

Minutes of the Allington Parish Council Meeting on 14th September 2010
Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club

Present were – Cllr Brunton, Cllr Pete Smith, Cllr Barnes, Cllr Noon, Cllr Hill, Mrs J Tier (Parish Clerk)

Unitary Cllr Mr J Smale

2 members of the public

Public Question Time

No public questions

1 To receive apologies

Cllr Turner, Cllr Matt Smith

2 Declarations of Interest

None

3 Minutes

A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 3rd August 2010 were submitted and proposed as a true record by Cllr Pete Smith, Cllr John Hill seconded. All in favour.

4 Matters Arising

Refurbish bus shelter

Cllr Brunton advised he has arranged for the bus shelter at the northern end of the village to be cleaned, painted and tidied.

Cemetery wall update – Cllr Brunton advised he has contacted Dick Tonge (Cabinet member for Highways) and work is expected to start on 20th September.

Allington Track – A discussion ensued as to the removal of the ‘Allington’ track sign (off the A303). The sign has been removed and the meeting discussed whether this was a pre-cursor to closing the track permanently. Cllr Hill reconfirmed that he believes the absence of the sign is dangerous and can cause a traffic hazard, particularly in the hours of darkness.

Unitary Cllr Smale advised he will discuss this matter with Wiltshire Council.

PIG Grants – These have been advertised in the Parish magazine but no comments have been received as yet.

5 BVA Meeting with Toby Sturgis - Wiltshire Council's Recycling Consultation Project

Cllr Brunton updated the meeting on the recent BVA meeting with Toby Sturgis regarding Wiltshire Council's Waste strategy proposal. The following points were discussed:

First half of meeting – The Consultation.

- Wiltshire Council's strategy was inadequate and flawed.
- No consultation with Parish Councils
- No leaflet distribution to residents
- ‘Open day’ consultations were badly advertised

- Data input - the consultation was supplemented by using earlier data obtained from a Salisbury District Council consultation and govt figures that distorts the current consultation.

Second half of meeting (using proviso that a fortnightly recycling programme will be initiated);

- Bad National press coverage on fortnightly collections must be avoided
- Residents concerns over rats, maggots, smells etc have not been alleviated
- Wiltshire Council have no plans to consult Parish Councils on how they are going to proceed with recycling project (communication, etc)
- Wiltshire Council need to be proactive in converting waste to energy rather than 'chasing waste targets'.

The BVAPC sent an email detailing all of the comments above (and more) to Toby Sturgis at Wiltshire Council – who previously advised that he would pass it onto all 10 cabinet members. No reply has yet been received (over 10 days ago).

Cllr John Smale publically thanked the BVA for their 'staunch' attack on Wiltshire Council's recycling consultation project and taking action by documenting it and sending it to Wiltshire Council.

6 Report from Area Board (Unitary Cllr)

Cllr Smale advised the Parish Council that Grants were available for Parish Council projects and Wiltshire Council could fund up to 50% of the project cost.

Cllr Brunton updated the meeting on the Sept 2nd Area Board Meeting;

Grit – Bins – Having initiated a survey to find out where grit-bins are located in all Parish Councils, Dick Tonge advised that no decisions on additional bins will be made until October or November.

Stonehenge Visitors Centre – Despite the Government cut-backs there is still funding available for a new visitors centre at Stonehenge. The scheme is proceeding with an estimated open date of 2013, providing private funding can be resourced.

Wiltshire Council – Good neighbour scheme – There is a proposal from Wiltshire Council to sponsor a 'Good Neighbour Scheme' which will run alongside the 'Link Scheme'. The Parish Council discussed the potential concerns of confusion and why a similar scheme to Link is needed at a time when Wiltshire Council is looking to reduce costs.

Planning – The Spatial Director presented a 'Strategic Planning' outline for new builds and continuation of building in certain areas;

Archers Gate - A plan for 170 more houses

Kingsgate - 1300 Houses (40 % affordable including provision for Schools, Doctors, dentists, etc)

Durrington/Netheravon - Plans for 120 houses

7 Planning Application – No Planning Applications. A Tree preservation order was received for file purpose only.

8 Correspondence received

The Clerk passed around the general correspondence that had been received.

A letter was received from a resident (Isa Gauld) regarding persistent dog-fouling in the Village. The Parish Council discussed the matter and Cllr Brunton will reply directly.

Wiltshire Council – letter regarding precept communication via email – the Parish Council agreed with this.

Wiltshire Council – Leisure refurbishment / new build plans in the county – this was passed around the Parish Council.

Wiltshire Council – Invite to training seminar – the Parish agreed the new Cllrs have been on training seminars so no-one is required to attend the one in October.

Wiltshire Council - Street naming / house numbering consultation – The Parish Council chose option A – to leave the process as it is.

9 Monthly Financial Report and Cheque Signing.

The Clerk produced a spreadsheet detailing the Parish finances and the following cheques were signed: J.Tier £109.75, M.Jones (for playground work) £290.23, Mazars £158.62, S/O Jones £288.85 (Grass cutting). Cllrs Hill and Barnes proposed acceptance of the monthly financial report and cheques and this was seconded by Cllr Pete Smith.

Cllr Brunton advised the Mazars Audit report had been signed off and was currently on view on the village notice boards for a 14 day period.

- 10 AOB** – Cllr Barnes raised a concern about the non-road signage along Tidworth Rd and the confusion of the side roads in and around Boscombe (the Close and Church roads) all being Tidworth Rd. This regularly causes problems for the post office and delivery services. Cllr Smale said he will investigate which dept is responsible for this and advise the clerk so that the Parish Council can write and seek guidance.

Cllr Hill advised he had spoken to ROSPA and given them his contact details and is expecting an annual inspection of the playground in September.

11 Agree Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 19th October

The meeting closed at 8.25pm