

ALLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Allington Parish Council held on 28 October 2008 in Boscombe and District Social Club at 7.30 p.m.

Those Present:-

Chairman: Mrs Susan Borrett
Councillor Mrs Glynis Barnes
Councillor Michael Miles
Councillor Peter Smith

Councillor Rob Kitson
Councillor Terry Turner.
District Councillor Mike Hewitt
Clerk: Mrs C Goodenough

Members of the Public:-

Mr Wasling

Members of the Public were invited to speak, prior to the commencement of meeting on matters of concern.

Mr Wasling advised that 2 blocks had become dislodged in the bus shelter adjacent to St John's church Allington. It was agreed they would be removed for "safe keeping" by Mrs Goodenough until such time as a repair was deemed necessary.

Chairman Councillor Mrs Susan Borrett opened the meeting at 7.32p.m.

1. **APOLOGIES** Councillors Michael Brunton and Kevin Wren (County & District)
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were none
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 26 September 2008 were agreed and signed as a true record
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) **Amendment to Financial Standing Orders**

The Clerk advised that a further paragraph for insertion to the Standing Orders agreed at the last meeting was required and this was agreed. The Financial Standing Orders are now fully updated and recorded as such in the minute book and will also be lodged on the website. Members will be sent a copy by email for their own information.
 - b) **Bourne Valley Parking**

Salisbury District Council (SDC) had responded to a letter from the Council following last month's meeting. The neighbourhood manager advised that properties in Bourne View were not sold with parking spaces and parking is on a first come first served basis. To erect signs would not be viable as SDC has no way of enforcing parking in the area. A copy of a letter was enclosed, dated May 2000, addressed to the owners of 1,2,4,5, and 6 Bourne View from SDC confirmed that they have the right to park in the area behind numbers 23-27 and this does not extend to Commercial vehicles and is limited to two vehicles per household. The Council expressed regret that there was no further action

available to them. Parishioners who observe contraventions to the limitations above can report this to SDC or the Parish Council for enforcement. Clerk to contact **Mr Paye** of Bourne View to advise of exact wording in letters

c) Overgrown Trees and shrubs from property boundaries

The Clerk had written to the owner of the land in Bourne view asking for overgrown trees and shrubs to be cut back and understands this has now been done. The other properties boundaries do not extend to the untidy areas in question and it is therefore a Parish Steward job to maintain these in future.

5. COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

District Councillor Hewitt presented a combined WCC and SDC report. Nothing much had changed since his last report except it is more apparent that SDC is on a "wind down" and is spending surplus funds (available on a first come first served basis) on various projects including a November firework display. A six member Northern Area board will serve Amesbury with the Bulford and Durrington wards represented on this which will serve Allington and Boscombe and is preferable to being linked with Pewsey! The Bourne Valley Alliance is fighting hard for our cause and if required Cllr Hewitt could arrange for a Councillor to address the Council and answer any questions if required. Cllr P Smith is to attend the meeting at Newton Tony on 10 November and will report back at the next meeting.

6. DOCUMENT UPDATE

a. Millennium Book

The Clerk reported that all documents that could be deposited at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre (W&SHC) had been deposited on 27 September. At the same time she had collected the Millennium book that had been deposited in error. This was returned to **Cllr Mrs Barnes** for safekeeping pro-tem as she had been mainly responsible for organising this. The Council directed the Clerk to enquire if the W&SHC would supply a copy of the book on CD/DVD so that it would be available for all parishioners.

d) Missing Documents

A letter had been received from the previous clerk advising that he had been unable to locate the missing minute books despite a thorough search of his property. He promised to deliver them straight away if they should come to hand. The Clerk to Newton Tony PC advises that she has found what could be a missing minute book and **Cllr Smith** will collect this at the meeting of 10 November

7. PARISH STEWARD

Cllr Kitson advised the Parish Steward had visited the parish that day and had done some good cutting back. A future job was indentified that weeds were growing out of pavements and could these be treated. It appears that these have been treated in the past but the weeds may becoming tolerant to the chemicals being used. Cllr Kitson to liaise with the Parish Steward re this.

Cllr Miles advised the Council that there was some localised flooding on the A338 between Bourne View and East Farm; this may have been caused by the cementing

of the farm track at East Farm. Clerk to speak to Highways at WCC to see if drainage etc can be sorted.

Cllr Turner said that WCC had promised him a replacement footpath sign to be erected on the A338 near Allington farm. It was noted that this sign keeps "falling" down despite being securely propped and he was monitoring this. Hopefully the new sign would not "fall" down.

The RSPB were holding a meeting at Newton Tony hall this evening so members were unable to attend. An item for discussion would have been the diversion of footpath number 11 within Newton Tony, Allington's end not being altered. This is to accommodate plans for the changing of field agriculture to accommodate the Stone Curlews. Clerk to obtain information as to the new direction of path for next meeting.

8. BOURNE VALLEY ALLIANCE

Chairman Mrs Borrett asked Cllr Hewitt how the representation for the Bourne Valley would be organised. Cllr Hewitt responded that he had attended the BVA meeting on 23 October and that the various political parties would put forward candidates for election. There could be more than one candidate for each party and this would need to be addressed. Cllr Hewitt indicated that he was willing to stand for election in the new setup.

Cllr Hewitt reported that the Boundary Commission have accepted a letter from BVA regarding the divisions within the new Unitary Authority and will respond to the BVA in due course.

Cllr Hewitt stated that the matter of the traffic lights at the Portway was to go before the Southern Area Committee and this may lead to them being turned off.

9. CEMETERY FEES

In a recent letter the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) had recommended that civil cemetery fees be brought in line with those charged by Church graveyards. The Council felt that the increase from the current fees to those suggested would be steep bearing in mind the current economic climate. Clerk to obtain details of Newton Tony burial fees before a decision is made. To be discussed further at next meeting.

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT- New model Scheme.

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the scheme which sets out to indicate what information the Council holds and how it can be obtained. The Clerk is to go through the criteria and fill in the fields where possible prior to the next meeting so that any missing gaps can be discussed before making any resolution to adopt the scheme.

11. THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT of Byelaws - Consultation.

This is a consultation exploring removal of the need for the Secretary of State to make Byelaws. The Council made its responses known and the Clerk is to send these off to www.communities.gsi.gov.uk

12. R2 MONEY

The Council will need to make plans on how to spend R2 money that is due to expire on 29 April 2009. There is an amount of £5686.92 available for Adult projects (over 13yrs) and £4480.71 for children's projects. The fencing around the Playpark needs some repair and the R2 guidelines indicate that the money cannot be used for

general fencing, the Clerk is to make some enquiries from SDC regarding the criteria. A general discussion ensued regarding the Allington Playpark and further improvements. 3 members stated that they thought the Playpark had had enough money spent on it. Cllr Turner said there was nothing for adults in the village suggested that the Council should explore getting hold of a piece of land (purchase or lease?) for recreation purposes and perhaps a village hall in the future. The Councillors are to give some thought to the process between now and the next meeting and come back with some ideas for spending the money. Cllr Turner said it would be helpful to have a map of both of the villages so that the Council could explore land that might be suitable. Clerk to make enquiries of SDC re this

13. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk had received a letter regarding the closure of Winterslow Road for a week; this is already published on the Allington Website.

No Councillors are available to attend to Parish and Town Council meeting on 19 November 2008.

A letter and newsheet was received from CPRE inviting the Council to join the organisation, The Council decided not apply this time.

Circulation item 21 emailed to members on 3 October was discussed. This is the Bridleway no 29 that links a gated road (known as Whiteley Lane) off from Allington Track into Solstice Park. A public meeting is being held on 20 January 2009 and the Council decided to raise this as a separate Agenda Item at the next meeting so that a formal response from the Council can be drawn up.

A report from Paysafety (RoSPA) regarding Allington Playpark had been received, Cllr Kitson will read this and report back to the Council's next meeting.

A letter from A.G Bowden had been received regarding some fungi that have been growing through the wood bark chippings in the Playpark. This will also be dealt with next month in conjunction with the Playsafety report.

14. PLANNING

Planning Ref	S/2008/1616	Description	TWO STOREY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING & GARAGE Including works to the access Track
Date Valid	31 July 2008	Address	Land Adjacent to Springfield, Tidworth Road, Allington
APC Response deadline	13 October 2008	Item to be raised at next APC meeting	Deadline was by 13 October 2008 APC response sent to SDC
Planning Ref	S/2008/1742	Description	RETROSPECTIVE PERMISSION FOR ANCILLARY DOMESTIC OUTBUILDING, PRINCIPALLY FOR PRIVATE OFFICE, STORAGE, UTILITY/WC AND GARAGING TOGETHER WITH RETENTION OF MINOR DESIGN CHANGES (AMENDMENTS TO PLANNING PERMISSION S/2007/1544)
Date Valid	15 October 2008	Address	APPLE TREE COTTAGE TIDWORTH ROAD BOSCOMBE
APC Response deadline	5 November 2008		No Objection but concerns over possible Commercial Use or the property becoming a separate dwelling

b. Reports. Decisions made by Salisbury District Council

Planning Ref	S/2008/1316	Description	O/L Application CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING
SDC Response	REFUSED	Address	Adj 1 Bourne View, Boscombe

Planning Ref	S/2008/1350	Description	HOT TUB TO BE SET INTO GROUND
SDC Response	APPROVED with conditions	Address	2 Bishops Reach, Allington

Planning Ref	S/2008/1271	Description	CONVERSION AND EXTENSION OF BARNS (INCLUDING GENERAL REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FABRIC) TO CREATE TWO DWELLINGS, ANCILLARY OUTBUILDINGS AND FARM OFFICE
SDC Response	APPROVED subject to S106	Address	East Farm, Tidworth Road, Boscombe

15. FINANCE

- a) Breakdown of Income and Expenditure since last meeting was presented and agreed. The Clerk advised Bank statements were now being received and the balance in Lloyds TSB was quite healthy. The council agreed to place £4000.00 currently in Lloyds TSB under deposit with Bank of Ireland to attract some interest, of this £4000.00 £1000.00 was to be marked as the Council's sinking fund payment for 2008-9.
- b) Cheques were signed to pay the agreed payments of expenditure together with a Standing Order for the Clerk's salary to be paid automatically each month.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Miles raised the issue of grass cutting within the village. He mentioned that it was very nice to see the village neat and tidy but at what cost and perhaps the regularity of cutting some areas could be re-examined. It was agreed that the issue be raised at the next meeting when the budget for 2009-10 would also be discussed.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the Next meeting is to be Tuesday 2 December 2008 at 7.30 p.m. at Boscombe and District Social Club

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.