



Aldworth Parish Council

Minutes of the Virtual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 18th January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Minute ref: 005/18012021/vPCM

Members Present:	Cllr. Tim Chapman (Chairman), Cllr. Nick Williams (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Kate Walters, Cllr. Donna Roach, Cllr. John Clark
Members Absent:	0
Officers Present:	Mrs Fenella Woods (Clerk & RFO)
In Attendance:	1 member of public
Meeting Start Time:	19.02pm
Meeting End Time:	20.00pm

1. Cllr. Chapman welcomed all to this meeting. No apologies were received, and we were quorate.
2. There were no declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the clerk.
3. There were no questions from members of the public or any representations from members.
4. The minutes from the meeting dated 14th December 2020 were **approved** as an accurate record. They will be signed in due course (due to Covid-19).
5. The planning meeting on 14th December was to discuss and agree the application for Lark Hill. It was queried as to whether a decision had been made by WBC. The Clerk confirmed that no notification had been received yet.
6. Cllr. Alan Law (District Councillor) did not join us on this occasion and no report was received.
7. The Action log was shared on screen to all present and items that were 'in progress' were discussed. It was agreed to speak with Elaine Cox at WBC regarding the 'planings' and their place in an AONB as a suitable surface for a footpath. The Kiddington Cottage planning enforcement query has links with Streatley Parish Council although our comments were requested. The Clerk will contact the Streatley Clerk for an update. The removal of fencing along the footpath adjacent to the recreation ground, towards the Bell will be completed this coming week as confirmed by Cllr. Walters and the missing sign at the Pibworth crossroads will be chased up via phone as this has been an issue since July 2019. The Clerk will share the link to the 'Local Plan' Consultation for all Councillors to read and comment

collectively. The Church Gully has been cleared, as has the fly-tipping. There appears to be more fly tipping on the B4009, on the first layby on the right-hand side after Westridge Green. This has been placed over the fence onto Yattendon Estate land. The Clerk will make contact to advise them. The Action Log will be fully updated and available to view on our website here: <https://www.aldworth-pc.gov.uk/action-log>

8. The Budget and Precept Proposal spreadsheet was shared on screen. All Councillors **approved** the proposed budget and **agreed** a precept request of £8,000, split into two equal payments of £4,000. The Clerk will submit the form to WBC on 19th January 2021. It was **agreed** to set ear marked reserves for the following projects:
 - 1) Village Hall - £500.00
 - 2) Playground = £2,000
 - 3) Well Maintenance = £2,000
 - 4) Village Maintenance = £2,000
 The Village Maintenance EMR will go towards the cleaning and upkeep of the village entry gates and signs, including cutting back vegetation that can obscure the signs. It was **agreed** that an audit of the signs in the village should be done for location and condition and the Clerk will action that. All were in **favour** of these plans.

9. All Councillors reviewed the planning application for Westridge House and were pleased to see the plans would restore the fabric of the building and were sympathetic to the heritage and area. All were in **favour** to support this application and the Clerk will complete the Parish Observation Sheet and return to the Planning Department at WBC.

10. The Clerk has uploaded all the financial data for 2020 / 2021 to the new Alpha software in readiness for the annual audit. Councillors have received monthly finance reports via email and the online banking is working well. The WBC Covid-19 Members Bid Recovery Grant has been received and the hand sanitisers have been purchased and delivered to Cllr. Williams who will install them at the hall. The Clerk would like to attend the SLCC virtual Practitioners' Conference in February at a cost of £75.00 for professional development. It was **agreed** to pay half the amount (£37.50) and East Ilsley Parish Council will pay the other half. The Clerk will arrange a bank transfer between the two accounts to be authorised by 2 Councillors.

11. Future meeting dates were agreed as:
 - Year End = 15th March 2021
 - Annual Meeting of the Parish Council / Annual Parish Meeting = 17th May 2021
 - Ordinary Meeting = 19th July 2021
 - Ordinary Meeting = 20th September 2021
 Ad hoc Planning Meetings will be held if they arise outside of these dates.
 It was proposed to invite Laura Farris MP and Mr James Hole (Yattendon Estates Managing Director) to our meeting in May. The Clerk will write to invite them.
 Due to the Pandemic it is unclear as to when we can meet in person again. The provision to hold virtual meetings currently runs until 6th May 2021. The Clerk will keep the Council updated with revised guidance.

12. Matters for future consideration:
 - Road Closures: These are published to the 'News' section of our website and on the Parish Council Facebook page which is then shared to the 'Aldworth Village' page.
 - Issues with vans and motorbikes on the Ridgeway near Starveall Cottage: Police were aware and dealing with it; also the Yattendon Keeper was speaking with them as well.

13. There were no further comments or questions from members of the public.

With there being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending. The meeting closed at 20.00pm.

Signed:

Position:

Date:

Actions from the Meeting:			
	Description	Assigned to	Completed
1	Update and publish the Action Log	Clerk	
2	Send the Precept Request Form to WBC	Clerk	
3	Set up the new Ear Marked Reserves	Clerk	
4	Transfer £37.50 to East Ilsley Parish Council for the Course	Clerk / Councillors	
5	Write to Laura Farris MP and James Hole (Yattendon) to invite them to the Annual Meeting	Clerk	