

ALBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL [2016]

Minutes of the meeting of Albourne Parish Council

held on: Tuesday, 09th August 2016, at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Meg Price (MP) - Chairman
Cllr Jerry Butler (JB)
Cllr Nikki Ernest (NE)
Cllr Di Howard (DH)

In attendance: 2 members of the public (for all or parts of the meeting)

- (2016/094) – Councillor MP formally opens the meeting, welcomes those present, and receives apologies for absence.** Apologies were received from Councillors Nick Wergan, Graham Stafford, and Heather Jordan. The Clerk was also unable to attend, and had sent apologies. (JB kindly agreed to take the notes of the meeting.)
- (2016/095) – Declarations of interest.** NE declared an interest in the planning application AE/DM/16/2879 (The Heblands), as she is a near neighbour.
- (2016/096) – Adjournment for any questions or issues raised by members of the public** – No matters were raised.
- (2016/097) – Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th July 2016 are not yet available, and will come to the next meeting on 6th September 2016, along with the minutes of this meeting.
- (2016/098) – Planning matters.**

5.1 Four planning applications were considered, and the plans and relevant policies presented and discussed. It was therefore **RESOLVED to comment to MSDC as follows:-**

PROPERTY	PROPOSAL	AGREED RESPONSE
AE/DM/16/2872 Hunters Cottage, The Street	Replace existing french door with bifolds. Replace existing windows in sitting room with double glazed units constructed in wood.	Albourne Parish Council has no objections to this application, subject to approval of the MSDC Conservation Officer.

<p>AE/DM/16/2879 The Heblands, Henfield Road</p>	<p>Ground floor extensions and addition of first floor to form two storey dwelling.</p>	<p>Albourne Parish Council agreed that the new plans show an appropriate reduction in the overall height of the proposed dwelling, and so the Council is prepared to accept the amendments. There are therefore no objections to this revised application.</p>
<p>AE/DM/16/3190 Albourne Court, Henfield Road</p>	<p>Proposed monolith style estate sign 1m wide x 2.4m high.</p>	<p>Whilst Albourne Parish Council understands the need for signage at this location, we object to the size and materials proposed for this application, which are not considered to be in keeping, or appropriate with the proposed location. We also cannot support the lighting of the sign which is contrary to the dark skies aim of the policies set out in the Albourne Neighbourhood Plan. As a general comment, we would suggest a smaller sign, more like a street sign, at the entrance to the development, and another sign within the development itself away from nearby properties showing the companies and their locations.</p>
<p>AE/DM/16/3284 Bounty Cottage, the Street</p>	<p>Cherry trees (T1 and T2) fell. Oak (T3) remove lowest limb on south side overhanging property. Field Maples (T4 and T5) fell. Copper Beech (T6) raise crown to 6m. Silver Birches (T7 and T8) fell. Sycamore (T9 and T10) re-pollard (reduce by 6m. Yew (T11) reduce crown by 2m on south side. Yew (T12) fell.</p>	<p>Albourne Parish Council has no objection to the proposed works for the trees T1, T2, T3, T9, T10, T11, T7 and T8, subject to agreement of the MSDC tree officer. T4, T5 and T6 do not appear to be on the applicant's land, and whilst this may not be a planning concern, we feel that there needs to be some expression of support from the owner. However, the Parish Council cannot support the felling on T12 due to decline, as there is no expert evidence provided with the application, which details the condition of this yew tree.</p>

Note: In accordance with her declaration of interest above, NE took no part in the discussion or decision regarding AE/DM/2879 - The Heblands)

5.2 To note the response agreed under delegated authority for DM/16/2839 (3 Western Cottages, Henfield Road) as sent to MSDC on 28th July 2016, in order to comply with the extended deadline for comment (29th July 2016). This was "Albourne Parish Council has no objections to this application."

5.3 On the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum organised. 'Vote Yes' cards were shown and discussed. Suggestions were made for the canvassing of the voters in different areas the week before the referendum. MP has produced an 'easy to read' summary which can be printed out and handed to voters. Special thanks must go to GS and NE for putting up the banners around the village.

6. (2016/099) – Finance report and matters.

6.1 Two urgent invoices were presented for payment, and it **was RESOLVED to agree and to make the following payments:-**

AMOUNT	PROCUREMENT	PAYEE
£806-40	Banners for Neighbourhood Plan referendum	Nikki Ernest – reimbursement for payment made to Sussex Signs
£96-60	Work to repair streetlamp in the Street – replacement of photocell	Streetlights

7. (2016/100) – Any other business

NE - Would the Clerk look in to the enforcement issue of PJ Brown lorries using a field in Twineham Lane? Is Potters Field being used for the storage or for the selling of vehicles?

DH - What are the rules regarding bonfires in villages? Are they permitted or restricted? Do we want the information board put up in the foyer – all agreed.

MP - The bench has been put up and there is to be a photo call. MP volunteered to go – as there were no other takers. Dates for the Diary - move the VHMC meeting to 11th October – JB to check the Hall is available and circulate the members. Pop-up-Pub meeting to be held on 7th October in order to discuss the future.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

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

NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: TUESDAY, 06th SEPTEMBER 2016 @ 7.00 p.m.