



**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Alderholt Parish Council
Committee Room, Alderholt Village Hall
7.00pm Monday 14th March 2016**

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PRESENT; Cllr G Logan (Chairman)
Cllr S Archer
Cllr A Hibberd
Cllr K Murton
Cllr J Simcock
Cllr M Smethers
Cllr J Walker
Also present; Mrs M Humby (Clerk)
6 members of the public

APOLOGIES; Dorset County Councillor Steve Butler

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN INCLUDING HOUSEKEEPING

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of fire procedures for escape in the event of a fire.

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TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND/OR CONSIDER THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS

No pecuniary interests were declared nor dispensations requested.

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TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Cllrs unanimously resolved to agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated 8th February 2016 as a correct record of that meeting. They were then signed by the Chairman.

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM JAMES GRAZEBROOK REGARDING THE GOOD ENERGY SOLAR FARM COMMUNITY FUND

Report attached to minutes

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TO REVIEW ANY OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM LAST MONTHS MEETING

Original Date When Issue Raised	Subject	Owner(s)	Action –ongoing/outstanding
13 th April 2015	Verge cutting back- Ringwood/	SB/RM	Awaiting confirmation from SB that works have now been completed as discussed. SB to chase and report back to Council.

Chairman's Signature;



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	Hillbury Road		
14 th September 2015	Overgrown Footpaths	KB	To be cut back when vegetation died back. This has been started but there is more to do. Role descriptions requested from John Williamson for both volunteer ranger and rights of way officer so that vacancies can be advertised
12 th October 2015	Dog Bin Emptying	MH/DWP /SB	Still awaiting confirmation from DWP regarding the dog bin emptying in Alderholt. SB has followed up. DWP to meet with PC to assess sites. PC suggested 4/4/16 for meeting, awaiting confirmation from Dave Nicholls - DWP
12 th October	Certificate from EDDC re DCA Special Award for Alderholt	KB/SB	Advised By EDDC that they are looking into and hope to provide a certificate from Community and Leisure Dept. 25/2/16 Chased Judith Plumley for reply-now awaiting certificate
9 th Nov	Footpath E/347	KB/DCC/ SB	26/1/16-footpath is in Hampshire now referred to Hants Countryside Access Team for action. Office to follow up in April
11 th January	Surplus Store	SB	SB to follow up-awaiting response
11 th January	Food Waste	SB	SB to check if food rubbish is recycled or taken to landfill- awaiting response
11 th January	Cllr Training	MH	On hold until new Cllrs in place
8 th February	Floodlights at the Sports ground	Office	Office to advise the Sports and Social Club. J Simcock has spoken to club members and advises lights in place for many years and no complaints received. No Further Action

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TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S/CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk's report is attached to the minutes. **Noted**

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TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Butler was not present at this meeting.



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INTRODUCTION FROM THE NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

At the by-election on 3rd March 2016, Cllr Gina Logan was elected as the new District Councillor for Alderholt. As existing Parish Councillor, Cllr Logan confirmed she would continue in this role but would however be standing down as Chairman and member of Planning Committee as this conflicted with her new position as planning Committee member at EDDC. She will also be a member of Licensing Committee and Joint Audit Committee at EDDC

Cllr Logan will be holding a monthly surgery in the Committee room on the 3rd Saturday of each month between 10.00am and 11.00am

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TO CONSIDER RECENT COUNCILLOR VACANCIES INCLUDING COMMITTEE VACANCIES AND CO OPTION

Committee vacancies

Due to recent resignations, there are vacancies on committees to be filled. **Cllrs unanimously resolved to the following;**

- 1. To elect Cllr Archer as a new member of the Planning Committee**
- 2. To elect Cllr Hibberd as the new Chairman of the Planning Committee**
- 3. To elect Cllr Smethers as a new member of Policy and Finance Committee**

Co option Policy

The policy for dealing with a casual vacancy and how Alderholt PC deals with the Co option has now been updated (forms circulated) with the exception of deciding the voting process when there is more than 1 applicant per vacancy.

Cllrs unanimously resolved that in the event that there is more than 1 applicant for a vacancy, applicants will be requested to make their presentations to full council at an extraordinary council meeting. A vote of who to elect will then be taken by all Councillors present.

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PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

There were members of the public present. The following points were discussed;

1. Annual Parish meeting Format-would like to see meeting involving more village groups (this item is an agenda item to be discussed later)
2. Ian Cole requested a copy of the completed co option policy
3. Information to be advised to Colin Sansom regarding the drainage issues at Hillbury Road
4. Colin Sansom queried whether construction of the second Solar Farm has commenced. James Grazebrook has a meeting with Good Energy and offered to ask them and then advise the Clerk



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The agenda order was changed to allow members of the public to discuss the next issue.

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TO CONSIDER REPORTS FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND EXTERNAL BODIES

Double yellow lines in Ringwood Road (Charing Cross area)

Cllr Smethers updated that he had organised a questionnaire for local residents regarding investigations into whether the PC should apply to DCC Highways for double yellow lines in Ringwood Road (Charing Cross area) which was to be handed to residents this week. However, he has since received advice from Pat Waterman, our Highways community officer that despite his earlier support for this, having spoken to colleagues he has now been advised that there is a very limited budget for new applications and there is no budget for enforcement of this. The problems were discussed and whether to persue this at a higher level. **Cllrs agreed that the situation will be monitored after the new houses have been sold to determine if the problem is made worse in which case the council will have a stronger case.**

The 2 Ringwood Road residents present at this meeting, agreed to keep a log of problems during this time.

The clerk will contact the Co Op store to determine when they are widening the entrance as per the planning application.

DAPTC Annual Conference 3rd March

Attended by Cllr Hibberd and the clerk. There are likely to be many changes in the future for the role of Parish and Town Councils with more powers being passed on to them. There is no action required at this stage however Cllrs should keep up to date regarding this. Presentation slides from the conference are available on the DAPTC website **Noted**

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**TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION 3/16/0094/FUL THE COTTAGE,
FORDINGBRIDGE ROAD**

This planning application is being considered at full council rather than in a planning committee meeting as the deadline for comments falls before next Planning meeting on 21st March.

There were 0 representations from members of the public.

APP; 3/16/0094/HOU

The Cottage, Fordingbridge Rd, Alderholt

Replacement dwelling and detached garage including alterations to existing vehicle access from highway.

Cllr Hibberd reported on the application to all members.

As statutory consultee, members agreed to the following response;

No Objection but request that all permitted developments rights be removed as a condition of planning permission being granted



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Noted for the minutes that;

Cllr Logan refrained from the vote as she is a member of the EDDC Planning Committee meeting

Cllr Walker objected to this planning application

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FINANCE

1. Cllrs unanimously resolved to agree to the following schedule of payments;

PAYMENTS FOR SANCTION

Viking-stationery	136.72
SignTrek-new play area signs	218.40
Assist Business IT (IT support)	81.00
DAPTC - Good Councillor Guide	35.00
DAPTC - Annual Conference	120.00
Alderholt Village Hall rent-March-Aug	2250.00
Notice-It Ltd-new noticeboard	1950.00
A Hibberd Travel expenses	66.60
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR SANCTION	4857.72

CREDITS

Co Op Interest- current a/c (Feb/Mar)	6.43
Total of credits pd to current account	6.43
Co Op savings account	0.00
Nationwide postal a/c interest (Feb)	20.32
TOTAL CREDITS RECEIVED	26.75

DDR's

Semcorp bmth (Mar)	12.90
BT	276.60
TOTAL DDR'S	289.50

PAYMENTS MADE IN BETWEEN MEETINGS

Transfer of monies to Co op savings a/c (min PC 31/16)	40000.00
Cheque to New Nationwide Fixed Bond account (min PC170/15)	28640.83
TOTAL	68640.83

PETTY CASH TOTAL

50.00

Cashplus debit card;

Amazon	8.97
Total expenditure on Debit Card	8.97

2. Total cash book funds for the Council are currently £127020.74cr



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3. **Cllr Simcock** to carry out next month's financial control checks

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RECREATION GROUND

The following items in relation to the recreation ground were discussed;

1. **PC Weekly Inspections;** Cllr Simcock- reported problems with drainage at the rec. Ian Cole was at the meeting and advised that this will be dealt with by the Recreation Association
2. **Cllr Hibberd** to carry out next month's inspections and to also carry out visual checks of the equipment
3. Following the resignation of Cllr McCrudden, (who was also the play ground inspector), a new inspector needs to be found. The Council's insurance brokers have advised the minimum requirement is only for an annual inspection by a qualified inspector, with additional weekly visual inspections to be carried out by a non inspector. **Cllrs unanimously agreed that the clerk to arrange an annual inspection. Repairs and maintenance will be monitored over the next 6 months to determine if this is frequently enough for Aderholt's needs.**
4. At the February meeting, suggestions were made regarding the Parish Council highlighting the issue of dog fouling at the recreation ground by spraying dog faeces with bio-degradable fluorescent paint. The clerk had spoken to the dog warden who was in support of this on PC owned land (the recreation ground). **Cllrs unanimously agreed that paint to be purchased and Cllr Archer will spray as a one off. Notices to be put up and an item written for the parish news advising of this.**

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TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Planning Committee Minutes 22nd February 2016 circulated and noted

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TO CONSIDER REPORTS FROM THE RECREATION GROUND REBUILD WORKING PARTY

Report circulated of WP meeting 9th Feb 2016. **Noted**

Cllr Logan to provide a full report of the project to date and a way forward for the April meeting. Cllr Archer asked that the answers to the following questions to be included in the April report;

1. Has the Sports and Social Club added any money to the rebuild fund?
2. Should the council be using public monies for a private members club?
3. Who will the building belong to?

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TO CONSIDER REPORTS FROM THE RIFLE RANGE WORKING PARTY



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Cllrs Smethers advised that a meeting has been arranged with the scouts on 29th March at which hopefully they will be able to provide the information requested. This will then be presented at the April PC meeting. **Noted**

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TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL AUDIT REVIEW 2015/16

Report circulated.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the following 3 points;

- 1. That this council does not wish to opt out of SAAA (Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointment.**
- 2. To adopt the 2015/16 Annual Audit Plan.**
- 3. To continue with Peter Walker as the internal auditor for Alderholt Parish Council for the financial year 2016/17**

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TO CONSIDER THE CELEBRATION OF THE QUEENS 90TH BIRTHDAY

Members agreed at the February meeting to help support any Church /local activities taking place. The clerk has not heard back from either churches or anyone else regards this. Other celebrations, such as the "light a beacon" day and purchasing commemorative coins were discussed.

Cllr unanimously agreed to purchase a commemorative coin for all of the children attending St James' First School.

The clerk will liaise with the school regarding this.

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TO CONSIDER THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

Cllrs agreed to the draft Annual Parish Meeting format and agenda with speakers James Grazebrook from the Solar Farm Community Fund and a representative from St James' School.

Additional speakers were also discussed at the meeting with a representative from Alderholt Recreation Association, the Village Hall and Air Ambulance also speaking.

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TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- Dorset Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2016/17 circulated for information. **Noted**
- Christchurch and East Dorset Residents survey 2015 circulated for information **Noted**
- Invitation received and circulated to Cllrs; Cranborne Estate Design Workshop Event 1st March 2016 **Noted**



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EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL

Cllrs resolved to exclude the public and press pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended by the local Government Act 1972 s.100) on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (confidential report circulated)

1. Changes to National Insurance payments following changes to Gov't regulations regarding pensions. **Agreed and Noted**
2. Annual objectives including changes to working patterns and overtime **Agreed and Noted as per report**

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ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR REPORT ONLY

Nothing to report

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Alderholt Community Fund Summary- James Grazebrook

1. It was suggested I should join the committee in March 2015. I emailed Lorna Edwards with a copy to the PC Clerk on 24th March.
1. I also emailed Maria Humby stressing that I was happy to sit on a committee judging funding applications, but would not have time to renegotiate the sums proposed. Maria replied that the grant was already agreed.
2. My first meeting was with Norman Jones and Mike Whiteley on 27th May, along with Hugo House and Lorna Edwards from Good Energy.
3. I was suspicious that the £1,000 per megawatt offered was below the market rate. Norman and Mike agreed and we decided to "give it a go". I offered to lead this. Fortunately I was able to seek advice from 3 friends with specialist knowledge, particularly including Marcus Trinnick QC, possibly the foremost renewable energy barrister in UK, who is my next door neighbour in Crendell and a close friend.
4. I took a summary of this advice to a meeting on 18th June with Norman and Mike. We agreed that I should summarise this to Hugo House. My subsequent email to him is attached.
5. Roy McCrudden joined our next meeting on 7th July. I was delighted to have input from the Parish Council.
6. The group confirmed that I was to lead the negotiation with GE. Mike Whiteley kindly agreed to proceed with paperwork for the Community Trust Fund using the standard Charity Commission agreement.
7. Good Energy offered to go to £1,250 per MW. We refused this. GE toyed with £1,500, a figure which seemed to enjoy Hugo House's support. His investment



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committee refused to countenance this. Negotiations stalled. The collapse in oil prices hardened GE's pricing stance. By August we were effectively deadlocked, although they did agree to index link the £1,250. Hugo and I took care to remain on good terms and I should record my thanks to Hugo for this.

8. My subsequent conversations with Good Energy extended over a further three months. Hugo eventually produced two improvements in a phone call at Christmas:-
A £7,500 (inc VAT) contribution to the infrastructure at the new Scouts facility to be paid by GE on agreement of costs and production of bills made out to GE and paid by them. I called John Flippance informally and asked him to start work on getting costs.
The annual payment of £6,250 would be made in advance each year
9. I proposed the additional payments at a meeting on 18th January attended by Mike, Norman, Roy and myself, following some email conversation. Hugo House also attended, although he has now been promoted and his place will be taken by Sophie Kempthorne. The meeting asked me to become Chairman. Mike Whiteley kindly agreed to become Treasurer.
10. I owe particular thanks to Marcus Trinnick QC for his guidance and help during this period. Also to Hugh Mullens in Damerham with his specialist knowledge.
11. The meeting on 18th January finalised the structure and Trustees using the Charities Commission terms.
12. Mike, in the meantime, had completed all the necessary paperwork for the establishment of the charitable trust. The meeting on 18th January resolved to file this, which Mike did within a couple of days.
13. Good Energy have now agreed to pay the 2015 payment of £6250 as soon as we have an operating bank account. The 2016 sum will follow in June, giving us a significant fund in addition to the Scouts grant.
14. A further meeting is scheduled for 15th May, with the formal public launch planned for Saturday 28th May.

Note:

The Charitable Trust deed defines that Trustees are appointed for a period of two years. New Trustees are selected by the existing Trustees who have a duty to appoint people with relevant skills. Trustees may be disqualified for the usual reasons (bankruptcy etc). They are also disqualified if they miss meetings for six months unless this has been agreed in advance. Trustee decisions are taken by a simple majority with the Chairman having a casting vote.

Copy of email to Good Energy on 18th June 2015

Dear Hugo,

I promised to ask three people about the level of funding per megawatt. Our meeting discussed their comments last night and felt we should share with you.

Hugh Mullens runs Utility Funding Ltd, specialists in smart metering and renewables. He has a track record of success, having built and sold Hanover Leasing with 100 staff in London before this. He started UF specifically due to his interest in leasing renewables



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equipment. He commented “The initial comments are that £1,500 is probably considered as the market rate that developers now offer but at the same time this seems somewhat derisory on the part of developers. As you are probably aware developers are now forced down this route due to the 5Mw cap on their own developments”. Hugh is local – lives on the edge of Damerham.

□ Marcus Trinnick QC is my neighbour and a friend. He has handled planning applications and appeals for nearly 300 renewable energy projects across Europe. He knows Good Energy well (they are clients of his). He knows Hugo House. He’s happy to be quoted as saying that £2,000 is the correct market rate. He won’t email as Good Energy are clients of his, but he’s happy to be quoted and to supply supporting evidence if needed.

□ Chris Mayhew, my Suffolk Farmer friend with a solar farm on his land, has no community fund of any kind. The site is a couple of miles outside any village boundary and away from public rights of way. It’s invisible in a dip. There is no community to benefit. You might wish to discuss this internally prior to our meeting on 7th July. Look forward to seeing you again then.

Clerks Report

Highway Issues

I met with Pat Waterman, our community Highways officer to discuss 3 ongoing drainage issues in the village. We carried out a site visit to each location with Pat confirming the following outcomes;

Hillbury Road/Ringwood Road Junction

There are 2 issues here.

The first is flooding along Hillbury Road as you leave the village. Pat is currently in discussions with the landowner who has carried out some drainage work. Pat will monitor the effectiveness of this and if more work is required, he will contact the landowner again. The second is the Ringwood Road junction into Hillbury Road which floods. There is a soak away in the grass verge next to the rifle range that requires work to improve it. Pat has added this to the Capital Drainage works programme although works are based on priority. Hopefully it will be done this year. In the meantime the 2 drains along here will continue to be jetted if they become blocked again from debris. The office will continue to monitor to see when the works are done. I asked if any works could be done on the rifle range site to improve this but Pat advised as the land is lower this won’t particularly help. Any new fencing here will not be affected by the new soak away so this work can go ahead.

Daggons Road (near to the Christmas Tree site)

Works have recently been completed in 2 locations along here and it is hoped that this will now resolve the issue. The area will always be prone to some flooding however. A large pothole next to one of the problem areas is due to be filled.

Blackwater Grove Cul de Sac

We were able to meet with 3 sets of neighbours here to discuss the issues. It appears water is coming off the adjacent private field and causing drainage problems in resident’s gardens

Chairman’s Signature;



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and onto the highway. Some external pipe work has been put in by a previous resident which is not helping the run off onto the road. Although this means water is running down the roadway it does eventually go into the drains so is not really a highways safety issue. Pat will discuss with a colleague and contact the landowner but it is likely that this will end up as a private issue between the residents and the landowner.

Alderholt Fingerposts and Roundels

A resident has called into the office advising that he is willing to take on the repair and maintenance of the Fingerposts in Alderholt. He is currently working with Dorset AONB and they will be contacting us soon to put their proposals forward. There will also be a request for a funding contribution towards the materials. This is a real positive for Alderholt as we have discussed this issue in the past as DCC no longer take responsibility for replacing these and over the years they will gradually all disappear. It is good to now have someone who is willing to take on this task. It is hoped that we will have some information from them for next month's meeting.

Non-competitive cycling sportive taking place on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2016

We have been advised by a Hampshire Parish Council that another cycling event is to take place with riders cycling again through Alderholt via Pressy's Corner and Hillbury Road on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April 2016. Due to safety issues here we have already contacted the organisers to request that adequate safety measures including a race Marshall are put in place in this area.

Camel Green Road Maintenance

We have been advised by the Camel Green Road resident's coordinator that drainage works are due to start on 4th April 2016. Wilton Homes are willing to contribute to the works and residents' letters were sent out on 19th February. The degree of repairs will depend on how many and how much residents are willing to contribute.