

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2021 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Ford Lane, Alresford

Cllrs. present: Cllr. F. Belgrove (Chairman), Cllr. Osborne, Cllr. Wiggins, Cllr. Swash, Cllr. Scott, Cllr. Claremont-Brown, Cllr. Hammick and Cllr. Broom.

Also present: Parish Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Goggin and 1 member of the public.

PART A

07.21.1889 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Clark, Cllr. Housden, and Cllr. L. Belgrove gave apologies.

07.21.1890 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. F. Belgrove declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 07.21.1897. Cllr./Dist. Cllr. Scott declared an interest in agenda item 07.21.1909. Cllr. Wiggins declared an interest in agenda items 07.21.1909 and 07.21.1895(ii). Cllr. Claremont-Brown and Cllr. Broom declared an interest in agenda item 07.21.1897(iii), and Cllr. Hammick declared an interest in agenda 07.21.1897.

07.21.1891 Minutes of the last monthly meeting

The minutes of the meeting from 2nd June 2021 were agreed. Cllr. Broom proposed and seconded by Cllr. Wiggins. 1 abstention, otherwise in favour.

07.21.1892 Public Forum (members of the public and guests can address the council – social distancing restrictions apply). Time limit 3 mins per person. Item limited to 10 minutes.

A resident wanted to mention to Cty. Cllr. Goggin that the new VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) just before School Road/Mitchells Farm Shop, wasn't visible as it was obscured by vegetation, Cty Cllr. Goggin suggested contacting the Highways Rangers.

Cllr. F. Belgrove mentioned a letter received from a resident regarding the kerb stones in the village and weed issues.

A resident commented on the recent weed killing carried out by the Local Authority, although it did not look like it would be effective, it had.

A resident acknowledged the wildflowers and hedge towards Cockaynes Lane. Wivenhoe Road was getting like a drag strip. Comments made regarding black boarding/cladding on the front for 2 properties (agenda items 07.21.1895), it was felt that it didn't fit in with the street scene, the resident also contacted TDC about it, but the response back was not as expected.

A resident mentioned about the parking bays (agenda item 07.211907) were they for the station, no they were spread out over the development.

07.21.1893 Finance

i) June Finance Report – The report was approved, Cllr. Osborne proposed and Cllr. Swash seconded. All in favour.

ii) Internal Audit Report – Well done to the RFO and Clerk for all the work that had gone into the audit, also thanks given to the Finance Committee for their input.

07.21.1894 Personnel Committee

i) Announcement of the appointment of a Maintenance Person – Noted.

ii) Appointment recommendation for a Litter Picker/Playing Field refuse maintenance person – Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed Cllr. Hammick seconded. All in favour.

07.21.1895 New planning applications:

i) 21/00917/FUL Mr and Mrs Milner Proposed first and ground floor extension to existing bungalow. 12 Wivenhoe Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AD

Comments: No objection but observation that it fits in with the street scene. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Broom seconded. All in favour.

ii) 21/00845/FUL Mr and Mrs D Wiggins Proposed demolition of conservatory and construction of new link/extension. Heath Farm House 15 Station Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8BT

Comments: No objection. Cllr. Osborne proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

iii) 21/00992/FUL Mr Stiles Erection of single storey rear extension Elise Wivenhoe Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AD

Comments: No objection. Cllr. Claremont-Brown proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

07.21.1896 Annual fee to the EALC

Council to consider authorizing the subscription payment of £561.00.

It was agreed to make payment. Cllr. Scott proposed, Cllr. Wiggins seconded. All in favour.

07.21.1897 Updates

i) Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr. Scott declared an interest due to a committee he sits on relating to Local Plans. Steering Groups cannot promote a yes vote, factual ideas on policies but nothing else. Cllr. F. Belgrove read out a draft news release.

ii) Alresford Station House – Meeting next week with Network Rail. Funding for shares mentioned Community Benefit Society, grants also to be applied for.

iii) Brett Aggregates – Cllr. Claremont-Brown briefly went through the report (previous circulated)

iv) COVID-19 – No update at the moment, waiting for the Government guidance for 19th July 2021 and after.

07.21.1898 Correspondance

i) Anglian Plumbing Services service agreement for the borehole – Agreed but only to start when up and running Cllr. Osborne proposed Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

ii) Tendring Brass Band – Cllr. Scott proposed £50 to be donated. Cllr. Claremont-Brown seconded. All in favour.

iii) Letter of thanks from Alresford Colne Ranger Football Club – Noted.

07.21.1899 ECC Highways matters

i) ECC Highways Panel meeting report – The report was minuted and would be available on-line. The meeting was particularly good and positive.

ii) Petition received from residents regarding reducing the speed limit and the dangers to pedestrians crossing the B1027 (30mph limit requested and pedestrian crossing) – Cllr. Scott, Cllr. Osborne and Cllr. Swash declared interest as signed the petition.

iii) Highways Consultants (HTTC) report on the B1027 speed limit – Excellent report. Cllr. Osborne proposed and Cllr. Claremont-Brown seconded the additional money to be spent £1,100 plus disbursements and VAT (previously agreed by members of the Finance Committee).

07.21.1901 Broadband speed in Alresford

Council to discuss how to approach BT Openreach Wholesale for improvements as complaints received that private homes and businesses have a very poor service in parts of Alresford.

Cllr. Scott suggested contacting Ofcom. Cllr. Osborne suggested to copy in BT Openreach to any relevant communications.

07.21.1902 Environment

i) Request for fruit bearing trees to be planted on boundary of the Playing Field. Council to decide. Cllr. Scott proposed and Cllr. Swash seconded. All in favour.

ii) Request for a budget with regards to village planters

Cllr. Swash proposed budget of £500.00 Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

07.21.1903 Update on campaign by Greater Anglia for road vehicle drivers to be encouraged to switch off engines while waiting at the two village level crossings.

Good responses had been received so far.

07.21.1904 Council to approve fence repairs at St. Peters Church. A budget of £750 for materials to be approved. Maintenance Person to carry out works (subject to approval from Historic England/ECC).

Maintenance Person to carry out works. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed and Cllr. Claremont-Brown seconded. All in favour.

07.21.1905 Council to approve the purchase of a solar panel unit to power mobile CCTV camera at a cost of £165 plus VAT (inc. fitting).

Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed, Cllr. Broom seconded. All in favour.

07.21.1906 Council to approve Cllr. Housden as Parish Council representative for issues associated to; treatment/management of Dementia.

Cllr. Claremont-Brown proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

07.21.1907 Council to approve additional commuted sum for 10 parking bays at Staunton Gate. Proposed amount £3500.

Cllr. Osborne proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour but a visit would be conducted by members of the council to clarify exactly what would be involved.

07.21.1908 Council to approve a proposed budget of £1500 (annually) for maintenance training of staff and volunteers.

Agreed.

07.21.1909 District Councillor's report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

See appendix 1.

07.21.1910 Essex County Councillor Report (Written Report) and 3 min verbal report

See appendix 2.

07.21.1911 PCSO report

No report.

Cllr. F. Belgrove confirmed that speed checks would be carried out and a meeting was being arranged with Essex Police regarding getting a Special Police Constable, additional to the PCSO.

07.21.1912 Resolution – It is resolved that the following PART B of the meeting will be held in camera.

PART B

07.21.1913 Community Assets and commercial interests

Cllr. Scott spoke about the item which related to the proposed selling of the allotment land in Wivenhoe Road by TDC. The issue cannot be discussed in public until a letter had been received from TDC.

07.21.1914 Councillor's to raise any matters they feel should be brought to the attention of the Council (1 minute each councillor).

There were none.

07.21.1915 Meeting ended at 21.18pm

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

Appendix 1

District Councillor report – July 2021

Alresford Parish Council – July 2021

Tendring

GS attended the Local Plan and Planning Policy Meeting at which Section 2 of the Local Plan was discussed. There will be a further six-week consultation period taking place. The Consultation is to inform residents of the latest evidence to be submitted to the Inspector. The Chairman of the Committee Cllr Nick Turner is confident that the Local Plan will be agreed by the end of the year. He told the meeting that it had taken over 10 years to get to this point and that the Committee had been helped by several officers to achieve this current situation.

I represented GS at a Resources and Services Committee Meeting where S106 monies and housing voids were discussed as well as the previous year's work plan and also the future Work Plan for 2021-2022.

GS attended Scrutiny Training given by an outside provider.

Full Council will take place next week.

Ian Davidson continues to email out the latest Covid information.

Alresford

We continue to give out recycling boxes and deliver medicines to residents. We have been notified that The Chase has been refused planning permission (this property is in Elmstead Ward).

We have received information about the Allotments in Wivenhoe Road. Gary has been in touch with Officers about this. This situation is being replicated across the District so that they are all run in the same way. TDC will be in touch with details.

Gary has met with new residents on the Cockaynes Lane North site in Mallard and Pershore.

A resident got in touch about how Taylor Wimpey had finished certain areas - his concerns have been emailed to an officer at TDC for them to deal with.

Essex County Council report/notes – July 2021

Notes:- Alresford week commencing 5th July 2021-last meet 21/06/21

June 17 2021. Local Highways Panel meeting. AG attends. New Chairman confirmed as Cllr. Mark Platt. Normal annual budget £395K. Increased this year to £595K following increase from Cabinet – for next 3 years. Prior to meeting £406K already allocated from this year. To spend £198K but £283K schemes already awaiting. **£100K plus to be spent in Brightlingsea division approved.** Also **COVID limits on speed & volume surveys lifted.** Cllr. F Belgrove attends too.

Attended June parish meetings face-to-face at Brightlingsea & St. Osyth. Social distancing awkward but not impossible. Interesting Thorrington met outside in car-park. Interesting view re lateral flow tests before to be able to attend?

July 13 2021. **Next full Essex County Council meeting.** Venue again Chelmsford Athletic Centre on the indoor running track to allow all 75 councillors and Officers to be 2 metres apart. Ambitious plans to be announced by Kevin Bentley the new Leader and deputy leader is Louise McKinley. Ag to speak on pension issues

May 28 2021. Essex CC initiative to promote all towns and villages around our 250 mile coastline. A direct alternative to just Clacton or Southend. Different propositions. Highlighted in Brightlingsea and Point Clear Harbour. TV coverage from BBC & ITV, plus BBC Radio Essex and local newspapers. Good for the environment and local trade. **Alresford mentioned.**

May 27 2021. Member initiative relaunched. **£10,000 available.** Discuss what was learnt last time but also fresh opportunity to look at next local needs.

My new additional role at ECC is as Chair of a Scrutiny Committee known as Place, Services and Economic Growth. [PSEG]. Scrutiny on matters relating to environment, economic growth, infrastructure, sustainability, highways, transportation, libraries, communities, waste recycling and trading standards! 3 cabinet members called **July 6 meet.** Overwhelming subjects for scrutiny are Local Highways Panels and Essex Climate Action Commission.

July 1 2021. Face to face meeting and walkabout in Brightlingsea with new police district commander replacement [proposed] for retiring Lily Benbow/ New man is Martin Richards. Opportunity to discuss ANPR camera on B1027.

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