Alton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th November 2018 at 7pm
At Alton Village Hall

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

Mr S.J. Burton (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor T. Wilkinson.

In Attendance: 5 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Shepherd at 7pm.

160/18. Declarations of Interest.

i. There were no declarations of interest.

161/18. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st October 2018.

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

162/18. Matters arising.

i. Cllr Shepherd reported that he had checked the Oak tree reported to be growing into the overhead power cables last month (minute 150/18 v). The tree is not growing into the cable and is about 3 feet away.
ii. Cllr Shepherd also reported that he had again spoken to Liz Greenwood from Alton Towers regarding the litter allegedly thrown from vehicles going to and from Alton Towers in Green Lane and Nabb Lane, Bradley. He stated that Alton Towers had restated workers would not be sent to that area as the road is considered too dangerous for people collect the litter and also insufficient staff for this work.

163/18. Alton Towers.

i. Cllr James reported the fireworks display went well and this was agreed. Nothing else for this item of business.

164/18. Footpaths.

i. The lengthsman reported he is clearing leaves from footpaths.
ii. Cllr Shepherd asked the lengthsman to repair the handrail leading from Glen Drive to Dimble Lane, it needs a couple of screws replacing. **Action: Lengthsman to repair.**

165/18. Village Hall.

i. Cllr Ballard had nothing to report for this item of business.

166/18. Lengthsman.

i. The Lengthsman reported he has been completing routine work and clearing leaves.
ii. Cllr Forrester asked if the leaves in High Street could be cleared where they accumulate. **Action: Lengthsman to attend.**

167/18. Highways and Road Safety.

i. The clerk stated he had reported the pothole around the grid in Denstone Lane (minute 152/18 ii) to SCC Highways, it had not been repaired so he has photographed the pothole and will report this to Highways. **Action: Clerk to report to Highways.**
Cllr Shepherd gave a brief report on the recent damage only accident in the High Street between a school bus and several parked cars. He has liaised with Sandra Sachell CEO of Youth Ministry Services. There is no weight restriction , but buses now drive down Lime Kiln Lane and turn around.

168/18. Parish Cemetery and St. Peter's Church Yard.

i. Cllr Forrester reported the cemetery is in good order and the hedge has now been cut. He stated that Jackson's Nurseries had done a good job this year. There is a mole issue, which Cllr Shepherd stated he would deal with humanely. **Action: Cllr Shepherd.**

169/18. Councillor Shepherd declared an open forum to allow parishioners present to ask questions/raise issues.

i. The representative from the Royal British Legion stated the council poppy wreath is ready. Cllr Shepherd proposed and Cllr Forrecter seconded a donation of £50 to the RBL as usual. This was carried.
ii. A lady reported there is a meeting on Tuesday 6th November at 7pm at Dilhorne Recreational ground regarding the future of Cheadle library if anyone wishes to attend.
iii. A member of the public asked if the council would consider employing someone to collect litter. Cllr James pointed out that people already pay for this service from the county council and therefore people would have to pay twice. The council tax would have to increase to pay for the service. Cllr Shepherd stated he would speak with the ACE group to see if they could help as they are volunteers.
iv. A member of the public stated that there are branches across footpath 19 from Cedar Hill to Gallows Green. **Action: Clerk to report to SCC footpaths dept.** The same person also reported the same problem on footpath 17 Horse Road to Toothill. **Action: Cllr Shepherd will look at this problem.**
v. A member of the public reported the red part of the **T** on the cul-de-sac sign in Hill Rise has worn off. **Action: Clerk to check if this needs reporting.**

170/18. Planning and Licensing Applications.

i. SMD/2018/0648. Mr Keeling, The Withering Farm, Cheadle Road, Alton. Retrospective consent for the erection of an agricultural building to house and feed livestock and store fodder.
ii. SMD/2018/0593. Mr & Mrs Cant, Red Lion Cottage, Smithy Bank, Alton. Proposed replacement windows rear and one side of property.

iii. SMD/2018/0610. Mr Randall, Shrub Cottage, Denston Lane, Alton. Proposed side extension.
iv. SMD/2018/0573. David Evans, Cliff Farm Cottage, New Road, Alton. Proposed, ground floor kitchen extension, overhead first floor bathroom en-suite, separate additional dormer window. **There were no objections to any of these applications.**

171/18. Planning decisions.

i. SMD/2018/0401. Mrs Sandra Satchell, Kenelm Youth Trust, Alton Castle. Listed building consent for internal alterations to third floor. Showers for dormitories and en-suites for two existing staff rooms. WC on ground floor. **Approved**.
ii. SMD/2018/0413 & SMD/2018/0414. Dr and Mrs Webster, The Stone House, Malthouse Road, Alton. Erection of 4 dwellings and construction of new access. **0413 refused, 0414 awaiting decision.**
iii. SMD/2018/0541. Andrew Startin, Corner Cottage, Gallows Green, Alton. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and replacement of flat roof. **Approved.**
iv. SMD/2018/0514. Mr and Mrs Burton, New Farm, Bradley Lane, Threapwood. Conversion of existing outbuilding to provide ancillary domestic accommodation to SMD/2017/0826. **Approved.**

172/18. Correspondence requiring response.

i. None for this meeting.

173/18. Correspondence for Information.

i. Email to SCC Highways re footpath ending Lime Kiln Lane.
ii. Email to SCC Highways re sunken grid Denstone Lane.
iii. Email to Jackson's Nurseries re uncut hedge Hurstons Lane (cemetery).
iv. Email to SMDC re planning applications October.
v. Email from Cllr Worthington re spending on local bus service and litter picking by Alton Towers staff in the parish.
vi. Email re tree and cemetery risk management.
vii. Email from Sandra Satchell re damage only traffic collision involving a bus in High Street, Alton.
viii. SPCA AGM invite for councillors.

All the correspondence was read out by the Clerk.

174/18. Finance.

i. Clerk salary £436.82. Expenses £6.72p (stamps).
ii. Lengthsman wages £230.00
iii. RBL Poppy Wreath £50.00 donation.
iv. Alton W.I. Payment for flowers at war memorial £21.95.
v. Jacksons Nurseries Gross £915.38 (Net £762.82, VAT £152.56) Sept visits. **Paid.**
vi. Income £144.25 additional grave stone inscription and re-open a grave.
vii. Income HRMC VAT refund £3,066.60.
viii. Authorised payments for October 2018 to be signed off by the Council.
ix. Current bank balances to be presented to the Council.

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

There being no other business the meeting was closed by The Chair, Councillor Shepherd at 7.35pm

Signed..... Chairman 3rd December 2018

Signed..... Clerk