

ALDERMASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 12th July 2022

Councillors Present: Mrs S Crawford (Chairman)
Mrs A Faulkner
Revd J Manley
Mr R Smith
Mrs A Woodley

In Attendance: Mrs C McGarvie – Clerk
7 members of the public including the Jenna Ansell, General Manager of the Medicine Festival and Andrew Garton, Director of PCH Group.

79/22 Open Forum

79.1 Jenna Ansell, the General Manager of the Medicine Festival to be held at Wasing Estate between 18th to 21st August 2022 attended the meeting.

This is the third year that the festival has been held and this year they are expecting between 2500 and 3000 people to attend. This is well below the 5,000 permitted by their license but they have decided to grow gradually increasing by about 1,000 year-on-year to ensure the event is well-managed and to reduce the impact on the community.

The layout of the festival will generally be the same but they have moved two of the late night venues to reduce the noise impact on the surrounding area. The venue which will be open the latest, on Friday and Saturday evening, has been moved into a field. They will be using acoustic barriers and hay bales to lessen the noise impact.

The traffic system to enter the site will be the same as last year but with some additional signage from the AA. They will also be using What3words to direct attendees more precisely to the site.

There will be increased security provision on site. There will be a dedicated Event Controller as part of the security team whose role will be to take calls on the residents' hotline and deal with any issues. If there are noise complaints the person who is monitoring noise will be sent to that location to take readings. It was agreed that the complainant should be called back to tell them the result of this monitoring.

On Thursday and Sunday events will finish at midnight, Friday finishes at 2am and Saturday 3am. Jenna agreed to provide the Parish Council with information on the decibel levels allowed as per their event licence.

The event organisers invited councillors to attend the event. The Parish Council subsequently agreed that it would be inappropriate for councillors to accept free tickets but that it would be beneficial if a councillor could attend for a short period at some point over the weekend to observe the festival set up. Revd. Manely offered to do this. Clerk to contact the organisers to arrange.

Action: Clerk

General concerns were raised about other events held at Wasing Estate recently where there has been disruption and noise but residents hadn't been informed in advance.

Clerk to contact Wasing Estate and ask if it can be informed of future events and give a number to phone in an emergency.

Action: Clerk

79.2 Padworth Sawmills site

Andrew Garton explained that PCH Group are a building contractors based in Southall. They bought the sawmill site in February and have been relocating their plant operations to the site over the last 3 months. He acknowledged that the amount of HGV traffic along Rag Hill has been very high over the last 4 to 6 weeks as they moved into the site but provided reassurance that in future there will only be 2 or 3 artic lorries leaving the site each week.

They are currently using 3 out of the 11 acres and the rest of the site is rented to tenants. Some tenants have already been evicted from the site and new ones brought in.

Mr Garton stated that the mobile crane will stay on site.

Mr Smith explained the history of the wood piles that should have been removed. Mr. Garton said that they have been clearing the wood and have done tests to show that the material is not hazardous.

Mr Smith asked about vehicles are using Red Lane and explained that large vehicles should not be accessing the site via Church Road as it has a 7.5 tonne limit.

Mr Garton agreed to ask his drivers to drive more carefully along Rag Hill and to also speak to one of the tenants whose vehicles have been observed travelling at high speeds along the road early in the morning.

There will now be a site office and permanent presence of site. Mr Garton stated that any issues can be reported directly to him.

79.3 Parking on the green in Swan Drive, Aldermaston Wharf

A resident raised a concern about people parking on the open space in Swan Drive. The area is not designed for parking. West Berkshire Council are responsible for maintaining the area.

Clerk to contact West Berkshire Council to raise the issue and ask if they could consider installing 'No Parking' signs on the area or wooden bollards.

The resident also pointed out that the grass has only been cut once this year.

Action: Clerk

79.4 Frouds Lane

A resident reported that Frouds Lane at the junction with the A4 is very overgrown and dangerous due to lack of visibility. Clerk to raise case with West Berkshire Council

Action: Clerk

80/22 Apologies for absence

Mr Shirt and Mrs Nurbhai gave apologies.

81/22 Declarations of Interest

None received.

82/22 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

82.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

82.2 To review items on Action Tracker which require a decision or may need to be closed.

The items requiring action by the Parish Council were reviewed and agreed.

38.6/22 Paices Hill woodyard activities. Clerk had raised a case with planning enforcement but has not received a response. More complaints have been received from residents and more information about the activities on site has come to light. Clerk to send the new information to the planning enforcement team.

Action: Clerk

83/22 Planning

83.1 To note receipt of new applications and make comment see Appendix A

No new applications.

83.2 To note receipt of any approvals, refusals or withdrawals

See Appendix A below.

It was noted that planning application **22/00120/FUL – Land adjacent to New Stocks Farm** has been changed to 8 permanent pitches from the original 9. This change has satisfied Emergency Planners that plans will not increase the number of residents within the DEPZ and they have therefore withdrawn their objection.

84/22 Highways and Footpath matters

84.1 To receive an update on the use of the TME in the Parish and Community Speedwatch

A Community Speedwatch session was held outside of Rosebourne between 8am and 9am on 1st July as a result 20 drivers were sent warning letters from Thames Valley Police. We now have 9 volunteers and will arrange additional training once the TME is back in the Parish.

The TME was used in Aldermaston village near Rosebourne, on Church Road and Wasing Lane. High levels of speeding were found on Wasing Lane and reported to West Berkshire Council, who responded by carrying out Community Speed Watch at the location. 19 drivers were recorded travelling over the 35mph limit; they will be sent warning letters from Thames Valley Police.

84.2 Wasing Cycle Path

The Wasing Cycle Path is very overgrown. West Berkshire Council have asked their contractor to cut it back and it was reported that work has started on this. Mrs Faulkner reported that she has confirmation that there is hemlock along the path which is poisonous. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact West Berkshire Council again and ask them what they plan to do about the hemlock as it is self-seeding.

Action: Clerk

84.3 ALDE9 vandalised stiles

The stiles on footpath Aldermaston 9 between Baughurst Road and the A340 have been vandalised. Clerk has raised a report with West Berkshire Council reference 209798 and sent photos.

84.4 Church Road

Church Road was closed last week for emergency repairs. Although the work has been completed the road closure signs are still in place. Clerk to contact West Berkshire Council and ask them to request the removal of the road closed signs.

Action: Clerk

85/22 Parish Environment

85.1 To discuss the Skate Ramp project

A kick off meeting was held on 1st July 2022. The next steps are to define the design in more detail in consultation with residents. The plan is to present the basic design to residents at the Aldermaston Show and then for the contractor to hold a public consultation meeting in September.

The contractor has been asked to provide a clear payment plan outlining exactly what would need to be paid at each stage.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the planning department to ask for pre-application planning advice.

Action: Clerk

85.2 Update on quotes for refurbishment of Loosey Bench.

Clerk is still waiting for an updated quote for refurbishment.

85.3 Update on quotes for refurbishment of Fountain Memorial.

Quotes were received from two contractors. It was agreed to proceed with the cheaper quote for a DOFF clean. Once the clean is completed it should be possible to get more accurate quotes for the repair work.

Clerk will also check with West Berkshire Council whether CIL could be used for the refurbishment of the fountain.

Action: Clerk

86/22 Consultation documents requiring consideration

Highway Winter Service Plan 2022/23 – Consultation. Deadline is 15th August.

It was agreed that Clerk should send the same response as last year that Frouds Lane should be raised to Primary Route status and emphasise that there will be increased traffic due to the likely construction work at AWE and the increase in industrial units in the area.

Action: Clerk

87/22 AWE to include updates from LLC

AWE is considering the requests made by Aldermaston Parish Council in its response to AWE's planning application for the Hub. It was agreed that AWE could also be asked to install some EV charging points on the perimeter of the site to be used by visitors and the general public. It was agreed that the Parish Council would like to see AWE staff getting to site more sustainably for example, via a company minibus.

At the latest LLC meeting Carolyn Richardson West Berkshire Council's Emergency Planning Officer gave a presentation on the Offsite Emergency Plan. She explained that 6 targeted exercises had been carried out and they are now at the debrief stage, working with 27 partners to revise the plan. The next scheduled exercise will be in April 2023.

West Berkshire Council are also revising the Development Control Process.

There was some discussion of the Grazeley housing development which was rejected. The developer is now looking at alternative uses for the site such as a logistic and distribution centre. The Ministry of Defence are currently scrutinizing the early stage plans.

88/22 Reports

88.1 Clerk's report

Berkshire Association of Local Councils are launching a new website with an advice function. Councillors should let the Clerk know if they would like an account.

The Parish Hall has requested new pads for the defibrillator at a cost of £47.50 plus VAT. It was agreed in July 2020 that the Parish Council would cover the costs associated with the defibrillator. Clerk to order the necessary pads.

Action: Clerk

88.2 District Councillor's report

CLlr Boeck sent a report via email before the meeting.

89/22 Finance

89.1 To approve payments, bank reconciliation and receipts

The Bank reconciliation was checked by the Chairman.

See appendix B below for payment list

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not renew the subscription to the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)

Mrs Crawford and Mrs Faulkner to approve the payments online.

89.2 To consider a grant request from Tadley Citizens Advice

Tadley Citizens Advice requested a grant for £300 towards the cost of sponsoring a volunteer.

Concern was raised about the organisation's level of free reserves. It was agreed to grant £300 but that Clerk should inform them that they would like to see the level of reserves addressed before another grant is considered.

Action: Clerk

90/22 To receive items for information only

90.1 Mrs Woodley reported that there has been an increase in dogs on the Recreation Ground.

90.2 Mr Woodley will be retiring for the park keeper role at the end of September. Clerk to review the job description.

90.3 Mrs Faulkner raised a concern about dogs off leads and not under control at the Manor House. It was agreed to put a notice in the parish newsletter to remind residents to keep their dogs under control and that the right to use the paths in the Manor House could be withdrawn by the owners.

91/22 The next meeting will be held on 9th August 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

Mrs Faulkner sent her apologies for the August meeting.

Signed by Chairman _____
 Date _____

Appendix A

Aldermaston Parish Council –July 2022

Planning Applications for Consideration

1	None	
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Planning Application Decisions

1	22/00935/HOUSE – 16 Swan Drive. Proposed single storey rear extension replacing conservatory	Approved
2	22/01097/ADV – LIDL Freestanding 6m high flag style sign	Approved

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	22/01343/COMIND – AWE replacement facility known as the HUB
2	22/01172/PAD56 (22/01135/CERTP)– Cedar Lodge, Soke Road. Enlargement of dwelling house
3	APP/W0340/X/22/3297678 - 21/01225/CERTE - Chestnut Coppice, Rag Hill, Certificate of Lawful Use for the continued use of the property as a live/work unit. No date for the appeal yet.
4	22/00655/HOUSE 22/00656/LBC2 - 42 The Street – Demolition of existing extension. Replace with two storey extension
5	22/00485/HOUSE, 22/00486/LBC2 – The Carhouse, Paices Hill. Partial conversion of existing outbuilding into a one bedroom annex
6	22/00120/FUL – Land adjacent to New Stocks Farm. Change of use to 8 permanent traveller pitches
7	21/00642/FUL – Land Adjacent to Barlows Plantation. Retrospective use of car parking area for site training
8	21/02447/CERTP – Rag Hill Cottage The provision of a twin unit mobile home
9	21/02799/FORMB - Land East Of Raghill Farm Rag Hill Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed above ground an electric line of any voltage: upgrade 4 spans of existing 11kV overhead line to 3 phase. (registered 2 nd Nov 2021)
10	21/00117/FORMB – Padworth and Aldermaston. Increasing height of poles. Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed above ground an electric line of nominal voltage of less than 132 kilovolts (registered 21st Jan 2021)

Appendix B

Meeting Report 12th July 2022

Bank Balance as at 30/6/2022	Cashbook balance as at 8/7/2022	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£47,399.83	£47,399.83	£46,887.83

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	July salary	293.04
EP	Triangle Management Co Ltd	June grass cut	219.00
TOTAL			£512.00

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Triangle Management Co. Ltd	Grass Cutting May 2022	219.00
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Toilet hire for jubilee (paid on personal Card) £223.75 +VAT)	264.75
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Kompan spares paid on personal credit card (£38 +VAT)	45.60
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	June salary	293.04
TOTAL			£822.39

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
06/05/2022	Lloyds Bank	interest	0.35
TOTAL			£0.35

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

Receipts not yet cleared/or on statement

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

Appendix C

Bank reconciliation - as at 8th July 2022

Balance from cashbook spreadsheet	47399.83	
Add unpresented payments at 30th June 2022		
	0.00	
Subtract receipts after 30th June 2022	0.00	
Net bank balances as at 30th June 2022	<u>47399.83</u>	
Bank statements 30th June 2022		
Current account	5797.55	
Business account	<u>41602.28</u>	
	<u>47399.83</u>	
Difference	0.00	