

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Aldermaston Parish Council held on
Tuesday 10th September 2024 at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall, Aldermaston**

Councillors Present:	Mrs S Crawford (Chair) Mrs A Faulkner Mr R Smith Mr A Shepard-Price Mrs A Woodley
In Attendance:	District Cllr D Boeck Miss A Lewis - Clerk

132/24	Open Forum Cllr Shepard-Price had been asked by a member of the public to discuss a road traffic accident which occurred on Church Road, Aldermaston. A van leaving the village heading East on Church Road crashed into a car parked on the roadside. The owner of the parked car suspects that speeding was a cause of the accident. APC has raised concern about safety on this stretch of road in the past, but a TVP and WBC investigation decided that the road layout was acceptable and therefore safe. Cllr Shepard-Price is going to mention it to the Neighbourhood Police Team and ask the owner of the car to report this incident on West Berkshire's website using the 'Report a Problem' page. Cllr Crawford was contacted by a member of the public regarding the ditch on Fisherman's Lane and agreed to contact Jon Winstanley to ask if a 2024 survey of the ditch had been carried out and to request reassurance that it does not pose a flood risk. Cllr Woodley raised a concern over drainage on Wasing Lane; both the culvert by the entrance to Foster's Farm and the road drains to be cleared to avoid future flooding. The Wasing Lane gullies were not cleaned when WBC were clearing gullies on the A340 last month. APC to make enquiries.
133/24	Apologies for absence Cllr. Dave Shirt Rev. J Manley
134/24	Declarations of interest No declarations of interest.
135/24	Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 13th August were agreed as a true and accurate record. Cllr Crawford signed the minutes.
136/24	Planning a. To note receipt and comment upon new applications 24/01796/NONMAT – Blacks Lake Industrial Estate , Paices Hill, Variation of Condition 5 of Planning Permission 20/02527/OUMAJ – Councillors had several concerns with this application. Condition 5 states that reserved matters need to be in accordance with 10 listed illustrative materials; the applicant requests that 9 of these plans are removed from the Condition wording. This appears excessive for what are described as minor changes. We are also frustrated by the lack of detail about the changes and the fact that the applicant is requesting that WBC approves this application quickly, so that they can submit their reserved matters applications which are required to be in by 29th September 2024. For these reasons APC decided to OBJECT to the application.

	b. To note receipt of any approvals, refusals, withdrawals and appeals 24/01540/DEMO - AWE Aldermaston – WBC decided that prior approval was not required. APC suspected this would be the case so has opted not to comment. c. To discuss planning enforcement cases Existing Cases: Cllr requested an update on all active cases, but none were received in time for our meeting. New Planning Breaches: Paices Hill - Cllr Crawford raised concern construction of a new building by Sasron without planning permission. This may have a bearing in highways drainage works to resolve the ongoing flooding problem. Also, that the adjacent 8-permanent pitch travellers' site has been developed and occupied despite not having discharged pre-occupation conditions. Both have been raised with WBC. Raghill - Cllr Smith raised concern regarding the erection of a 2-meter-tall gabion stone wall on Raghill Road by Padworth Sawmills. The ground level has been raised to the top of the wall on the Padworth Sawmills side. Dominic Boeck suggested we raise this with Claire Lawrance and Denise Gaines at West Berkshire Council. Cllr Faulkner added that Raghill Road was slippery and unsafe due to the oil run off from Padworth Sawmills, she has raised this as a for safety issue with WBC Highways who said they would pass this on to the Environment Agency, Planning Agency and Enforcement Agency. Cllr Crawford, Cllr Faulkner and Cllr Smith will write a letter to Claire Lawrence and Denise Gaines.
137/24	Highways and Footpath matters Request received by Launchpad Reading to put up a banner advertising their charity 'Walkies' dog walk to raise money for Homeless in Reading. Cllrs agreed that this would not be suitable as the Rec is adjacent to our village conservation area, so it would not be appropriate, but are willing to put this onto the APC Facebook Page. Cllr Faulkner raised the issue of overgrown weeds/brambles on the footpath between Mannor House and the Church and that it is used by children walking to and from school. Cllr Faulkner to raise this on WBC 'Report a Problem' page and check with Cllr Manley to see if Praxis responded to our earlier request for them to clear the vegetation.
138/24	Parish Environment Kestrels Mead Playground Project: Cllr Crawford has received no update regarding the needed Utilities search prior to the instillation of the new play equipment. An updated quote is also needed to include metal feet on the equipment. Quarterly Playground Inspection: Cllr Crawford completed the quarterly playground inspection at the Rec on 18/08/2024. She noted that there are weeds growing through the rubber matting of the gym equipment. Triangle Management have quoted £74.49 + VAT to spray this area. Cllrs agreed as it is the end of the season, they would not approve this work. Conservation: A member of the Wet Berkshire Heritage Forum informed the council that WBC has a new Conservation Officer (Natasha Sturrock). The Conservation Area Appraisal working group has contacted her for an indication of when our report will be progressed/adopted. The group has also accepted the offer of the West Berkshire Heritage volunteer to review our report to see if any changes/updates are advisable.
139/24	Consultation documents requiring consideration Pre-Submission version of the Lambourn Parish Neighbourhood Plan. This consultation runs until 18th October 2024. It was agreed this to carry this item over to the October meeting.

140/24	AWE to include updates from LLC AWE have commissioned a feasibility study on Public Transport to/from their sites. This was required as a Condition of its Hub development planning consent. It is a comprehensive report with recommendations, although it is not known which of these, if any, will be pursued by AWE.
141/24	Reports Clerks Report – Considered options for mobile phone and contract, home printer and stationary package for the Clerk. Cllrs agreed to Clerks recommendations. Miss A Lewis to contact Brimpton Parish Council Clerk to clarify how to set-up a phone contract for the council. Cllrs also agreed to a year's membership to the Society of Local Council Clerks and to ILCA and FILCA training courses for the Clerk. There was no District Cllr report or reports from Cllrs from outside bodies.
142/24	Finance Payment Request list and Bank Reconciliation both approved and signed by Cllrs Crawford and Smith.
143/24	Confirmed the date of the next meeting as Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 7:30pm

Appendix A

Aldermaston Parish Council – September 2024

Planning Applications for Consideration

	24/01796/NONMAT – Blacks Lake Industrial Estate, Paices Hill – Variation of Condition 5 of Planning Permission 20/02527/OUMAJ	
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Planning Application Decisions

	24/01540/DEMO - AWE Aldermaston - Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Demolition and Clearance Works for seven buildings within Orion Gateway	NOT REQUIRED 14/08/24
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Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

	23/02403/OUT Willow Mead, Mill Lane Padworth RG7 4JX. Outline application for demolition of existing detached dwelling and replacement with 5 self-build services plots
	24/01136/HOUSE & 24/01137/LBC - Church Lodge Church Road Aldermaston - Provision of new 3-bay oak framed garage with office accommodation above, located 6m away from the grade II listed Church Lodge
	24/01277/CERTE - Four Acre Farm, Reading Road – Certificate of Lawful Use for the siting of a caravan/s for human habitation and land used in conjunction with that human habitation creating a change in use of land to a caravan site and the erection of a shower block
	24/01233/FUL & 24/01234/LBC - 1 - 2 Dixon Cottages Church Road - Conversion of two one bed Almshouses into one two bed Almshouse
	24/01584/TPC - Juniper House, Fishermans Lane - Instruction of a tree surgeon to remove all deadwood and trim current branches away from the house by 1.5 metres in order to provide sufficient clearance to property and reduce the weight on one side of the tree.

Planning Enforcement Cases

Date opened	Case Ref	Location	
21/03/23	23/00185/15UNAU	Corbyn, Soke Rd	ongoing
04/09/23	23/00554/15UNAU	Land adjacent to Woodstock, Paices Hill	ongoing
07/06/24	24/00320/15UNAU	Land to the east of Circus Farm, Reading Rd	ongoing

Planning Appeals

Date received	Case Ref	Location	Application Ref	Status
06/10/23	APP/W0340/W/23/3324664	Cedar Lodge, Soke Rd	22/02496/FULMAJ	Dismissed 20/3/24
22/11/23	APP/W0340/W/23/3327949	Youngs Ind Est, Paices Hill	22/02730/FULMAJ	Not yet decided
16/02/24		Land west of Frouds Lane. Out of Parish	22/02341/FUL	Not yet decided

APPENDIX B: FINANCIAL UPDATE

Monthly sheet August 2024		
	Balance Bought Forward (current acct.)	5,220.14
	Balance Bought Forward (savings acct.)	89,144.12
	Interest	88.17
		94,452.43
Bibby Commercial	Dog Waste Empty	71.33
Bibby Commercial	Dog Waste Empty	252.00
Councillor Crawford	Defib Reimbursement	68.34
Triangle Management	Grass Cutting	301.32
ICO	Data Protection	35.00
		727.99
Balance as at 31st August 2024		93,724.44
Current Account Balance		4,492.15
Savings Account Balance		89,232.29
		93,724.44

APPENDIX C: PAYMENT REQUESTS

FROM	ITEM	INVOICE NO	METHOD	AMOUNT
Triangle Management	Grass Cutting	SI-1898	FPO	301.32
Tactical Facilities Mgt	Dog Waste Emptying	SI-2153	FPO	71.33
Aldermaston Parish Hall	Hall Hire	APH-2024-18	FPO	30.00
M3 Automation Ltd	Locum Clerk Hrs	INV-0324	FPO	642.12
			Payment Total	1,044.77

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