Bonfire is to be held on 3rd November at Cllr Brunton's House. All village Community Partnerships and Committees are involved.

12 Date of next Meeting –

16th October 2012.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.