

ALDERMASTON PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting 14th June 2022

Councillors Present: Mrs S Crawford (Chairman)
Mrs A Faulkner
Revd J Manley
Mrs T Nurbhai
Mr D Shirt
Mr R Smith

In Attendance: Mrs C McGarvie – Clerk
District Cllr Dominic Boeck
4 members of the public including John Steele – AWE, Head of Estate Development and Planning

66/22 Open Forum

66.1 22/01343/COMIND - John Steele from AWE spoke about the planning application to create a replacement facility known as the Hub and also answered questions.

The development has reduced in size from the original planned 60,000 square metres to 43,000 square metres. The new facility will allow staff to move from existing aging buildings to a new purpose-built facility for Science and Engineering. There will be no increase in the number of employees. The new building will be adjacent to the existing Gemini building and will not be visible from outside the site apart from the plant works on the roof.

There will be a resulting 40% reduction in the old buildings on site and a 32% increase in bio-diversity with the introduction of more landscaping.

Construction of the Hub will take 3 years and it is hoped this will start in September 2022, subject to planning permission. HGV movements during the construction period are predicted to be 80 a day with a peak of 150 movements a day during a 14-week period of the construction.

There has not been a traffic survey since 2019 but West Berkshire Council have agreed that data based on 2019 and extrapolated for new developments can be used. A new traffic survey is being carried out now but will not be used for this planning application.

Investment in the site's development is predicted to continue over the next 10 years.

The Construction Traffic Management plan allows for HGV deliveries between 8.30pm and 4pm Monday to Friday and 8.30am to 1pm on Saturdays.

There will be a hotline available for any complaints to be made during the construction phase.

The development is zero CIL rated.

Mrs Faulkner asked about the likely noise levels during construction. Mr Steele explained that outside of the site there should be very little increase in noise levels.

Balfour Beatty will be putting out signs on the main routes to direct construction traffic to the site.

66.2 Padworth Sawmills

A resident spoke about his concerns about the increase in heavy goods vehicle movements along Rag Hill and Spring Lane. Since Padworth Sawmills have been sold to a large plant hire company there has been an increase in vehicles on these narrow roads. They are reported to be often speeding and cause damage to trees overhanging the road. Some HGVs have been carrying large hire equipment such as cranes and also pre-fabricated work or housing units. This has given the

impression that new work units are being set up on site and residents are questioning whether this is permitted or whether the new owner has or should have planning permission for this.

The resident had also emailed Cllr Boeck about his concerns and Cllr Boeck has forwarded these concerns to Planning Enforcement and Highways.

Mr Smith has been in contact with the Environment Agency again about the wood pile which was not cleared by the previous owners.

The resident was advised to continue to log the issues he sees and report them to West Berkshire Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk would invite the new owners of Padworth Sawmills to a future meeting.

67/22 Apologies for absence

Mrs Woodley gave her apologies.

68/22 Declarations of Interest

None received at this time.

69/22 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

69.1 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2022 were agreed as a true and accurate record. Chairman duly signed the minutes.

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

This item was deferred to the July meeting due to lack of time.

70/22 Planning

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

22/01343/COMIND – AWE replacement facility known as the HUB

The Parish Council resolved not to object to the application as it is generally in favour of the plan to consolidate staff in a central Hub however there are concerns about the construction phase of the project and would like to request the following conditions :-

- No HGV deliveries on Saturdays.
- HGV deliveries should be restricted to between 9am and 3pm to avoid the times when children are walking to and from school.
- The Parish Council would like to ask AWE to consider installing a multi-user path around the site to increase connectivity and accessibility for residents of the Parish.

The Parish Council would also like to request that it is given a copy of the Traffic Survey which is currently being carried out around AWE.

Mrs Crawford to draft a more detailed response to be agreed via email and sent to the planning department.

22/01097/ADV – LIDL . Freestanding 6m high flag style sign

The Parish Council resolved to object as the flag is unnecessary and not in keeping with the rural setting.

22/01172/PAD56 (22/01135/CERTP)– Cedar Lodge, Soke Road. Enlargement of dwelling house

The Parish Council resolved not to comment.

22/01229/OOD – (22/00588/FUL) 2 Shyshack Lane, Erection of detached dwelling.

The Parish Council resolved not to comment.

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.
The Parish Council resolved not to comment.

70.2 To note receipt of any approvals, refusals or withdrawals

See Appendix A below.

22/00120/FUL – Land Adjacent to New Stocks Farm. Change of use to 8 permanent traveller sites - Mr Shirt queried where the evacuation sites mentioned in the Emergency plan actually are. Mrs Crawford to ask at the next AWE LLC meeting.

Action: SC

71/22. Highways and Footpath matters

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

Mrs Crawford reported that the TME has been used in Church Road and outside of Rosebourne Garden Centre with the following results.

From 6th-13th June outside the Cedars Nursery School on Church Road monitoring traffic heading west into the village. 43%, of drivers were travelling at over the ACPO speed limit of 35mph. which is up from 40% in March.

On the A340 on the opposite side of the road from Rosebourne, southbound traffic, into the village, from 26th May to 6th June 40% of drivers were travelling over the ACPO limit.

These results have been reported to West Berkshire Council but they have said that Community Speedwatch is the only available action.

There are now 7 volunteers who have completed the online training for Community Speedwatch.

It was agreed to purchase the pavement sign at a price of £109 using CIL funds.

Clerk to order sign.

Action: Clerk

71.2 Any new footpath or highways issues

Mrs Faulkner reported that signs on Padworth Common which ask people to keep their dogs on a lead have been vandalised. It was agreed that Mrs Faulkner would write an article for the July Parish Council newsletter to explain to residents why it is important for dogs to be kept on a lead and to give more information about the Padworth Common.

Action : AF

72/22 Parish Environment

72.1 To discuss the Skate Ramp project

BetongPark have been chosen as the preferred supplier for the skate ramp. A kick-off meeting has been scheduled for 24th June and the next step is to agree the final design and apply for planning permission.

Payments will be staged but if work is done on the design and then planning permission is not given there may be a charge. This will be discussed at the kick off meeting and clarity sought on the level of financial commitment this could be.

72.2 Update on quotes for refurbishment of Loosey Bench.

The Clerk is waiting for a quotation from one contractor. Mr. Shirt to follow up on a recommendation from a resident of someone who may be able to do the repair.

Action: DS

72.3 Update on quotes for refurbishment of Fountain Memorial.

Clerk has sent photos to two companies and both of these will provide an estimate based on these photos. It is unknown whether there used to be something on the top of the memorial as there are no photos or drawings that are clear enough to show the top. One contractor has indicated that the full extent of the damage will not be known until the memorial is cleaned.

It was suggested that AWE could be asked to provide some funding towards the repairs.

73/22 Consultation documents requiring consideration

Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications – deadline 6th July 2022

It was agreed that councillors should review the modified plan and either respond individually or suggest a suitable response from the Parish Council if this is considered necessary.

Action: All Cllrs

74/22 AWE to include updates from LLC

The next LLC meeting will be held on 5th July.

It is hoped that an answer will be given at the meeting to explain the alarm that was heard on 3rd March.

75/22 Reports

75.1 Clerk's report

The 2021/22 Accounts have been sent to the External Auditor. The Exercise of Public Rights starts on 13th June for 30 days and all supporting documents have been uploaded to the Parish council website.

75.2 District Councillor's report

Cllr Boeck sent a report to all councillors before the meeting.

Cllr Boeck reported that he had submitted two Member Community Bids. One for Beenham Primary School and the other for Brimpton Primary School. The decision will be made on these bids by 24th June. These grants will be available again next year but the deadline will be later than June due to the elections.

Mr Shirt asked why there was no mention of Conservation and Heritage in the West Berkshire Annual Report. There is a general feeling that the Conservation department at West Berkshire Council is under resourced. Cllr Boeck agreed to look into this.

76/22 Finance

76.1 To approve payments, bank reconciliation and receipts

The bank reconciliation was checked by Chairman before the meeting.

See appendix B below for payment list

Mrs Crawford and Mrs Faulkner to approve the payments via online banking.

77/22 To receive items for information only

77.1 Mrs Nurbhai reported that a contractor was seen taking soil samples in the orchard area in Kestrels Mead. Clerk to ask West Berkshire Council if they know anything about this.

77.2 Mrs Nurbhai reported that a resident contacted her asking why Falcon's Triangle is being cleared. It is thought that it is just woodland management. The Parish Council are not aware of any planning application relating to this area.

77.3 Mrs Nurbhai reported that a resident has complained about Clay shooting at Ravenswing Farm on Sunday mornings. Residents should raise concerns about noise with West Berkshire Council.

77.4 Mrs Nurbhai gave her apologies for the July and August meetings. Mr Shirt gave his apologies for July and September meetings.

78/22. To confirm the date and location of the meeting on 12th July 2022 at 7.30pm

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____

Appendix A

Aldermaston Parish Council –June 2022

Planning Applications for Consideration

1	22/01343/COMIND – AWE replacement facility known as the HUB	27th June 2022
2	22/01097/ADV – LIDL Freestanding 6m high flag style sign	30 th May 2022
3	22/01172/PAD56 (22/01135/CERTP)– Cedar Lodge, Soke Road. Enlargement of dwelling house	8 th June 2022
4	22/01229/ODD – (22/00588/FUL) 2 Shyshack Lane, Erection of detached dwelling	9th June 2022
5	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.	29th June 2022

Planning Application Decisions

1	22/00912/HOUSE – 40a The Street. New pitched roof to provide extra bedroom etc.	Refused
2	APP/W0340/W/21/3289961 – Appeal 21/01128/FULD – Land adjacent to Padworth Farm – The erection of 1 new dwelling	Dismissed
3	21/03202/COMIND – Youngs Industrial Estate. Construction of 8 light industrial units and 1 unit with office.	Withdrawn
4	22/00716/FORMB - Reading Road, Padworth Common. Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989: Proposed to upgrade 4 spans of existing 11 kV Overhead Line (OHL) to 3-phase.	No objections raised

Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

1	22/00935/HOUSE – 16 Swan Drive. Proposed single storey rear extension replacing conservatory
2	22/00655/HOUSE 22/00656/LBC2 - 42 The Street – Demolition of existing extension. Replace with two storey extension
3	22/00485/HOUSE, 22/00486/LBC2 – The Carhouse, Paices Hill. Partial conversion of existing outbuilding into a one bedroom annex
4	22/00120/FUL – Land adjacent to New Stocks Farm. Change of use to 8 permanent traveller pitches
5	21/00642/FUL – Land Adjacent to Barlows Plantation. Retrospective use of car parking area for site training
6	21/02447/CERTP – Rag Hill Cottage The provision of a twin unit mobile home
7	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)
8	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 14th June 2022

Bank Balance as at 31/5/2022	Cashbook balance as at 7/6/2022	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£48,221.87	£48,221.87	£47,399.48

New items for payment

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

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
SO	Mrs C McGarvie	May salary	293.04
EP	Berkshire Association of Local Councils	Subscription	263.61
EP	Triangle Management Co. Ltd	April 2022 grass cut(£36.50 VAT)	219.00
EP	Mrs C McGarvie	Annual Parish Meeting refreshments	14.55
EP	Mrs C Connell	Internal Audit	150.00
EP	Play safety Ltd	Annual inspection and checklist	149.40
EP	BHIB Ltd	Insurance	488.70
TOTAL			£1,578.30

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
06/05/2022	Lloyds Bank	interest	0.31
09/05/2022	HMRC	VAT reclaim	883.30
TOTAL			£883.61

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

Receipts not yet cleared

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			£0.00

Appendix C

Bank reconciliation - as at 7th June 2022

Balance from cashbook spreadsheet	48221.87	
Add unpresented payments at 31st May 2022		
		0.00
Subtract receipts after 31st May 2022		0.00
Net bank balances as at 31st May 2022		<u>48221.87</u>
Bank statements 31st May 2022		
Current account	6619.94	
Business account	<u>41601.93</u>	
		<u>48221.87</u>
Difference		0.00