



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Alderholt Parish Council, The Committee Room, Alderholt Village Hall  
7.00pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**189/16**

**PRESENT;** Cllr G Logan (Chairman and Alderholt East Dorset District Councillor)  
Cllr A Hibberd  
Cllr K Murton  
Cllr J Simcock  
Cllr M Smethers  
Cllr D Tooke (arrived at 7.04pm)  
Cllr J Walker  
Mrs M Humby Clerk

**APOLOGIES;** Cllr Lynn Evans

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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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**THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Cllrs unanimously resolved to resolve to exclude the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential financial nature of the business to be transacted for the next agenda item.** There were no members of the public and press present  
Cllr Tooke arrived at the meeting.

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**RECREATION GROUND REBUILD PROJECT-NEXT STAGE**

**The Project;**

To refurbish and enlarge the existing sports pavilion to provide four large team changing areas with showers, and officials and accessible change areas. To add a new build extension to accommodate the clubhouse (club area, kitchen bar & cellar, toilets, storage and a small function room).

The following papers regarding the above had been circulated to Cllrs;

1. Report including a proposal of the Recreation Ground Rebuild Working Party Meeting dated 1st November 2016
2. Historic Notes from Working Party meeting 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016
3. Rebuild Costing comparisons between Quantity Surveyor, McPhersons and architect, Relph Ross

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4. Relph Ross Budget Costings (2/11/15)
5. Draft Business Case
6. Funding Sources from DCC Fund Finder database

The Working Party report detailed two options for Cllrs to decide at this extraordinary meeting;

Option 1

Keep ownership of the building and raise funds for it to be rebuilt. When the building is complete lease it to the ARA who will need to incorporate (CIO as in option 2).

Option 2

Give the building to the community (an incorporated group will need to be formed to take ownership of this possibly a Charitable Incorporated Organisation {CIO} or an Incorporated Community Amateur Sports Club {CASC}) this group would then fundraise for a new building. The Parish Council would be a trustee on this group.

Discussions took place with the following points being raised as questions (answered in italics) or statements;

It was noted that Cllr Smethers left the meeting at 7.15pm to attend to a First Responders call and returned at 7.45pm

1. Concerns over insufficient information at this stage about future income and sustaining the running costs. *These concerns were noted and Cllr Logan advised that these would need to be determined as part of the next stage.*
2. Concerns about the Parish Council putting money into this project including possibly needing to take on a public works loan (PWL). *It is not known yet if this will be required but if it is, part of the PWL application is that a public consultation has taken place and that residents agree to it.*
3. Concerns about whether the PC should be making decisions tonight when there are many unanswered questions. *Cllr Logan advised that subsidiary documents will be completed at the next stage of the project. Tonight's meeting is for Cllrs to decide how to proceed to the next stage. Should the PC lead the project or should it be handed over to a community group (options 1 or 2 in the Working party report)*
4. Will the future income from the building be enough to repay back the PWL? *This will require investigation at a later stage.*
5. The users should be the people driving the project forward not the Parish Council. *The users and wider community will be involved in the project and the Parish Council can ensure that it is a facility open to all*
6. Concerns that if the PC don't lead the project, the alternative is to hand over the building- should the Parish Council be handing over a community asset?
7. The PC has a responsibility to the community to provide recreational facilities
8. Concerns that the Parish Council will be putting funds into something that only a small number of residents use. *A needs survey will be carried out at the next stage.*
9. Concerns that this is too much work for the Council to take on- there are not enough resources or expertise within the Parish Council

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10. The clerk requested that if Cllrs take this on, they do not underestimate the amount of work this project will take and the impact it will have on both Cllrs and office staff. She is concerned that she does not have the knowledge to deal with many of the issues some of which will change how the future council finances are dealt with. *Cllrs confirmed that extra support will be provided including employing experts.*
11. Concerns over the variation in costings between the architect and quantity surveyor should a third quote be sought. *Cllr Logan advised that these would be investigated as part of the next stage.*
12. Concerns as to whether the current committees were committed to forming an ICO- *this will form part of the next stage*
13. A Parish Council committee can have non-Cllrs as members but they do not have voting rights.
14. The Council must follow a legal process that can delay things whereas an independent body can work much quicker with less regulation. *Further investigation is required regards the committee structure but Cllr Logan advised that the committee can set up a working party of community members*
15. The Council are not the users and the costs will be high to the Parish Council. The project should run in a similar way to the scouts with an independent community group taking on the project
16. The Parish Council has a duty of care to ensure that the pavilion and recreation are fit for use for Alderholt residents.

Cllr Logan concluded that there are lots of issues to overcome but these will be investigated as the project moves forward. The working party had fulfilled its remit of taking the project to planning permission stage and now Cllrs need to decide whether they agree to the Parish Council leading the next stage of the project.

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**VOTING ON WORKING PARTY PROPOSAL**

Following the above discussions Councillors voted upon the following proposal from the working party;

**The Recreation Rebuild Working Party proposes that APC takes the lead on the Recreation Ground Rebuild Project through a new Parish Council Committee, to include representatives from the Alderholt Recreation Association, Alderholt Sports and Social Club, Alderholt Sport Clubs, other village groups and organisations and residents.** The Chairman requested a recorded vote.

**In favour;**

Cllr Hibberd  
Cllr Simcock  
Cllr Murton  
Cllr Archer  
Cllr Logan

**Against;**

Cllr Walker  
Cllr Smethers  
Cllr Tooke

**Motion Carried**

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Cllr Logan agreed to gather information so that a new committee could be set up at the Parish Council Meeting on 12th December 2016

Meeting ended 8.17pm