Alton Parish Council

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

Present: Councillor J. Shepherd (Chair)
Councillor P Ballard, Councillor S Hollins, Councillor E Bailey, Councillor E. James, Councillor A. Forrester, Councillor T. Wilkinson, , Councillor C. Woods.

Mr S.J. Burton (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor E. Brindley, Councillor M. Worthington (SCC).

In Attendance: 6 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Shepherd the Chair at 7pm.

33/18. Declarations of Interest.

i. There were no declarations of interest.

34/18. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018.

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

35/18. Matters arising.

i. There were no matters arising.

36/18. Alton Towers.

i. There was nothing for this item of business.

37/18. Footpaths.

i. There was nothing for this item of business.

38/18. Village Hall.

i. Cllr Ballard had nothing to report for this item of business.
ii. Cllr Shepherd reported that he was about to be handed some old documents relating to the village hall, these he would pass on to the village hall committee.

39/18. Lengthsman.

i. The lengthsman reported that he had checked the old flower tubs and some would need replacing next year.
ii. Cllr Shepherd suggested planting wild flowers in Shirley Drive instead of the flower tubs. This was agreed. **Action: Lengthsman to arrange.**

iii. Cllr Shepherd reported he had received a price for the hedge laying in Lime Kiln Lane, £9 per metre with a total cost of about £800. In view of the cost Cllr Shepherd was asked to get a second quote. This work cannot now take place until the autumn.

40/18. Highways and Road Safety.

i. The pothole in Bradley Lane has still not been repaired, although it has been reported to SCC, Highways by the clerk. This will be monitored by Cllr Shepherd.

ii. The grids in Lime Kiln Lane are blocked following the recent bad weather. **Action: Clerk to report to SCC, Highways.**

iii. Cllr Shepherd reported he had had a meeting in the village with PCSO Drew and Constable Bolam regarding the parking issues. Some people had been asked to move vehicles which were parked fully on the pavement. PCSO Drew will be writing to some residents advising on the parking issues. Further patrols will be carried out when enforcement by use of tickets will be considered.

41/18. Parish Cemetery and St. Peter's Church Yard.

i. Cllr Forrester reported all is in order in the cemetery and St. Peter's Church Yard.

42/18. Data Protection.

i. The clerk reported he had received an offer from SCC to provide the services required under the new Data Protection Act of Data Protection Officer. There is a one off cost of £140 to complete GAP analysis work and then three tiers of service costing £150, £250 and £450 respectively. The clerk stated he thought tier 1 would be sufficient for a small council like Alton. Following a discussion Cllr Forrester proposed and Cllr Shepherd seconded that the GAP analysis work at £140 be approved and the tier 1 service at £150 per year also be approved, this was carried by the council. **Action: Clerk to arrange.**

43/18. Great War Commemorations.

i. Cllr Shepherd reported that the ACE group in the parish are looking into possible events for this commemoration. Cllr Forrester stated a small grant is available from SMDC to assist. Further report in due course.

44/18. Defibrillator.

i. Cllr Shepherd reported that there will be a photo shoot on Friday at 4pm for the Cheadle and Tean Times regarding the new defibrillator, Liz Greenwood from Alton Towers has been invited.

ii. Cllr Shepherd stated a volunteer is required to check the defibrillator is in working order on a weekly basis. Cllr Woods offered to take on the responsibility. Arrangements to be made to give Cllr Woods the instructions as to how this should be done.

45/18. Councillor Shepherd declared an open forum to allow parishioners present to ask questions/raise issues.

i. No questions were raised.

46/18. Planning and Licensing Applications.

i. SMD/2018/0050. Alton Towers. Lighting at perimeters of car-park J. Following a discussion a vote was taken with 4 councillors voting against the application on the grounds of increasing the light pollution in the area, 3 councillors had no objections with 1 abstention.

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47/18. Planning decisions.

i. SMD/2017/0603. Mr C. Barks. Lane Hurstons Lane, Alton. Erection of a detached dwelling. Approved.
ii. SMD/2017/0615. Mr P. Draycott, Stanford House, Denstone Lane, Alton. Application for lawful development certificate, for existing use of property as domestic dwelling. Approved.
iii. SMD/2017/0640. Nathan Riches, Shepherds Stand Farm, Cheadle Road, Alton. Joined outbuilding conversion as 2 storey extension. Restate window to right of front door. Approved.
iv. SMD/2017/0826. Mr and Mrs Burton, New Farm, Bradley Lane, Threapwood. Conversion of existing redundant former cowshed to additional accommodation, ancillary to existing dwelling. Certificate of lawfulness approved.
v. SMD/2017/0852. Mr S. Ovens, Broad View, Tythe Barn, Alton. Erection of porch and rear single storey extension. Approved.
vi. SMD/2017/0825. Mr Paul Bain, Rosehill, Nab Lane, Alton. Conversion of detached garage into liveable annexe. Approved.
vii. SMD/2017/0826. Mr and Mrs Burton, New Farm, Bradley Lane, Threapwood. Conversion of existing, redundant former cowshed to provide additional accommodation. Certificate of lawfulness approved.

All were read out by the Chair.

48/18. Correspondence requiring response.

i. None for this meeting.

49/18. Correspondence for Information.

i. Emails from SCC re bus shelter, Uttoxeter Road, Alton.
ii. Email to SCC re pot hole, Bradley Lane.
iii. Email declining BKV entry this year.
iv. Email from enforcement officer re dog fouling.
v. Email to SMDC re planning decisions February.
vi. Email to PCSO Drew re parking and site visit.

All were read out by the Chair and the Clerk.

50/18. Finance.

i. Clerk salary £414.34.
ii. Lengthsman wages and expenses. None this month.
iii. SPCA subscription £330.00.
iv. Income £57.50 Nettle Bank. 2 x new inscriptions on gravestones.
v. Income Sigley and Sons funeral services £254.00.
vi. Authorised payments for February 2018 to be signed off by the Council.
vii. Current bank balances to be presented to the Council.

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

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There being no other business the meeting was closed by The Chair, Councillor Shepherd at 7.20pm.

Signed..... Chairman 9th April 2018

Signed..... Clerk