

ALBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL [2015]

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Albourne Parish Council

held on: Tuesday, 4th August 2015, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Meg Price (MP) - Chairman
Cllr Graham Stafford (GS) – Vice Chairman
Cllr Nikki Ernest (NE)
Cllr Barry Compton (BC)
Cllr Heather Jordan (HJ)
Cllr Di Howard (DH)

In attendance: 5 members of the public.

- 1. (2015/060) – Chairman opens meeting and receives any apologies for absence.** An apology for absence was received from Councillor Nick Wergan, and the Parish Clerk, Iain McLean.
- 2. (2015/061) – Declarations of interest.**
There were none.
- 3. (2015/062) – Matters raised by the public.**

One member of the public raised some issues about antisocial behaviour in the Village Hall car park at night. This comprises drug dealing, litter, loud music and shouting. He brought up the subject of putting a gate on the car park and said there were several people who would be willing to be key holders. After much discussion involving other members of the public re the feasibility of a gate on the car park, various actions were agreed on by the PC as follows:

MP will contact the PCO Joel and the MSDC nuisance officer to arrange a meeting with them to visit the recreation ground and car park and suggest some strategies regarding the gate to the car park and measures to restrict entry to the ground. GS suggested that members of the public should take down registration numbers of cars causing a nuisance and he would forward them to the police.

The whole matter is to be discussed again at the September APC meeting.

4. (2015/063) – Planning matters.

4.1 Two planning applications were considered, and the plans and relevant policies discussed. It was therefore **resolved to comment to MSDC as follows:-**

APPLICATION/PROPERTY	PROPOSAL	AGREED RESPONSE
DM/15/2843 – 8 Hunters Mead	Loft conversion and alterations to roof to provide two bedrooms and a shower room	Albourne Parish Council has no objection to this application. However we would like to ensure that the materials used are in keeping with the existing building and windows.
DM/15/2929 – 8 Council Cottages	Single storey side annex extension	<p>This application is for a single storey annex to be used by the applicant's elderly parents as residential accommodation. The design is such that it is, in effect, a separate dwelling being linked to the existing property only by a lobby area. Albourne Parish Council does object to this application as it does not comply with Policy H7 of the 2004 Mid Sussex Local Plan or Policy DP13 of the Mid Sussex Submission Draft Plan 2015. The proposed annex is in a location previously described by Mid Sussex Planning Officers as '<i>heavily reliant on the private motorcar being poorly served by public transport and remote from the village of Albourne in an isolated position</i>' – reference made in response to planning application 12/01711/FUL. It does not therefore, comply with policy H7 which states that housing for the elderly, including granny annexes, should be well located in relation to local shops and transport facilities. In addition, it does not comply with policy DP13 of the Mid Sussex Submission Draft Plan 2015, which states that new granny annexes that are physically separate to the dwelling are defined as a new home and are subject to the new homes in the countryside policies. Whilst the proposed annex is linked to the existing dwelling by a lobby area, the main</p>

		building is separate and would be difficult to integrate into the existing property when it is no longer used as a dwelling for elderly parents.”
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NE confirmed that she had written to the MSDC on our behalf supporting their local District Plan and would get invited to the meeting with the planning inspector. NE also informed the council that the meeting on the 1st September for the Firland planning application had been cancelled and she would try to find out more.

5. (2015/064) – Millennium Garden.

The bench in Millennium garden (dedicated to Mrs Gratton) has either collapsed or been vandalised.

MP reported that Mike Gratton is not certain who paid for it. The Clerk will be asked to check minutes around that time to see who did. Also to see whether the damage to the bench is covered by the Parish Council’s insurance.

BC felt we should replace the bench. HJ suggested a bench similar to the one by the river in church lane as that is virtually indestructible, but DH argued that the bench needed a back. MP will check with MG and his father, as to the style of bench. DH suggested that the 2000 plaque on the vandalised bench could be incorporated into the millennium garden somehow. This subject will be discussed again at the next APC meeting

DH asked about the round bench in the millennium garden and HJ informed everyone that it SHOULD be done by the beginning of September.

6. (2015/065) – Any other business.

On the invoice from Edburton Contractors (as recently circulated by the Clerk) GS asked everyone to approve the invoice so that it could be paid. NE asked for figures showing how much we would be paying, the VAT that we would reclaim, and the time frame for reclaiming the VAT, to be emailed to all the councillors, so that the invoice could be approved.

Meeting ended at 8.00 p.m.

SIGNED.....Meg Price/Graham Stafford
Chairman/Vice Chairman