

Minutes of the Allington Parish Council meeting on 20th October 2009
Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club

Present were – Cllr M Brunton, Cllr P Smith, Cllr G Barnes, Cllr Matt Smith, Cllr Rob Kitson, Mrs J Tier (Parish Clerk)

6 Members of the Public

Cllr John Smale

Cllr Mike Hewitt

Prior to the meeting a representative of St.Andrews Church, Mr Sanders, asked the Parish Council if they could assist the Church with their enquiry regarding Brown Historic signs. Cllr Brunton advised Mr Sanders the Parish Council had made inquiries and produced a Draft document detailing the potential plans for the placement of Brown Historic signs.

Whilst the document is still in Draft form the estimated cost of the Brown Historic signs is £2050.00 per scheme. A discussion then ensued as to the whether the Church could put up its own signs and Mr Martin was going to look into this. Mr Martin then thanked the Parish Council and took the Draft document with him.

A representative from the Steering Group then briefed the Parish Council on the recent surveys that were currently being undertaken in Allington and Boscombe. The first survey is expected to be finished by November and there is a proposed meeting on the 1st December in the Social Club to show the results.

Action

1	Declarations of Interest None	
2	Minutes A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 8 th September 2009 were submitted and approved and duly signed by Cllr Brunton. Cllr Barnes proposed the acceptance and Cllr Smith seconded.	
3	Matters Arising Cemetary Cllr Brunton asked the clerk to update the Parish Council on the Cemetary. The clerk advised that a new headstone was going to be erected for Mr Miles on October 23 rd and that she was going to meet the contractors with Cllr Barnes to ensure the headstone was erected in the correct position.	Clerk Jane Tier Cllr Barnes
	Playground update Cllr Kitson advised that the play area was complete and all Play equipment had been installed and the fence was now repaired. Cllr Kitson confirmed that he had obtained a quote for playground signs. The signs are going to warn people that the Parish Council has no responsibility over damage to cars etc in the parking area beside the Playground area.	

	<p>The expenditure of £31.50 for the signage was proposed by Cllr Brunton and seconded by Cllr Barnes.</p> <p>The Parish Council then thanked Bill Wasling for his work on the Play area signs.</p> <p>Cllr Kitson advised that he had spoken to Rospa who advised they will inspect the Play area as per the agreed rota next May.</p> <p>Cllr Barnes asked Cllr Kitson if the Play equipment was compliant with safety regulations upon its installation.</p> <p>Cllr Kitson confirmed that it was and that he would Produce documentation for the clerk to keep on file</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed the VAT claim had been received.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the above invoice and the remaining invoices, the clerk will claim the balance of R2 funds.</p>	<p>Cllr Kitson Action Clerk</p>																								
<p>4</p>	<p>Unitary Update</p> <p>Cllr Smale reported on the increased traffic problems due to the closure of the Porton road and the recent traffic lights on Broken Cross bridge. Cllr Smale reported that he had an information pack from the Area Board Meeting on obtaining grants which might be useful to the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Steering Group. He left a copy with the Parish Council. Cllr Hewitt advised the Port-way traffic lights are going to be ‘bagged’ until the new housing development in the area is finished. Cllr Hewitt also advised the traffic lights at Broken Cross bridge may be decreased to two sets and it is not known at this point how long it will be before the bridge repair takes place.</p>	<p>Clerk Jane Tier</p>																								
<p>5</p>	<p>Parish Plan update and funding</p> <p>Cllr Brunton requested the Cllr’s to look at the monthly Financial spreadsheet at this point as he wanted them to have an oversight on funding before item six was discussed. The clerk produced a spreadsheet to highlight the Parish expenditure this year in conjunction with the budget and future expenditure.</p> <p>The monthly spreadsheet was produced with the following recent transactions highlighted;</p> <table><tr><td>132009</td><td>Wiltshire Council</td><td>R2</td><td>9,176.00</td></tr><tr><td>495</td><td>Playdale</td><td>Equipment for Play area</td><td>(5,276.20)</td></tr><tr><td>495</td><td>Playdale</td><td>Equipment for Play area</td><td>(5,276.20)</td></tr><tr><td>496</td><td>Mr Barney</td><td>Renew chain link fence</td><td>(260.00)</td></tr><tr><td>S/O</td><td>Mr T Services (A.G.Bowden)</td><td>Grass Maintenance September</td><td>(249.16)</td></tr><tr><td>Bacs</td><td>HMRC</td><td>VAT Refund</td><td>1,402.86</td></tr></table>	132009	Wiltshire Council	R2	9,176.00	495	Playdale	Equipment for Play area	(5,276.20)	495	Playdale	Equipment for Play area	(5,276.20)	496	Mr Barney	Renew chain link fence	(260.00)	S/O	Mr T Services (A.G.Bowden)	Grass Maintenance September	(249.16)	Bacs	HMRC	VAT Refund	1,402.86	
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6.	<p>Cllr Brunton asked the Council to vote on making a donation of £250.00 (from this year) and £250.00 from the next Financial year towards the Parish Plan Steering groups costs.</p> <p>Cllr Brunton proposed the vote and this was seconded by Cllr P.Smith. All the Cllr's were in favour.</p>	
7	<p>Discuss and vote on expenditure of Parish funds to match Wiltshire Council Funding.</p> <p>Cllr Brunton asked the Parish Council if they would vote on undertaking repair work to some of the property owned by the Parish Council in the village. A Swag grant of £800 is available to spend but this is reliant on the Parish Council also funding the project. Cllr Brunton suggested the following;</p> <p>Rebuild notice board at Wyndham Lane Refurbish notice boards at Boscombe and Play area Rebuild notice board at Bourne View (30%) bigger. Paint and wood preserve 2 wooden bus shelters Clean, plug bolt-holes and retreat 7 benches within the village</p> <p>The total cost of the above is £1660.00 of which £800.00 has been obtained from the Swag grant and £860.00 will be from Parish Council funds Cllr Brunton proposed the notice boards repair and this was seconded by Cllr Barnes. Cllr Barnes suggested the remaining repair work should be voted on at the next Parish Council meeting as a separate Agenda item</p> <p>8 Receive a report from Cllr Barnes on the 13th October Amesbury Area Board</p> <p>Cllr Barnes attended the meeting and one of the items discussed relevant to the Parish Council was Community Speed Watch. The local Police have suggested that a HUB of Speed watch equipment should be kept whereby local villages can be trained to use the Speed watch equipment to be used within their Parish. This would all be covered by the Police Insurance. A discussion then ensued with Cllr Hewitt as to the merits of 'self-policing' the Speed watch system in the Parish. It was agreed that there is a down side to the system whereby any people 'caught' speeding could become unpleasant towards the person operating the system. Cllr Brunton suggested the Area Board should operate an area wide scheme whereby a group of people go into a village (they are not connected with) and operate the service on behalf of the parish. Cllr Hewitt said he would investigate the feasibility of this suggestion.</p>	
9	<p>Discuss Planning Applications There were no Planning Applications</p> <p>8.30pm Cllr Brunton closed the meeting at the request of Cllr Hewitt 8.31pm Cllr Brunton reopened the meeting</p>	

<p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Cycle Routes through Allington Cllr Brunton produced a proposed Cycle route map through Allington to Amesbury which was looked at by the Parish Councillors. Suggested modifications to the plan were noted and have been passed to the Bourne Valley Alliance.</p> <p>Brown Historical signs This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting.</p> <p>Correspondence An email was read out from Mrs Gauld who had concerns over ‘fly-tipping’ Cllr Brunton had visited the site and upon discussion it was realised that the relevant area is having building work which should be completed in the next seven days and the problem should be resolved. Cllr P.Smith will visit the area to ensure this has happened.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action Cllr P.Smith</p> <p>Cllr Brunton asked if any members of the Parish Council could attend The meeting on Thursday at the Defence Estates on Rights of Way issues. No Cllrs are able to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Kitson advised the Parish Steward will be visiting late in October and for any members of the Parish Council to advise if any specific work needed doing. Cllr Brunton advised that the Clerk had received an email from Mrs Goodenough, copied to the Salisbury Journal, regarding a breach over the Code of Conduct by Stan Stubbs, Chairman of the Bourne Valley Alliance. No further action was deemed necessary by the Parish Council.</p>	
<p>13</p> <p>14</p>	<p>Monthly financial report and cheque signing This was discussed earlier</p> <p>Date of next meeting The date of the next Allington and Boscombe Parish Council meeting is 24th November 2009 at the Boscombe and District Social Club at 7.30pm</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>AOB Cllr Barnes advised the Cemetary gates were in need of repair and this will be added as an Agenda item at the next meeting. Cllr Barnes also highlighted the Cemetary was in need of a tidy-up with regard to bushes / trees and she has kindly agreed to undertake this. Cllr Kitson advised that he will be leaving the area in the late Spring of next year. The meeting closed at 8.55pm</p>	