

Minutes of the Allington Parish Council meeting on 9th March 2010
Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club

<p>Present were – Cllr M Brunton, Cllr P.Smith, Cllr Matt Smith, Cllr Terry Turner, Cllr Borrett, Cllr R.Kitson and Mrs J Tier (Parish Clerk)</p> <p>3 Members of the Public Cllr Mike Hewitt Cllr John Smale</p> <p>Prior to the meeting Cllr Brunton asked the public if they had any questions or comments prior to opening the meeting. Richard Noon updated the Parish Council on the Parish Plan Steering Group. The Steering Group has formed individual sub-committees who each have their own projects to manage which include the elderly, environment, transport, A338 and young people. The main questionnaire, needed to produce the Parish Plan, will be ready for distribution in April. There were no further questions from the public.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>1 To receive apologies Apologies received from Cllr Glynis Barnes</p>	
<p>2 Declarations of Interest Cllr Brunton advised that he would abstain from the grass-cutting contract decision as he has forwarded a quote from his garden and lawn contractor and did not feel that it would be appropriate to vote on this matter.</p>	
<p>3 Minutes A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 9th February 2010 were submitted and approved and duly signed by Cllr Brunton. Cllr Turner proposed the acceptance and Cllr Kitson seconded.</p>	
<p>4 Matters Arising Cemetery Wall Cllr Brunton read out an email that had been received from Highways regarding the re-build of the cemetery wall. Highways have made the wall safe and will now undertake work to rebuild. There is a possibility that one or two of the posts inside the wall will need be replaced (by the Parish Council) but it will not be known until the work starts.</p> <p>Cllr Brunton asked the Clerk for an update on the grit bins and the clerk advised that the Highways Department is looking into the matter.</p>	
<p>5-6 Update on Bourne Valley Alliance and Area Board meetings and report from Unitary Councillor, John Smailes County Speed Limit Review: The Parish submitted its views on the need to reduce the speed limit through the village from 40 to 30mph. A copy of the submission was filed with the clerk. Bourne Valley Alliance submitted their own consultation request for the five villages in the valley.</p> <p>The Amesbury Area Board will be voting on the de-priming of the A338 at the next Area Board meeting 25th March at 6pm Antrobus House, Amesbury. A presentation will also be made at the meeting concerning future plans for the NHS Out of Hours Service.</p>	

	<p>Robert Key (MP) has confirmed that no final decision will be made on the possible move of the HPA (Porton) to Essex until after the 2010 election.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Stonehenge Community Area Partnership attended the March 4th meeting of the Bourne Valley Alliance and provided an overview of the future plans and ambitions of SCAP. He did, however, concede that SCAP was not working as well as expected and their future remit was under review.</p> <p>The Amesbury Area Board held a workshop on 8th March. With an attendance of 120 people, the general feeling was that the new Area Board was working well though there were concerns about the success and progress of various Community Area Partnerships in the county. There was general acceptance by Wiltshire Council that future success will come about by Partnerships being driven from individual communities and not by Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>Amesbury Area Board is expected to instigate more frequent meetings (next meeting 25th March) in view of busy agendas at the current time. The Board also plans in the near future to set up a specific meeting to consult more directly with local parish councils as to how the Board can improve its working effectiveness with parishes.</p>	
7	<p>Grass-cutting</p> <p>The Parish Council had sought four quotes but only received two quotes for the annual grass-cutting in Allington and Boscombe. The two quotes received needed to be more specific as regards individual/ extra grass cutting areas and cutting frequency. Cllr Kitson will go back to the two contractors concerned and gather more information. Cllr Brunton proposed Cllr Kitson, Cllr Matt Smith and Cllr Terry Turner review the quotes when the appropriate information has been gathered and make a decision on which contractor to use. This was seconded by Cllr Turner.</p>	
8	<p>Discuss Planning Applications</p> <p>There were no planning applications to consider</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence received</p> <p>Cllr Brunton informed the Parish Council that Cllr Borrett had tendered her resignation and thanked her on behalf of the Parish Council for all her hard work over the years, both as a Councillor and Chair. The Parish Council is now advertising the vacant position.</p> <p>A request from Newman's funeral directors had been received to request that a headstone be erected to the late Mrs Wagg. Cllr Brunton signed the acceptance letter.</p> <p>A request for donations had been received from Victim Support and the Parish Council agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting. Correspondence was received from WALC which was passed around for the Cllr's to read.</p>	
10	<p>Monthly Financial Report and cheque signing</p> <p>The Parish Council reviewed the monthly financial spreadsheet and cheques for approval. Cllr Turner proposed acceptance of the report and cheques and this was seconded by Cllr P.Smith. Payments were made to Mr T.Services (A.G.Bowden) £249.16 (Grass Maint February), Bourne Valley Link Scheme (annual donation) £190.00 and Mrs Jane Tier (February) £147.53</p>	

11	Agree date of next meeting 20 th April at the Boscombe and District Social Club	
12	AOB Cllr Kitson reported there was still a problem with the grass surface in the play area that had become worn. A discussion then ensued as to the best way of dealing with this. The Parish Council decided to talk to the grass cutting contractor once they are appointed and get a quote for repairs. Cllr Brunton advised that he had been approached by a parishioner regarding the footpaths at Cloudlands Farm area and the footpath opposite the church (leading to steps). There are felled trees which are dangerous and Cllr Brunton will write to W.C. regarding this matter. The meeting closed at 8.45pm	