

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st of June 2022
at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ford Lane, Alresford

Cllrs. present:

Cllr. F Belgrove (Chairman),
Cllr. E. Osborne (Vice Chairman),
Cllr. A. Broom,
Cllr. S. Clark,
Cllr. L. Belgrove
Cllr. G. Scott,
Cllr. A. Wiggins,

Also present:

County. Cllr. A. Goggin
Members of the public x5

Meeting opens: 19.30hrs transacting the following business:

AGENDA ITEMS

06.22.2137 Announcements Chairman Cllr F Belgrove announces that the Jubilee party in the park will take place on the 4th of June, and all are welcome to attend with picnics, or to utilise the bar and catering which will be available.

Cllr L Belgrove arrives **19.31hrs.**

Cllr F Belgrove announces that Cllr L Belgrove has been appointed as elected chair of Tendring District Association of Local Councils, subsequently offering councils congratulations.

Cllr F Belgrove announces that agenda item 2142 Guest speaker is postponed, and that the clerk will make arrangements to reschedule with the speaker.

Item 2143. Also announces that the RFO has had to prioritise an emergency issue in renewing APC Insurance due to our provider pulling out of the market. This has meant that the 4th quarter finance overview is delayed.

06.22.2138 Apologies for Absence. Cllrs S Hammick, R Swash, J Housden, and J Claremont Brown send their apologies.

06.22.2139 Minutes of the last monthly meeting: To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of the 4th of May 2022.

Cllr L Belgrove references clarification over acreage of offshore wind farm sub-station into words not numbers, and re item 2129 asks for the comments on the work of ACRFC to be mintued.

Action: Clerk to adjust minutes to reflect councils' statement re ACRFC work.

Cllr A Wiggins proposes (with adjustment), Cllr A Broom seconds. Carried

06.22.2140 Declarations of Interest. Cllr A Wiggins declares her non-pecuniary interest and Cllr G Scotts non-pecuniary interest in item 2158 DC report.

06.22.2141 Public Forum members of the public and guests address the Council, Time limit 3 mins per person. Item limited to 10 minutes.

MOP Speaks in reference to lighting issues on Wivenhoe Road at Munson Gardens and asks why ECC have not sited lighting. Cllr F Belgrove responds re local highways devolution and the fact that some areas are PC controlled but that the location in question is an ECC Highways controlled area. Cllr E Osborne also clarifies that there is an historical relationship between the villages size, rural location and the MOP perceived lack of lighting. A second MOP comments and agrees with Cllr E Osborne. Original questioner comments that with a care home the lack of lighting could become a safety issue. MOP then speaks re adult gym equipment and has conducted a survey. Cllr F Belgrove suggests we might add this as a future agenda item.

A second MOP mentions the sale of the fishing lakes and the critique of an Apple Farmer by a Cllr and suggests that the minutes do not reflect the weight of the Cllrs commentary or that those comments reflected general opinion of the community regarding the sale. Cllr F Belgrove clarifies the purpose of the minutes and the process by which council agrees the minutes. He also states that the matter is settled as the lakes were sold to the Anglers. Cllr E Osborne also responds and thanks the MOP for their support.

A third MOP speaks re local employment and states that the Wyvernwood website opened on June 1st and that the business will employ approximately 100 people and no zeros hours contracts will be utilized. Expresses gratitude to councillors for their support and asks people present to review the offering on the website. MOP also expresses thanks to County Cllr A Goggin.

A fourth MOP mentions erratic buses and timetables. Cllr F Belgrove charges the Clerk to enquire further. MOP also mentions the early collections and suggests that it is not an issue personally. Finally he states that the speeding signs in Suffolk are sited on poles set in large concrete blocks not dug into the ground.

Action: Clerk to enquire further re buses,

06.22.2142 Guest Speaker: Paul Phillips

District Based Youth & Community Commissioner

Essex Youth Service, Essex County Council to introduce services and partnership potentials

Postponed until July or August meeting.

06.22.2143 Finance Matters.

1. May Finance Report - Council to review and approve.

An adjustment to be made, reference item 23 of the finance report. Clerk announces the adjustment downward in reference to the original quotation with regard to kerbstone replacement by Colne Contracts. Cllr S Clark seeks clarification on item 19, the Clerk clarifies the item and its approval by council in previous meetings

Cllr S Clark Proposes, Cllr A Broom seconded, Carried.

2. 4th Quarter Overview - Postponed

06.22.2144 Planning Matters: Review of applications (presented on screen)

Proposal: 22/00668 FUL Proposed menage.

22/00668 Location: Land Close to Tenpenny Hill Alresford Essex CO7

Cllr E Osborne elaborates on what a menage is. Expresses some concern over lighting and the impact on residents through light pollution. Cllr F Belgrove also expresses that the TDC environmental officer had referenced light pollution. Cllrs A Wiggins and L Belgrove also asked about timers and curfew on lighting. Cllr S Clark also expresses that under normal circumstances such lighting is timed.

Proposed Cllr E Osborne. Seconded Cllr L Belgrove Carried to approve with commentary.

Action: Clerk to upload councils response to planning portal

Proposal: 22/00775 FULHH Proposed garage conversion to make a home office/study.

22/00775 Location: 182 Wivenhoe road, Alresford Essex CO7

Cllr F Belgrove announces proposal no external change, and under change of use, what would be permitted development.

Cllr E Osborne describes the process and the purpose and suggests that council approve.

Cllr S Clark clarifies further the changes being made. Expresses no objection to the proposal, and mentions a prior application which was refused.

Proposed Cllr A Broom, Seconded Cllr S Clark. 4 votes for 1 abstention.

Action: Clerk to upload councils' response to planning portal

Proposal: 22/00823 DISCON. Discharge of conditions 12(g) (Drainage Survey), 19 (Workplace Travel Plan), 25 (Suds) of application 21/01136/FUL

22/00823 Location: Alresford Hall Ford Lane Alresford Colchester Essex CO7

The clerk clarifies that the letter specifically notified and sought Parish council input. Cllr E Osborne states that no such item has previously been brought before council. Cllr S Clark seeks further clarification from the clerk. The clerk states that the precedent has been set previously in not commenting on such works and advises against responding. Cllr F Belgrove puts to council that no comment will be made on the item following the clerks' advice.

Action: None to be taken following clerks' advice.

06.22.2145 Review of working parties structure: council to review. Overview of delegated procedures and agreement on membership of the following working parties.

Cllr F Belgrove introduces 4 of the 6 working parties (not dealing with the creek or the highways devolution committees). Calls on the clerk to read out rules and regulations relating to working parties and sub committees.

Clerk introduces the NALC legal topic note 1, broken down into 35 points, specifically notes 05e, and note 24 clarify that working parties are effectively sub-committees as addressed by the 1972 act. The clerk reads from the act and then clarifies the needs of working parties, committees and sub-committees to provide adequate notice to the clerk in calling meetings (3 days where the public are included). Cllr E Osborne seeks further clarification, and clerk clarifies.

Cllr G Scott arrives from another meeting at **20.18hrs**

1. Environment/Public Realm W/P- Members:
F Belgrove, E Osborne, L Belgrove, R Swash, S Hammick (who will be moving), S Clark joins
2. Playing Field W/P – Members:
F Belgrove, E Osborne, L Belgrove, G Scott.
3. Allotments W/P – Members:
F Belgrove, E Osborne, L Belgrove, J Claremont-Brown.
4. Minerals and Waste W/P – Members:
E Osborne, S Clark, A Broom, J Claremont-Brown.

Action: Update list of working parties members.

06.22.2146 Public Goal Posts: It is resolved that APC purchase an approved goal post set for incidental use by local residents at a cost of £365 +VAT. ACRFC will donate the exc VAT Amount in full for the goal posts.

Cllr E Osborne speaks about the public amenity and the success of having such availability. Proposed A Wiggins, Seconded G Scott. Carried.

Action: Clerk to arrange with ACRFC to purchase the goal posts

20.10Hrs County Councillor A Goggin arrives from another meeting.

06.22.2147 Streetlighting Munson Gardens. A request has been made from a resident for an APC streetlight to be installed at the junction of Munson Gardens and Wivenhoe Road. Council

to consider the request and possible actions. Quote of £1850 Plus VAT for solar powered LED Lamp and post. Cllr G Scott comments in support of the proposal.

Cllr L Belgrove suggests that council consults with residents. Cllr E Osborne seeks clarification over whose power it is to provide lighting. Cllr G Scott and Cllr F Belgrove express surprise that developer never installed lighting. Cllr F Belgrove also clarifies it would be a solar powered and stand-alone unit. Cllr E Osborne comments that lighting needs to be an aspect of planning that council is mindful of.

Cllr G Scott proposes that council consults with residents of Munson gardens.

Cllr S Clark also suggests that it is a good idea to consult further to seek design guidance that takes away personal preference. Cllr F Belgrove also clarifies that council has to consult with ECC. That this is a 2-step process.

Cllr L Belgrove proposes a resident consultation, and initial enquiries through ECC for lighting proposal.

Seconded by Cllr G Scott.

Carried

Action: Clerk to research ownership and adoption of the road/estate and to produce a consultation letter for residents.

06.22.2148 Council to Obtain Quotations for a combined dog waste/litter bin at Marsh Farm Bridleway and Footpath. Council to discuss.

Cllr A Broom clarifies that the site should be at the beginning of the bridle path. Suggests that if a bin was there the walkers might use it. APC to check with GPS. Cllr G Scott and A Wiggins will mention this matter at Elmstead parish council. Liaise with Elmstead. Cllr L Belgrove queries if we are allowed to contribute towards it if it is installed by Elmstead. Costs of Veolia emptying it, and the cost is £80 per bin PA clarified by Cllr F Belgrove.

Cllr A Broom proposes

Seconded Cllr L Belgrove

Carried

Action: Cllrs Scott & Wiggins to liaise with Elmstead parish Council and TDC over placement and shared cost of bin.

06.22.2149 Update. Kerbstone replacement Chestnut Road. Council to consider cost of replacement gully and cover. Cost will be in excess of £600 +VAT.

Cllr F Belgrove introduces. Cllr G Scott comments that the existing cover is no longer made. Cost will be higher due to amount of work needing to be done.

Cllr S Clark proposes

Cllr G Scott seconds

Carried.

Action: Clerk to authorise Colne Contracts to provide schedule of works.

06.22.2150 Update. Report on Liaison meeting with Brett Aggregates and ECC.

Cllr F Belgrove introduces. States attendees, and what was pressed for. Minutes available to all councillors if they need sight of it. Cllr E Osborne clarifies difference between HAUL road, not HALL road. Site meeting to be arranged by clerk with Bretts. Commitment by A Watts at Bretts commitment to deliver a traffic management plan. Also A Watts agreed to supply a copy of the HAUL road in map form. Clerk to pursue. Then pursue a meeting soon after the site visit.

Cllr S Clark also clarifies that the current mineral local plan review is ongoing and requires that it is added to agenda on a frequent and regular basis.

Cllr F Belgrove also highlights two recent complaints and the adverse impact on residents enjoyment of their homes and amenity, to be minuted for the record.

Cllr L Belgrove also states that the HAUL road is not locked and that the gates should be after hours at both ends.

Action: Clerk to arrange mutually convenient walk of Haul Road for all parties.

06.22.2151 Update. Windfarm and National Grid Infrastructure reports. Cllr F Belgrove wrote on behalf of Tendring District association of local councils to the local MP and the protest to his government. Asks council if we are to ask for all underground cabling, or all coastal as per MP's suggestion.

Cllr G Scott speaks as a district councillor having attended with Cllr A Wiggins the Lawford consultation expo meeting and expounds on the situation.

Cllr F Belgrove also clarifies the convergence of offshore to the onshore substation.

Cllr S Clark states that the deadline for the consultation is June 16th 2022.

Cllr L Belgrove also states that the local councils unite with those with a stronger voice such as Sir Bernard and Sir Robert.

Cllr F Belgrove seeks a council decision on a collective response.

Cllr L Belgrove proposes we object.

Cllr G Scott seconds

All those in favour of the objection in its current form- carried

Action: Clerk to upload council collective decision to object. Councillors to object in a personal residents' capacity by June 16th.

06.22.2152 Road sign. Council to consider replacement of existing sign "Welcome To Alresford" road sign at Mitchells Farm Shop.

Cllr F Belgrove introduces, and that the sign is not possible to be refurbished. Cllr E Osborne states that the sign to the village is elsewhere. Cllr G Scott suggests it is TDC Sign which was originally bright blue. Cllr L Belgrove states that the sign should not be disposed of.

Cllr G Scott clarifies that the signs are refurbished at Great Bromley. Cllr G Scott agrees to seek further information.

Action: Cllr G Scott to seek further advice from TDC & Great Bromley PC.

06.22.2153 Council to discuss Early Recycling collections. Start time of re-cycling household collections by TDC - complaint received.

Cllr F Belgrove introduces that the collections complaint relates to 06.15-06.30am. Cllr G Scott

and Cllr A Wiggins agree to pursue this with TDC. Cllr L Belgrove expresses support for the residents to their retained amenity.

Cllr A Wiggins states that bins are not supposed to be put out until 07.00 and that this is earlier enough.

Action: District councillors to pursue the matter with TDC & Veolia.

06.22.2154 Council to review HGV Speeds Complaint received regarding speed of vehicles and associated noise and dust from vehicles using Bretts and residents' private road (off Ford Lane and Wivenhoe Road). Covered in another item re: haul road.

06.22.2155 Environment Awards. National award for Alresford. Chairman to update council.

Alresford is one of eight councils to have achieved this in the UK, leading to grant and funding opportunities. Cllr G Scott makes a terrible bee-based pun. Council chamber abuzz in response. Cllr S Clark supports the diversity that this has added to the local area. Cllr F Belgrove congratulates all of councils work on this.

05.22.2156 PCSO/Police Report.

Cllr F Belgrove mentions the complaints on social media and the allocation relating to the PCSO. Council discusses the matter at length. Breakdown of precept, whilst not a legal requirement we could breakdown what the cost of a PCSO is to each household- circa £2 per household per year.

Cllr L Belgrove speaks about the police report and breaks the report down to crimes that residents and PCSO would not be dealing with.

06.22.2157 Clerks Report.

The clerk reads his report for the month of May and actions taken resulting from council decisions taken.

06.22.2158 District Councillor's report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

Cllr G Scott reads the District councillor's report covering actions on behalf of council over the preceding month, with a focus on their representation of Alresford at TDC.

06.22.2159 Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

County Councillor Alan Goggin reads his report for the preceding month, with a focus on works and actions relating to Alresford parish. Congratulates the clerk on the minutes from the Brett liaison meeting. Complimenting the council on the dialogue being held by all parties.

Cllr S Clark asks about the locality fund and seeks clarification on how this might impact Alresford. Cllr A Goggin responds, relating it to levelling up- i.e affecting those on the lowest levels of income.

Cllr L Belgrove asks for a future agenda item on road markings and the roundabout.

Action: Clerk to report the roundabout condition through the ECC Highways portal.

06.22.2160 Meeting Ends - 21.24hrs

Signed:

Date:

Prepared by the Clerk/Proper Officer: Matt Cooke 15.06.22