

ALBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday, 21 March, in Albourne Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

In attendance

Cllr Graham Stafford (Acting Chairman)
Cllr Nikki Ernest Cllr John Gooch
Cllr Michael Gratton Cllr Elaine Makey

Present: No members of the public were present

- (2013 – 55)** The Chairman opened the meeting. Apologies had been received from Cllr Margaret Price and Peter Griffiths (WSCC).
- (2013 – 56) Declarations of interest**
There were none.
- (2013 – 57) Planning matters**
(i) The Council considered its response to the following planning application:-

APPLICATION and LOCATION	PROPOSAL	Decision
AE/13/00309/FUL Magnolia House, Henfield Road, Albourne	Proposed single bungalow and detached double garage	Object

After discussion, the Council decided to object for the following reasons:

- the site is outside of, and detached from, the current built-up area boundary.
- this proposal would extend the built area of the village to the north-east.
- approval of this proposal would create a significant precedent for "greenfield back land" development on similar sites in other parts of the village.

4. (2013 – 58) Financial Matter

The Council agreed to authorise payment of the following invoice which was tabled:

AMOUNT	PROCUREMENT	PAYEE
£97-50	Village Hall hire	Albourne Parish Council Village Hall Committee

5. (2013 – 59) Street Lighting – lamp-posts, etc

The Council considered the email from Ken Bonner at Direct Technical Services of

8th March 2013 (as previously forwarded to Members), and agreed to renew the maintenance contract as long as the Council is not committed to proceeding with all of the work specified in the email.

6. (2013 – 60) Finger post at High Cross

The Council considered the estimate from Jakks. It was noted that the estimate was high, especially the cost of replacing the post which had not been requested. Furthermore, what was proposed did not match the existing post. It was agreed that Jakks be asked to visit the site and provide an estimate of refurbishing the post. It was also agreed that an estimate be obtained from another firm, the website address of which is www.fingerposts.com. It was noted that Peter Griffiths had suggested applying for CLC funding.

Action: Clerk.

7. (2013 – 61) Flooding issues in the Parish of Albourne

This item was deferred until the next meeting on 10 April.

- 8. (2013 – 62)** Mick Gratton informed the Council of Peter Griffiths other comments on the agenda as he was unable to attend the meeting. The comments were as follows: Re: hedge cutting - he had missed the meeting with Ian at High Cross but will pursue, and with regard to Truslers Hill Lane bulging hedge, just past the entrance to The Mill: it's on a long list. Why not do what Bolney PC do and get their volunteers to do it? If there are costs they may be refunded by Gulu Sibanda's (WSCC) team. The Council did not think this was an option as it would be too dangerous as the protruding hedge (mainly Leylandi) is on a blind bend. As the date for hedging cutting had passed it would have to be dealt with later in the year. It was agreed that a local farmer should be asked to do the work on this occasion but the owners of the land be reminded of their responsibility.

- 9. (2013 – 63)** There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

SIGNED.....Chairman/Vice Chairman

Dated:.....2013