

ALRESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on the 8th January 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: Parish Clerk, Cty. Cllr. Goggin, and 5 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Minutes

Announcements: None

01.20.1489 Apologies for absence: There were none.

01.20.1490 Minutes of the last monthly meeting: The minutes of the meeting from 4th December 2019 were agreed, couple of other minor changes made. Cllr. Wiggins proposed and Cllr. L. Belgrove seconded. All in favour.

01.20.1491 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Wiggins declared anything on the agenda relevant.

01.20.1492 Public Forum (10 min. item. Public may address the Council for no longer than 3 mins. per person).

A resident mentioned Ford Lane, tidying up of the lane requested and possibly a street clean, sticking out branch along B1027 was also mentioned the Clerk confirmed that this had been reported back in mid-November 2019, the Clerk checked prior to the meeting and the status of the Essex Highways system was "awaiting inspection".

A residents asked if there had been an update of the stolen clothing from the clothes banks. The Clerk had been in contact with a Police Officer dealing with the incident, before Christmas the Police Officer requested contact details for the contractor which the Clerk gave to him but nothing more had been heard.

A resident read out a prepared statement in relation to the proposed development at Alresford Hall.

01.20.1493 Planning

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

(i) 19/01892/FUL | Proposed single storey rear extensions to form kitchen and utility room plus detached store. | 29 Wivenhoe Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AD

Comments: Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed no objection, Cllr. Osborne seconded. All in favour.

(ii) 19/01858/OUT | Erection of 5no dwellings. | Sherbro House Boarding Kennels Colchester Main Road Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AP

Comments: Outside settlement boundary, not in the emerging Local Plan or Alresfords Neighbourhood Plan, sufficient amount of housing being built in the village already, ribbon development, contributes to the reduced green gap between Alresford and Thorrington. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed objection, Cllr. Housden seconded. 8 fore 1 abstention. Majority in favour of objection.

(iii) 19/01856/FUL | Proposed farm diversification to create a childrens adventure play-land within Alresford Hall Farm | Alresford Hall Ford Lane Alresford Colchester Essex CO7 8AY

Comments: Alresford Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- Significant concerns for the safety of pedestrians and vehicles accessing the site from the B1027 due to the section where the site entrance is proposed having a 60mph speed limit, being in close proximity to blind bends and there being no footways or crossing points.
- Environmental concerns due to the potential for adverse impacts on the wildlife, flora and fauna of the surrounding area.
- The land surrounding the proposed site is of great historical importance and has grade II and grade II* listed buildings/structures. The NPPF states that Grade I and Grade II* listed buildings must be protected from any influence detrimental in any way to their setting. A more in-depth examination is required as to the impact this development would have, for example, on The Quarters. The main site itself would require a thorough archaeological survey *

* Quote from Chartered Institute for Archaeologists: "Although the resources of the historic environment have the potential to bring great benefits, the interests of different parties involved in their management and use are not always aligned. In the UK, the planning systems and legislation relating to heritage provide a framework for mediation of those interests. They recognise that landowners have rights to do what they wish with their property, but that those rights may need to be constrained if changes planned to benefit the owner will have particularly damaging effects on resources that are important to society at large. This concept of balancing conflicting needs involves weighing up short-term benefits with potential impoverishment of society's resources for future use. Where the demand for development is found to outweigh the need for preservation of the historic environment, destruction of assets can be permitted but

offset by an improved understanding of what happened in the past, normally through excavation or other types of investigation.

All historic environment assets whether designated or not are material considerations in the planning process. The spatial planning processes in the UK involve a regularly used series of steps or phases to manage change in the historic environment.”

Cllr. Osborne proposed an objection, Cllr. Housden seconded. 7 for 2 abstentions. Majority in favour of objection.

Action: Clerk to update TDC Planning portal with comments.

Cllr. Scott arrived at 7.48pm

01.20.1494 Public Right of Way 12 Council to consider and comment on the proposed ECC Highways changes to PRow 12 (Alresford Creek)

Cllr. Scott proposed the recommendations of the Highways Officer, Cllr. L. Belgrove seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to inform ECC of decision.

01.20.1495 PRow 12 (Alresford Creek) Disabled access pathway and viewing area. Quote and Project status.

Quote for works £2180.00. Cllr. F. Belgrove had been in contact with Natural England. Natural England had approved the proposed disabled access. ECC and Environment Agency to be consulted too. A good start to getting the works approved for inclusivity.

01.20.1496 Handyperson update

Cllr. F. Belgrove confirmed that the current handyperson had resigned due to health reasons.

01.20.1497 Garden area Coach Road and Village entrance gates enhancement – Update

The contractor would like to meet with the Environmental Working Party. Cllr. Scott nominated Cllr. Osborne and Cllr. Swash as liaisons.

Cllr. Swash confirmed that she would speak to Taylor Wimpey regarding support.

Cllr. Osborne commented about a date for a day when residents new and old could get together to see what the village had to offer. Saturday morning suggested.

01.20.1498 Further tree pruning and hedge cutting - Playing field. Proposal to spend £350 on reducing overgrown trees and hedging affecting lighting and the hard court areas (playing field) and to spend an additional £150 on general hedge height reduction.

Cllr. F. Belgrove went through the item. Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed spending the monies. Cllr. L. Belgrove seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to contact the contractor.

Cty. Cllr. Goggin arrived at 8.28pm

01.20.1499 Car Park - Proposal to accept quote from Cox Landscapes (£517.80 inc. vat) to repair damaged gate post. Concrete bollard to be installed to prevent further collisions with gate-post (£156.42 inc. vat). (The Parish Council will be progressing an insurance claim).

Cllr. F. Belgrove proposed quote. Cllr. Housden seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to contact Cox Landscapes to proceed with quoted works.

01.20.1500 Staff Pensions Update: The Proper Officer (Clerk) is eligible for a statutory pension contribution from Alresford Parish Council. The contribution will be approx. £12 each month. This staff cost has been budgeted for.

For information.

01.20.1501 Highways Devolution: A 30 mph speed limit sign at the entrance to the village on the Wivenhoe Road requires replacement as it has faded. Estimated cost £120.

Cllr. Day proposed, Cllr. L. Belgrove seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to contact supplier to proceed with quoted works.

01.20.1502 Neighbourhood Plan - progress report.

Cllr. F. Belgrove read out a report from Cllr. Clark. Cllr. Osborne stated the residents that had stayed the course with the NHP should be congratulated for all of their time and effort.

01.20.1503 Parish Council website update

The new website is underway, it will be ready for when the Essex Info site closes (March 2020). The new site will become active at the end of February 2020.

01.20.1504 County and District Councillor's Reports: To receive reports from elected representatives. (5 minutes maximum each Councillor would be appreciated).

Cllr. Wiggins reported – Due to elections near Christmas, committees are only just getting back to normal.

- Recycling boxes have been issued to new residents
- Missed waste collection queries received
- Dist. Cllr. Scott attend the recent Planning Committee meeting at TDC
- Dist. Cllr. Scott attended the Resources and Services Committee where the budget for 2020/21 was discussed

Cty. Cllr. Goggin reported – Cllr. F. Belgrove thanked Cty. Cllr. Goggin for his praise at the Local Highways Panel meeting.

- Election held, clinic held at Brightlingsea.
- Cabinet meeting attended.
- Stickers to be purchased by Thorrington to go on wheelie bins regarding speeding. Cty. Cllr. Goggin will be speaking to all of his councils about it. Suggested stickers be purchased for Alresford.
- LHP meeting held on Monday, B1027 varied speed limits from Alresford to Clacton 15 speed limit changes in that stretch of road. AG has formed a committee of the 4 parishes 2 people from each parish to sit on a committee to discuss and put forward to get the right speeds in the right place.
- Encouraging people to use the Report It system for ECC, if a dangerous issue was reported it must be looked at within 5 days. Cllr Goggin reminded Councillors, including District Councillors, of the correct procedure for reporting Highways Maintenance issues.

01.20.1505 Finance report (monthly) for approval of payments

Cllr. F. Belgrove was paid £6.99 in error, which had been rectified. Cllr. Osborne proposed, Cllr. Scott seconded. All in favour.

01.20.1506 Clerks report/Correspondence not previously circulated

- i) Request from Alresford Fete Organizing Group for permission to use the Pavilion and Playing Field and also to hold a dog show regarding the Alresford Family Fun Day 2020. Provisionally yes but an agenda item for February needed.
- ii) Cooker for the Pavilion kitchen kindly donated with free fitting.

01.20.1507 Community Speed Watch Report

A special day of activity due in February and soon there will be Trucam training for volunteers. More volunteers are required.

01.20.1508 PCSO report

- 6 missing person incidents in the report. Cllr. L. Belgrove asked if it could be confirmed by the PCSO if it's the same person or all different?
- Speed watch, year figures; Gt Bentley 3017 tickets issued and Alresford 913 tickets issued. Trucam – 41 in total for December 4 were Alresford with top speed of 38mph.
- Fence panels had been stolen

01.20.1509 Committee and Working Party reports

There will be future meetings for the Finance Committee and any Working Party meetings required.

Cllr. Housden requested an item for the next agenda; request for all councillors to have a symbol of recognition when attending events.

Cllr. Scott mentioned a report made to him regarding a bonfire which was thought to of come from the allotments in Wivenhoe Road. Bonfires are not permitted at the allotments. It was resolved that the fire was coming from private land adjacent to the allotments.

01.20.1510 Meeting closed at 9.14pm

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