

Aldermaston Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting 9th April 2024

Councillors Present: Mrs S Crawford (Chair)
Mrs A Faulkner
Rev J Manley
Mr A Shephard-Price
Mr D Shirt
Mr R Smith
Mrs A Woodley

In attendance: Mr D Boeck (District Councillor)

50/24 Open Forum

No members of the public present and no issues/comments submitted by persons unable to attend in person

51/24 Apologies for absence

None received

52/24 Declarations of interest

None received

53/24 Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record and signed at the end of the meeting

54/24 APC Website

AF collating content for the new website from councillors. Material needed by April 16th when first review of the new site is due from Digital House

55/24 CIL project updates

Three site visits with play equipment providers have now taken place. Quotes due in advance of May meeting.

56/24 Planning

24/00384/FUL – Woodstock, Paices Hill, Aldermaston. Part retrospective application for the reduction in levels and demolition and replacement of one storage unit and erection of retaining wall. Similar to refused application 22/03132/FUL. Already more than 30 objections from members of the public and Emergency Planning/ONR. Additional information required by Highways and SuDS. **The Parish Council resolved to raise an OBJECTION to the application and submit comments along with a copy of the legal opinion obtained in 2023**

24/00495/LBC – Lock up north of Hinds Head Hotel, Wasing Lane, Aldermaston. To apply lead flashing to the roof of the lock up, as previously approved in expired consent 22/01594/LBC2. **The Parish Council resolved not to comment on this application**

24/00549/COND – Approval of details reserved by Condition 6 of approved application 22/03143/COMIND for creation of replacement facility known as the Hub. The condition required AWE to produce a new Travel Plan. The lack of effectiveness of past Travel Plans resulting in a rising rate of Single Occupancy Vehicle travel was noted, together with the unambitious targets for increasing use of sustainable transport modes. **The Parish Council resolved to submit comments requesting AWE sets more ambitious targets with a clear delivery timetable**

24/00562/DEMO – AWE Aldermaston, Reading Road RG7 4PR. Demolition and clearance of buildings A7 and A8. **The Parish Council resolved to raise NO OBJECTION**

APP/W0340/W/23/3324664 – Cedars Lodge, Soke Rd. Appeal refused 20/03/24. Surprise expressed at the Refusal, as APC had not raised an objection and the neighbours' views were not negative. **No further action**

57/24 Planning Enforcement cases

57.1 Site south of Woodstock - scrap car and waste metal storage on going. WBC enforcement case still open but officer will not take action without further evidence against the owner's claim of B8 use. APC still waiting for full planning enforcement history from WBC as per formal FOI request submitted in Feb 24

57.2 Site/field north of Woodstock – Mounds of earth cover the site following the excavation of the neighbouring plot by Easy Concrete in 2022. APC wants to see the excavated material returned to the adjacent site or removed elsewhere, and the field restored to its original condition. APC may formally raise as a new Enforcement Case depending on the outcome of 24/00384/FUL

AP – SC to chase FOI requests

58/24 WBC's Lack of investment in Planning Enforcement and Review of Applications

APC has been concerned at the inadequate level of qualified staff in the Planning and Conservation divisions of WBC. Representations were made to appropriate parties in 2023, including the Local MP. Her efforts have resulted in a response from the responsible Government Department. The letter from Alex Badrick, Deputy Principal Private Secretary, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in response to APC's concerns was discussed at the meeting. It is understood that WBC is in receipt of some £90,000 from Central Government to help recruitment and training.

AP – SC to write to WBC to ask how the £90k will be spent

59/24 Highways and footpath matters

59.1 WBC will not to proceed with proposed Frouds Lane footpath due to lack of funds

59.2 Damage on a bridge on the Aldermaston cycleway observed last year has worsened. It is unclear whether Wasing Estate or WBC is responsible for repair, but APC believes that it needs to be assessed by WBC again, to ensure the route remains safe for pedestrians and cyclists.

AP – Clerk to report further deterioration of the cycleway bridge and request safety check

60/24 Parish Environment

60.1 Lock Up repairs. Listed Building Consent obtained for repairs had expired with only part of the works carried out. A new Application has now been submitted for outstanding works to the roof (24/00495/LBC)

60.2 Algae on the recently renovated memorial fountain on the Loosey was noted. A quote for treatment has been sought and will be considered at May meeting

60.3 Dog walking in the grounds of the Manor still problematic, especially 'professional dogwalkers' with multiple animals. Clerk has contacted Praxis, the owners of the Manor and Park, seeking solutions

60.4 Speed limit concerns on Reading Road and Welshman's Road. DB has been contacted by a resident of Reading Road, and APC has been contacted by a resident of Welshman's. Both requests are for the speed limit to be reduced from 50mph to 30mph. WBC is not inclined to carry out a Speed Limit review at either location the moment. DB still waiting for further input before deciding how to proceed

61/24 Consultation documents requiring consideration

Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue: consultation on the response to automatic fire alarms.

The Parish Council resolved not to respond

62/24 Local Plan Review

There is a schedule of Local Plan Examination Hearings Sessions in May and June. APC has been invited to participate in sessions addressing Matter 3 on 9th May and Matter 10 on 11th June.

Councillors are asked to indicate their interest in attending

AP – SC to determine if names of attendees need to be submitted in advance of the hearings

63/24 Reports

63.1 Clerks Report

The Clerk reported an additional Invoice to those already on the Agenda, for our annual BALC subscription. Councillors were informed that the necessary supporting documentation for the internal audit had been assembled and delivered to the auditor, Claire Connell.

Councillors were reminded that an email had been received from PKF (external auditor). External audit will be required as expenditure exceeds £25k threshold and that the May council meeting will need to consider the IA report and AGAR statements

63.2 District Councillor's report

This was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no comments or questions arising.

64/24 Finance

To approve payments, bank reconciliation and receipts

Forthcoming payments were approved, with Councillors Faulkner and Crawford to authorise.

Refund from fee of previous bin-emptying contract acknowledged and a transfer of £2,000 from Saving to

Current to cover payments approved

The Bank reconciliation was checked and signed at the end of the meeting

64/24 Other Business

64.1 Concern was expressed by a Councillor about children playing in Surridge's woodyard on Fisherman's Lane/Maida's Way. They have been climbing on the log-piles and sawdust, which could be hazardous.

AP - The Clerk to contact Mr Surridge and request his cooperation in securing the site

64.2 The continuing problem of large HGVs on Spring Lane and Raghill was raised. Councillors discussed obtaining photographic evidence of breach of weight/height/width restrictions for submission to WBC Highways.

65/24 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm. It will also be the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Aldermaston Parish Council – April 2024**Planning Applications for Consideration**

	24/00384/FUL – Woodstock, Paices Hill, Aldermaston. Part retrospective application for the reduction in levels and the demolition and replacement of a storage unit plus erection of a retaining wall (replacement application for the refused 22/03132/FUL)	12 April
	24/00495/LBC – Lock Up to the north of the Heads Head Hotel. To apply lead flashing to the rook of the lock-up as previously approved in the expired consent 22/01594/LBC2	10 April
	24/00549/COND – AWE Aldermaston, Reading Rd RG7 4PR. Approval of details reserved by Condition 6 of approved application 22/03143/COMIND. Creation of a replacement facility known as the Hub.	11 April
	24/00562/DEMO – AWE Aldermaston, Reading Rd RG7 4PR. Demolition and clearance of buildings A7 and A8	23 April

Planning Application Decisions

	No decisions received in this period	
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Planning Applications Awaiting Decisions

	23/00388/FUL & 23/00389/LBC - North Lodge Church Road Proposed demolition of existing extension and replacement with new single storey extension and associated amendments to the landscape to create a new residential curtilage and provision of parking spaces.
	23/00394/FUL, 23/00395/LBC - North West Lodge Church Road Proposed demolition of existing extension and replacement with new single storey extension and associated amendments to the landscape to create a new residential curtilage and provision of parking spaces.
	23/01265/House – Greenlands, Silchetser Road: proposed rear extension to ground floor
	23/02501/ODD – Land adjacent to Old Kiln House, Silchester Rd., Tadley – erection of 9 apartments with associated access and parking
	23/02189/HOUSE – 1 Maidas Way, Aldermaston. Retrospective: single storey rear extension, 2 garden sheds and pergola
	23/02197/SCOPE – Aldermaston Recycling Refuse tip, Paices Hill, Aldermaston. EIA scoping opinion. The proposed development is a new sustainable recycling centre with ancillary buildings and associated infrastructure
	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
	24/00048/FUL – Falcon Garage, Burghfield Rd, Tadley RG26 4QY. Application for an additional jet wash bay and installing a new store front and entrance

	23/02974/FUL – Playing Field, Station Rd, Aldermaston. Application for a mini concrete skate ramp.
	24/00361/FUL – Burnt Pine, Reading Rd, Padworth Common RG7 4QL. Application for the construction of replacement dwelling, garage and tennis court (follows approval for 22/00553/HOUSE for the demolition of the existing buildings).
	24/00411/OOD – Tadley Horizon School, Tadley Common Rd RG26 3TB. Application for a change of use from residential school (C2) to educational use (F1) Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council 24/00457/FUL

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

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	Appeal refused 20/03/24
22/11/23	APP/W0340/W/23/3327949	Youngs Ind Est, Paices Hill	22/02730/FULMAJ	Not yet decided
		Land west of Frouds Lane. Out of Parish Woolhampton PC	22/02341/FUL	Appeal notified to WBC 16/2/24

Appendix B

Bank reconciliation - as at 31st March 2024

Balance from cashbook spreadsheet	88779.65
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Add unpresented payments at 31st March 2024	
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Subtract receipts after 31st March 2024	
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Net bank balances as at 31st March 2024	
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<u>88779.65</u>

Bank statements 31st March April 2024	
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Current account	1026.75
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Business account	
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Difference	
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Appendix C

meeting financial report to 9th April 2024

Bank Balance as at 31/03/2024	Cashbook balance as at 31/03/2024	Cashbook balance after new payments made
£88,779.65	£88,779.65	£86,729.22

New items for payment

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
	Digital House	Renewal of domain name (VAT £5.00)	30.00
	Digital House	New website (VAT £255.00)	1530.00
	Tactical Facilities	Bin emptying (March) (VAT £11.89)	71.33
	Peter Brown	April salary	335.30
	HMRC	April PAYE	83.80
TOTAL			£2,050.43

Payments made since last meeting

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST
EP	Aldermaston & Wasing PCC	Churchyard grant	750.00
EP	Tadley CAB	Support grant	300.00
EP	Aldermaston Village Hall	Hall hire (Jan & Feb 24 £15x 2)	30.00
EP	Tactical Facilities Man	Bin emptying Feb (VAT £11.89)	71.33
EP	D Farndell	Clerk Salary (March)	267.49
EP	P Brown	Clerk Salary (March)	167.35
EP	HMRC	Clerk PAYE (March DF £66.80 PB £41.60)	108.40
EP	D Farndell	Homeworking allowance 23/24	100.00
EP	WBC	Credit Note (Bins)	-206.95
TOTAL			£1,587.62

Receipts since last meeting date

Receipt Date	Payer	Details	TOTAL AMOUNT
11/03/2024	Lloyds	Interest	98.13
TOTAL			£98.13

Payments not yet presented

Cheque No	Payee	Details	TOTAL COST

TOTAL		
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Receipts not
yet cleared/or
on statement

Receipt date	Payer	Details	TOTAL COST
TOTAL			