

# ALFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Alfold Parish Council Meeting held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017** at Alfold Village Hall.

**Present:** Mr Nik Pidgeon (Chairman); Mrs Penni Mayne; Mrs Betty Ames;  
Mr Nigel Budd; Mr Adrian Erricker; Mr Wayne Mouring;  
Mrs B Weddell (Clerk)

One member of the public was in attendance. Cllr Kevin Deanus was present for part of the meeting.

**Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Mr Denton-Miller.

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| 17/001 | <b>Declarations of interest pertaining to agenda items</b><br>Mrs Ames and Mrs Mayne declared a personal interest in Alfold Youth Club.  |        |
| 17/002 | <b>Minutes</b><br>The minutes of the parish council meetings held on 8 <sup>th</sup> November and 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2016 were approved as correct records of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.   |        |
| 17/003 | <b>Chairman's report</b><br>The Chairman reported that since the last meeting, he had attended the Waverley Joint Planning Committee on 14 <sup>th</sup> December and spoken against the Dunsfold Park application for a new settlement. The Committee had resolved to grant planning permission by a vote of 10 for and 8 against, subject to a S.106 agreement. The application is now being considered by the National Planning Casework Unit to decide whether it will be called in by the Secretary of State, which would lead to a Public Inquiry.   |        |
| 17/004 | <b>Clerk's report</b><br>Regarding the Churchyard wall, the Clerk advised that she had been advised by the parish council's insurance company, that repair of the wall may be covered by insurance if the damage was due to subsidence, however, the wall is not itemised on the insurance schedule as it isn't owned by the parish council and the Clerk was advised that if the cause was subsidence that the PCC should be able to claim on the church insurance. The Clerk would arrange for a Structural Engineer assess the wall and report.<br><br>The Clerk had been advised that Surrey County Council were carrying out survey work on the ditches behind Clappers Meadow. The next Flood Forum was due to be held on 24 <sup>th</sup> February. | Clerk  |
| 17/005 | <b>Report from Waverley Borough Councillor</b><br>Cllr Deanus reported that Thames Water would fund surfacing of the land around the pumping station, primarily to provide a surface for tankers to park, this would also provide a parking area for residents of Clappers Meadow, which would hopefully ease the current parking problems. The work was expected to be carried out as soon as the weather improves and the ground has dried up.   |        |

BT have recently put forward proposals to remove a number of telephone boxes across the borough, due to lack of use. Waverley have responded requesting that a number of the boxes be retained for heritage reasons or because of limited mobile phone coverage. Alfold's box is listed because it's in the conservation area, and therefore will not be removed. Waverley's full response to the consultation can be found at this link [http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/100003/communities/1925/public\\_consultation\\_on\\_proposed\\_removal\\_of\\_bt\\_telephone\\_boxes](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/100003/communities/1925/public_consultation_on_proposed_removal_of_bt_telephone_boxes).

Cllr Deanus reported that Waverley would be losing £1.4m worth of grant funding in the next financial year, which is an example of how much more difficult it's getting for Waverley to balance the books. Cllr Deanus sits on the grants panel which is advising organisations not to rely on grants in future years.

**17/006**

**Precept on Waverley Borough Council for the year ending 31.3.18**

Updated accounts and budget proposals for the next financial year had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The parish council resolved to pay the Clerk £1100 (gross) overtime for the work she had carried out relating to Dunsfold Park and the Local Plan consultation. (The Clerk left the meeting when this matter was discussed.)

The parish council had received a grant application from Alfold Youth Club for £2000 towards running costs. After much discussion, it was resolved that the parish council would award a grant of £500 out of the next year's budget and that any further funding may be considered during the year but would be dependent on match funding against the youth club's own fundraising activities.

Taking into consideration current reserves held and the agreed budget expenditure, proposed by Mr Pidgeon and seconded by Mr Budd, it was resolved that the Precept for the year ending 31.3.18 would be £24,250. The final agreed budget is appended to these minutes.

**17/007**

**Neighbourhood Plan Update**

A meeting had been arranged with Colin Smith and Maggie Williams of Colin Smith Planning and Ian Motuel of WBC to discuss progressing the plan.

**17/008**

**Accounts for Payment**

The attached Order for Payments was approved.

**17/009**

**Planning. Summary of the status of recent planning applications for information only**

WA/2016/2269 Erection of rear extensions and alterations. 8 clappers Meadow. **Full permission**

WA/2016/2276 Certificate of Lawfulness for conversion of former milking parlour into an independent residential dwelling. High Stovolds Farm, Stovolds Hill, Cranleigh. **Certificate of Lawfulness Granted**

AG/2016/0008 GPDO Part 6 erection of agricultural storage barn. Alfold Farm. **Refused**

WA/2016/1966 Erection of 10 dwellings. Vintners, Guildford Road, Alfold.  
**Refused**

WA/2016/0683 Change of use of existing equestrian building containing 1 dwelling to provide 7 additional dwellings. Alfold Farm. **Appeal allowed**

**17/010**

**Planning**

There were no planning applications to be considered

**17/011**

**Correspondence**

Wyvale Garden Centres had written with details of an impending planning application for 28 dwellings at Alfold Garden Centre.

Gatwick Airport had written to invite a representative of the parish council to a meeting of the Noise Management Board on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

A resident had contacted the parish council to complain about parking of cars on the pavement on Loxwood Road. The new parking surface at the pumping station may resolve this problem, but the local PCSO would be made aware as it is an offence to park a vehicle on the pavement or on common land.

**16/112**

**Next meetings**

Planning – 9<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm, Green Room, Alfold Village Hall  
Full Council – 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm, Alfold Village Hall

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21:25.**