Alton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7pm
At Alton Village Hall

Present:Councillor J. Shepherd, Councillor (Chair), E. Brindley, Councillor E. James, Councillor M. Worthington (SCC), Councillor A. Forrester, Councillor P Ballard, Councillor S Hollins, Councillor E Bailey,

Mr S.J. Burton (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor C. Woods, Councillor T. Wilkinson.

In Attendance: 5 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Shepherd at 7pm.

129/18. Declarations of Interest.

i. There were no declarations of interest.

130/18. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th August 2018.

The minutes of the last meeting were declared a true record proposed by Cllr Forrester and seconded by Cllr Ballard and agreed by all and were signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

131/18. Matters arising.

i. The reported litter issue in Bradley (123/18 I, August meeting) will be brought to the attention of Alton Towers this week by Cllr Worthington who will report back next month. **Action: Cllr Worthington.**

132/18. Millennium Stone update.

i. Andrea Stafford kindly attended the meeting and gave an update on the work she has been doing to arrange the repair of the Millennium Stone outside the village hall. She gave a comprehensive update and handed round an example of the tiles proposed to be used in the repair. The total cost will be £1680 + VAT. The cutting cost if under £100 will be included in that price. Cllr Shepherd proposed, and Cllr James seconded that the work should go ahead and this was carried. Potential additional funding sources will be explored to assist with the cost. Andrea was warmly thanked for her work so far.

133/18. Alton Towers.

i. Cllr Shepherd read out an email from Liz Greenwood from Alton Towers offering assistance with any events planned to commemorate the WW1 armistice. Cllr Shepherd volunteered to contact Liz Greenwood to discuss. **Action: Cllr Shepherd.**

134/18. Footpaths.

i. Cllr Shepherd reported he has cleared the footpath at The Nook.

ii. Part of the hedge in Dimble Lane has been cut in part, but a little more work is required. This has been reported to SCC. Cllr Shepherd will also review this.

135/18. Village Hall.

i. Cllr Ballard had concerns that the rear car-park at the village hall is vulnerable to trespassers/travellers who might park on there. A discussion took place and it was pointed out by Cllr Shepherd there have not previously been problems. This was left in abeyance for the time being.

ii. A further discussion took place regarding more use of the playing fields for other events. Cllr Ballard will take the views of councillors to the village hall committee and keep the council informed of any events.

136/18. Lengthsman.

i. The Lengthsman reported he has been completing routine work plus painting the gates to the cemetery.

137/18. Highways and Road Safety.

i. There are potholes in Uttoxeter Road which Cllr Brindley will follow up. Also a pot hole in Knights Lane which the clerk will report to SCC Highways Dept.

ii. Cllr Worthington has tried to arrange for an 8 seater mini bus to be brought into use in the village. To this end he has tried to contact Cllr Mark Deaville from SCC with responsibility for Highways to arrange the service, but to date he has not received a reply from Cllr Deaville, despite repeated efforts. **Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Deaville and ask him to liaise with Cllr Worthington.**

138/18. Parish Cemetery and St. Peter's Church Yard.

i. Cllr Forrester reported the cemetery is in good order and that he has asked the Lengthsman to remove several self-set bushes growing out of some of the graves.

139/18. Councillor Shepherd declared an open forum to allow parishioners present to ask questions/raise issues.

i. A member of the public mentioned the hedges in Dimble Lane, he felt the owners should be told they have to cut their hedges on the roadside. SCC have already been informed of the hedges and will be examining. The top of the lane has been cut back somewhat.

ii. A member of the public mentioned household waste left in the road in Saltersford Lane. Cllr Forrester stated he would look into this issue. **Action: Cllr Forrester.**

140/18. Planning and Licensing Applications.

i. SMD/2018/0541. Andrew Startin, Corner Cottage, Gallows Green, Alton. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and replacement of flat roof. **No objections.**

ii. SMD/2018/0514. Mr and Mrs Burton, New Farm, Bradley Lane, Threapwood. Conversion of existing outbuilding to provide ancillary domestic accommodation. **No objections.**

141/18. Planning decisions.

i. SMD/2018/0260. Mr Andrew Smith, Corner Cottage, Gallows Green. Two storey rear extension, replacement of existing flat roof with pitched roof. **Refused.**

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142/18. Correspondence requiring response.

i. Email from Liz Greenwood, Alton Towers (see 133/18 i).

143/18. Correspondence for Information.

i. Email from SCC via Cllr Worthington re grass cutting in Alton.
ii. Email to High Peak Council re monument repairs.
iii. Planning comments for August to SMDC.
iv. Email to SCC re hedge cutting in Dimble Lane.

All were read out by the Clerk.

144/18. Finance.

i. Clerk salary £436.82
ii. Lengthsman wages £220.00 and expenses £30.76
iii. Keates & Son income £485.00
iv. SMDC income £435.00 (Beacon grant WW1)
v. Authorised payments for August 2018 to be signed off by the Council.
vi. Current bank balances to be presented to the Council.

The finances were proposed by Cllr Forrester and seconded by Cllr Shepherd and carried.

There being no other business the meeting was closed by The Chair, Councillor Shepherd at 7.45pm

Signed..... Chairman 1st October 2018

Signed..... Clerk