

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on the 5th February 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. F. Belgrove (Chairman), Cllr. Osborne, Cllr. Wiggins, Cllr. Hammick, Cllr. Swash, Cllr. Housden and Cllr. Scott.

Also present: Parish Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Goggin, and 6 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

Announcements:

(i) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting 21st February 2020 at 2pm, amendments from the consultation to be discussed and actioned.

02.20.1511 Apologies for absence: Cllrs. Day, Clark and L. Belgrove gave apologies.

02.20.1512 Minutes of the last monthly meeting: The minutes from the 8th January 2020 meeting were agreed. Cllr. Wiggins proposed and Cllr. Swash seconded. All in favour.

02.20.1513 Declarations of Interest:

Cllrs. Scott and Wiggins declared interests in agenda item 02.20.1527, and agenda item 02.20.1528(i) grant payment for The Lunch Club. Cllrs. Hammick and F. Belgrove declared an interest in agenda item 02.20.1523. Cllr. F. Belgrove declared interests in agenda items 02.20.1519 (iii) and 02.20.1528 (i). Cllr. Osborne declared an interest in agenda item 02.20.1528(i) grant payment for AFOG.

02.20.1514 Public Forum (10 min. item. Public may address the Council for no longer than 3 mins. per person).

A resident mentioned about an article in the paper; TDC received a top up payment of £470,000 from the Government will it be part of the support grant? Cllr. Scott was unsure at the moment, other meetings to be held to discuss. Would ECC receive a payment also? It was unknown.

A resident asked about the Station House; would there be any parking available. Cllr. F. Belgrove mentioned that Network Rail and Abellio had stated that they do not want parking on the site.

A resident made the council aware that the application for Go Homes was going to appeal.

A resident queried if the white gate in the car park had been closed? No it hadn't been closed, the gate post had been damaged 4 times since it had been installed, but it was installed to be more of a deterrent.

02.20.1515 Planning

Council to consider the following application(s)/matters:

(i) 19/01944/FUL | Proposed stand-alone single storey one bedroom annex to the rear of the dwelling for family use. | 24 Hawkins Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8ED – Cllr. Osborne proposed that a neutral stance be taken, the Parish Council did not wish to make a comment at this stage. All in favour.

(ii) 19/01930/FUL | Proposed Garden Workshop and Storage Building with separate Garden Room. | 166 Wivenhoe Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AQ – No objection, Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

(iii) Consultation: Essex Coast Recreational Disturbance Avoidance & Mitigation Strategy SPD – Cllr. F. Belgrove and the Clerk will put together a response.

(iv) Site Address: Land adjacent 2 Wivenhoe Road Alresford

Description of development: Residential development of 3no. dwelling houses.

Application reference: 19/01261/FUL

Appellant's name: Mr & Mrs K Pope

Appeal reference: APP/P1560/W/19/3244048

Appeal start date: 20 January 2020

Deadline for any responses needed to be in by 24th February 2020.

02.20.1516 Pavilion Management

i) Request to replace guttering – A section of guttering that's linked to the Village Hall requires replacing. Cllr. Wiggins proposed, and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to progress.

ii) Quote to be obtained for internal lighting to LED (initially main meeting room and bar) – More quotes required.

Action: Clerk to progress.

iii) Shelf needed inside cupboard where barrels were kept (Kitchen) – Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Osborne

seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to progress.

iv) Metal strips along floor entrance to main meeting room and kitchen – Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed, Cllr. Osborne seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to progress.

v) Contractor cleaner main duties had now been allocated to another contractor due to R Milburn's health. Cllr. F. Belgrove updated the council – Information only.

Cty. Cllr. Goggin arrived 20.07pm

02.20.1517 Playing Field

i) Quote to be obtained - Flood light replacement – Approved to get broken lighting fixed.

ii) Quote to be obtained - other flood lights to be checked – Agreed to obtain quotes.

Action: Clerk to progress.

02.20.1518 Car Park

i) Quote required - Installation of an electric vehicle charge point – Agree to get quotes for up to 2 points. Grant funding to be applied for.

Action: Clerk to progress.

02.20.1519 Updates

i) Highways Devolution Pilot; update including grant balance held - £180.00 left from the current budget, £1386 to come for next year for the scheme.

ii) PRow 12 improvement works for disabled area and unconnected PRow closures. Works had been approved by ECC, Natural England and the land owner. Environment Agency had not confirmed as of yet. The section of footpath had been formally closed, these were unused paths.

iii) Alresford Station House; update and information on The Community Benefit Society. Cllr. Hammick explained what had been done so far. More people needed to get involved as well as shareholders.

iv) Coppice Road large pothole – repair recently carried out.

v) Plaque for past and current councillors – Cllr. L. Belgrove was unable to attend the meeting. Item deferred.

02.20.1520 Alresford Family Fun Day 4th July 2020

Resolution: It was resolved that Alresford Parish Council approved the request for a dog show to be held on the playing field for this day only. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and seconded by Cllr. Wiggins. Cllr. Osborne abstained, otherwise all in favour.

Action: Clerk to inform AFOG.

02.20.1521 EALC (Essex Association Local Councils) new initiatives

Online courses were being provided, choice was limited at the moment but this was a very positive step forward for easier access to training.

02.20.1522 Council to agree 2020/21 grant amounts proposed by the Finance Committee

Oversubscribed by £750.00, £5000.00 limit. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed that the amounts recommended were agreed, seconded by Cllr. Housden. All in favour.

Action: RFO to inform grant applicants of decisions.

02.20.1523 Allotments

i) Resolution: It is resolved that plot rentals on plots 15-18 were increased from £17.50 to £20.00 per year (no increase for other plots – all plots to be charged the same £20 per year). Cllr. F. Belgrove read out the resolution, Cllr. Housden seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to send out annual agreements with approved price change.

ii) Works to be carried out:

a) Communal shed to be repaired

b) Fruit trees to be purchased and planted at rear of polytunnel

c) Water tanks to be cleaned and checked

d) Seating near to polytunnel (grant funded)

It was agreed to get the above works carried out.

Action: Clerk to progress approved works.

02.20.1524 Quote to be obtained for remarking of zigzags outside Alresford Primary School. (Highways Devolution)

It was agreed to get a quote.

Action: Clerk to progress.

02.20.1525 LCAS Foundation Level Award

- i) Adopt new Standing Orders – Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Osborne seconded. All in favour.
- ii) (a) Resolution – It was resolved that Alresford Parish Council confirm at this Meeting of the full Council that the following documentation (items 1-15, each item will be listed in the minute reference) was in order and on the Council’s website. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Wiggins seconded. All in favour.
- (b) Resolution – It was resolved that Alresford Parish Council confirm at this meeting of the full Council that the following (items 16-23, each item will be listed in the minute reference) were in order. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and seconded by Cllr. Scott. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to progress resubmission of LCAS Foundation.

02.20.1526 Personnel matter

- i) Mr Coham’s resignation had been rescinded. Recommend probationary period. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Hammick seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr Coham.

02.20.1527 County and District Councillor’s Reports:

Dist. Cllr. Scott reported:

- Resources and Service Committee meeting attended. 17th Feb meeting to discuss recycling contacts and wheelie bins. Any questions the Parish Council wishes to ask can be passed on to the committee.
- Full Council meeting attended as was the Constitution Committee and Standards Committee.
- Code of Conduct training to be attended, next session on 18th Feb 6pm.
- East Suffolk Council attended regarding climate change preventions.
- Some residents still haven’t received their wheelie bins.
- Cockaynes Lane speeding and litter issues.
- Bus time tables in Wivenhoe Road are not consistent.
- Resident visited regarding speeding issues along Wivenhoe Road going towards Wivenhoe.

Cty. Cllr. Goggin reported:

- GDPR briefing attended
- Police day of action in Brightlingsea, 10% more from officers by using technology. Foot patrols, 50% of crimes were domestics.
- No change to Sunday buses – subsidised by ECC
- B1027 meeting – Cllr. F. Belgrove to represent Alresford on 26th February 2020 10.30am -12.30pm
- Additionally from Dist. Cllr. Scott mentioned the speeding issue from an Alresford resident. Cllr. F. Belgrove confirmed that a 40mph limit should be extended to the bridge on the way to Wivenhoe.
- Colne Radio – Local radio station if any advertising required, please contact them either via their website <https://colneradio.com/> or call them on 01206 808455.

02.20.1528 Finance report (monthly) for approval of payments

- i) Report for approval – Cllr. Scott declared an interest as his family were buried in the churchyard. Cllr. Swash declared an interest (ACRFC). Cllr. Scott proposed and Cllr. Osborne seconded.
- ii) Council to note increase in invoiced amount for the cutting of grass at the church yard of St Peters, £600.00 was the agreed amount to be paid not £750.00 originally invoiced for. Agenda item needed for a future meeting.

02.20.1529 Clerks report/Correspondence not previously circulated

- i) VE Day celebrations (May) – Would the council support an event to commemorate this? This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

02.20.1530 Community Speed Watch Report

Surround a town held. Sgt Tattersall would be attending March’s meeting.

02.20.1531 PCSO report

Different format. Cllr. Osborne would like to ask if Cllr’s could have more information on the report.

02.20.1532 Committee and Working Party reports

Finance – 3rd quarter review - 70% monies spent. Grants discussed and recommendations made. Recommendation made on allotment rentals as two different prices for different sized plots, but some of the lesser priced plots were as big as the higher priced plots.

02.20.1533 Meeting closed 21.10pm

Chairman/Vice Chairman signed:..... Date:.....