

Minutes of the Allington Parish Council meeting on 22nd April 2010

Held at the Boscombe and District Social Club

Present were – Cllr Brunton, Cllr Robson, Cllr Pete Smith, Cllr Turner, Cllr Matt Smith, Mrs J Tier (Parish Clerk)
Unitary Cllr Mr J Smale
2 members of the public, Mr Richard Noon
PC Alan Day (beat Manager Amesbury police)

Public question time

Cllr Smale updated the meeting on forthcoming Area Board meeting dates as follows:

14th May 2010, Seminar for Parish Councils at City Hall.

10th June – Area Board meeting for Parish Cllrs only at Antrobus House, Amesbury at 5.00pm.

The next Area Board is 29th April at Winterbourne Earls and the following one is held on 21st July at Figheldean.

There is a £5,000 Youth allocation grant available (in the Amesbury Area) that may be used for transport (buses etc).

PC Alan Day (Beat Manager for Amesbury) introduced himself as the replacement for Amanda Warren. Alan advised in the first quarter of 2010 there had been no reported crimes. However there had been resurgence of anti-social behaviour. The police are running a programme whereby they will occupy shops (Porton and Winterbourne) on the 3rd and 13th May to liaise with the public.

Cllr Brunton then reported he is expecting that the current Parish Plan questionnaire would establish what Allington residents currently feel about police presence, personal security, crime, traffic and speeding. Alan Day advised that he would be very interested to see the results.

The meeting then commenced

1 **To receive apologies**

Glynis Barnes

2 **Declarations of Interest**

None

3 **Minutes**

A copy of the minutes for the last meeting held on 9th March 2010 were submitted and approved and duly signed by Cllr Brunton. Cllr Turner proposed the acceptance and Cllr Kitson seconded.

4 **Matters Arising**

Cemetery Wall – Cllr Turner advised work is due to commence on the wall at the end of June / beginning of July. There will be traffic lights installed to allow the work to be safely completed. The cemetery fence may have to be moved and Cllr Turner made the meeting aware of this.

Cllr Kitson advised the grass-cutting contract was awarded to Mark Jones and the clerk was given the paperwork for this.

Cllr Brunton advised Newman's funeral director had inquired as to plot sizes in the cemetery and the clerk and Cllr Turner advised they had actioned this.

Cllr Kitson advised he had spoken to Mark Jones regarding the surface in the Play area whereby the grass area has small pieces of masonry sticking out of it. The Parish Council will ask Mr Jones to quote for removing this and regrassing.

5 **Co-option of new Parish Councillor**

Mr Richard Noon was co-opted onto the Parish Council (following an interview before the Parish meeting).

This was proposed by Cllr Brunton and seconded by Cllr Turner. All in favour.

6 **Report from Unitary Councillor**

(see public question time above)

7 **Report from Area Board**

Cllr Brunton attended the last Area Board meeting whereby five main issues were discussed that were relevant to Allington

1 Details the changes to the out of hours service for Dental / G.P. service was discussed. There is one contractor dealing with out of hours calls and the contact details are;

Out of Hours G.P. tel. 0300 11105717

National Health tel. 0845 46467

Emergency calls are the normal 999 number.

2 The proposed closure of the A344 was also discussed whereby the Area Board will seek a further detailed report before making any firm recommendations.

- 3 The de-priming of the A338 in conjunction with the lowering of the road at St.Thomas's Bridge was discussed. The Area Board have agreed that the A338 should be de-primed.
- 4 A consultation is underway at present with regard to suitable sites for Gypsy / Travellers and land-owners.
- 5 Cllr Mike Hewitt is moving from his post as Chair and will become Vice-Chair. Cllr Smale will become the new Chair.
- 8 **Planning Application S/2010/374/FULL** – erection of 70m Anemometry mast for a period of three years at DSTL Porton Down. While there was no direct objection to this planning application, the council were mindful of future implications and would make such views known to Wiltshire Council.
- 9 **Planning Application S/2010/506/FULL** – Installation of cladding, replacement of first floor windows for double Glazing. No objections – proposed by Cllr Turner seconded by Cllr Pete Smith.
- 10 **Correspondence received**
Cllr Brunton read out a letter of resignation received by the Parish Council from Cllr Kitson. Cllr Brunton thanked Cllr Kitson for all his hard work in his time as Parish Councillor and in particular the Play area which has developed very successfully due to the hard work of Cllr Kitson.
The Parish Council have been invited to a Parish, Town and City Councillors Training seminar on 14th May, Cllrs Richard Noon, Pete Smith and Matt Smith advised they will attend.
- 11 **Monthly Financial Report and Cheque Signing.**
The Clerk produced a spreadsheet detailing the Parish finances and the following cheques were signed; Wiltshire Council £24.43, Community First (Insurance) £536.95, W.A.L.C. £130.33, Frenchmoor Pine and Restoration £250.00, Idmiston Parish Council £15.00.
Cllr Kitson proposed acceptance of the report and Cheques and this was seconded by Cllr Noon.
- 12 **Parish Clerk Salary Scale**
Cllr Brunton proposed the annual increment to the Clerks salary (Salary Scale 15 to Salary Scale 16) and this was seconded by Cllr Turner.
- 13 **Agree Date of next meeting**
The date of the next meeting is 18th May. The annual AGM will take place at 7.00pm followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting.
- 14 **AOB**
Cllr Matt Smith and the Clerk recently attended a training course following which the current Parish Standing Orders would be reviewed at a future meeting.
The Parish then discussed and reviewed who would take on Cllr Kitson's responsibilities and agreed they should be re-delegated as follows:
Cllr Brunton = Grass-cutting and Parish Steward
Cllr Pete Smith = Play Area (temporarily)
Cllr Turner = Flood Warden

The meeting closed at 8.55pm