Alton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019 at 7pm
At Alton Village Hall

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

Mr S.J. Burton (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor M. Worthington (SCC), Councillor T. Wilkinson, Councillor C. Woods.

In Attendance: 6 members of the public.

The meeting was opened by Cllr Shepherd at 7pm.

1/19. Declarations of Interest.

i. There were no declarations of interest.

2/19. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd December 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.

3/19. Matters arising.

i. Cllr Shepherd reported he had checked for the car parking on the playing fields (minute 180/18 (iii) but it is not parking there any longer.
ii. Cllr Shepherd reported the hedge laying in Lime Kiln Lane has now started as agreed at the last meeting.
iii. Cllr Shepherd thanked Mr Pepper who had kindly used his electricity for the Christmas tree lights in the village free of charge. The council was unanimous in agreeing with these comments. Mr Pepper was present when the comments were made.

4/19. Alton Towers.

i. Cllr James had nothing for this item of business.

5/19. Footpaths.

i. The Clerk had received a letter regarding changes to footpaths 13 and bridleway 13(a). Cllr Shepherd explained the Confirmation of Public Path Diversion Order in respect of Public Footpath No 13 and Public Bridleway No 13(a), Alton Parish. The council had no comments or objections.

6/19. Village Hall.

i. Cllr Ballard had nothing for this item of business.
ii. Cllr Shepherd reported that a lady wishes to hold yoga classes in the village hall but she needs the same day every week. The only way to do this would be for either the council to move its meeting day to the second Wednesday of the month or for the WI to change its meeting day to a Monday.

Following as discussion it was proposed by Cllr Shepherd that subject to Cllr Worthington being able to attend as the SCC councillor that the day should be changed to the second Wednesday from March, this was seconded by Cllr Forrester and carried. Cllr Shepherd to ask the Village Hall committee to agree to this in writing. **Action: Cllr Shepherd to arrange. Clerk to check that Cllr Worthington can attend.**

7/19. Lengthsman.

i. The Lengthsman reported that he had not completed any work over the last month.

8/19. Highways and Road Safety.

i. Cllr Ballard reported that the grids are still blocked in Hurstons Lane. The Clerk explained he has reported this to SCC and had received the standard reply that work would be completed in order of priority. **Action: Clerk to check progress and if necessary report again.**

ii. Cllr Brindley also reported that a grid is blocked at Hansley Cross opposite Holme Road. Water is running down the road and if we get freezing conditions will turn to ice and be dangerous. **Action: Clerk to report to SCC Highways.**

9/19. Parish Cemetery and St. Peter's Church Yard.

i. Cllr Forrester reported the cemetery is in good order.

10/19. Councillor Shepherd declared an open forum to allow parishioners present to ask questions/raise issues.

i. A member of the public reported the handrail in Glen Drive is still loose. Action: **Cllr Shepherd stated he would have a look at this.**

ii. A member of the public stated that Dimble Lane needs strimming for nettles and brambles, stating he thinks it makes it difficult for walkers and cyclists. **Action: Lengthsman to attend to this.**

11/19. Planning and Licensing Applications.

i. SMD/2018/0761. Mr D. Rowley and Mr. D. Thorley, Crumpwood Cottage, Quixhill Lane, Alton. Extension to house and convert outbuilding for additional living accommodation. **No objections.**

ii. SMD/2018/0758. Mis D. Chorlton, Wymondham, Hurstons Lane, Alton. Proposed first floor extension above garage to enlarge bedroom. **No objections.**

iii. SMD/2019/0001. Mr and Mrs Cant, Red Lion Cottage, Smithy Bank, Alton. Proposed replacement windows front elevation, amendment to previously approved replacement window south west gables. **No objections.**

12/19. Planning decisions.

i. SMD/2018/0573. Cliffe Farm Cottage, New Road, Alton. Proposed ground floor kitchen extension, overhead first floor bathroom ensuite, creation of separate additional dormer window. Approved.

ii. SMD/2018/0648. The Withering Farm, Cheadle Road, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4DH. Retrospective consent for the erection of an agricultural building to house and feed livestock and store fodder. Approved.

iii. SMD/2018/0593. Red Lion Cottage, Smithy Bank, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AD. Proposed replacement windows on rear and one side of property. Approved.
iv. SMD/2018/0610. Shrub Cottage, Denstone Lane, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4DE. Proposed side extension. Approved.
v. SMD/2018/0691 and 0692. The Malthouse, Malthouse Road, Alton, Staffordshire, ST10 4AG. Proposed new courtyard gates and reinstatement of rear entrance doorway. Approved.

13/19. Correspondence requiring response.

i. Confirmation letter re Footpath 13 and Bridleway 13 (a). Acknowledgement sent to SCC.

14/19. Correspondence for Information.

i. Email to SMDC re planning applications December 2018.
ii. Application to add a public footpath between FP39 Alton and track known as Church Lane to St Leonards Church, Bradley.
iii. Email from SCC re blocked grids, Hurstons Lane, Alton.

All the correspondence was read out by the Clerk.

15/19. Finance.

i. Clerk salary £436.82.
ii. Lengthsman wages and expenses. None this month.
iii. HMRC £327.60.
iv. Income £69.00 Nettlebank (Headstone).
v. Authorised payments for December 2018 were signed off by the Council.
vi. Current bank balances were presented to the Council.

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 7.25pm

Signed..... Chairman 4th February 2019

Signed..... Clerk