

ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2024 at St Margaret's Hall

Present: Mrs H Wordley in the Chair, Mr D Deaville, Mr W Dickinson, Mr K MacArthur, Mr K Matkin, Mr M Oulton, two members of the Public and Clerk

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14/24 Apologies for Absence
None

15/24 Declarations of Members' Interest
Councillors Dickinson and Wordley declared an interest in St Margaret's Hall as the Council's representative and Chair of the Management Committee. Councillor MacArthur declared an interest in tree works applications as a relative is an officer at AVBC

16/24 Change in Order of Business
RESOLVED to move agenda item 8 as the first item for discussion as members of the public were in attendance to discuss their concerns regarding planning application AVA/2024/0321

17/24 Public Speaking
A member of the public raised their concerns with the Council about a planning application at Wiggonlea Plantation. The Chair thanked the member of public and

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advised them to send in their comments to AVBC as an individual following the correct procedure

18/24 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 May 2024

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 May 2024 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

19/24 Items for consideration and decision

(a) Cemetery

(i) Annual inspection

RESOLVED not to weed spray the path and to keep it strimmed, to carry out the work agreed last year that was postponed due to the wet weather to reduce the height of the Holly hedge by 5 foot and to cut back the sides, to cut the top of the Laurel hedge on the drive way to below the coping stone of the gate post, to ask AA Tree Surgeons to provide a quotation to cut the Beech hedge and to cut back the Rhododendron off the shed roof and reduce the size by 4 foot

(ii) Cemetery Rules

RESOLVED to make no amendments to the rules

(iii) Cemetery Fees

RESOLVED to set the fees as follows

New Plot	£475.00
Re-open of existing grave	£475.00
Interment of ashes in Cremation Plot	£200.00
Re-open ashes	£130.00
Erection of memorial on a grave	£175.00
Cremation tablet (maximum size 18" x 18")	£100.00
Additional inscription	£60.00
Administration charge (if no other fee applies)	£50.00
Search of the register - e.g. beneficiary tracing Companies, people constructing family trees, email response per name	£20.00

(iv) Memorial Applications

RESOLVED to approve memorial applications for grave number 220 and cremation plot number C5

(b) Insurance valuations

RESOLVED to note the information from English Heritage regarding insurance valuations

(c) Kennel Wood

RESOLVED to monitor the growth of the knotweed annually as Government guidelines state that it does not have to be removed unless it is causing a nuisance

(d) DCC Minor Maintenance Agreement

RESOLVED to take part in the scheme and to stone up a hole/muddy section of FP 43 at the east end of Kennel Wood and to consider quotations at the next meeting

20/24 Finance

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payment

Chq no	Payee	£
000647	Local Authority Technology CIC	216.00

(b) RESOLVED to note the bank reconciliation as at 30.6.24 showing reserves of £13,187.54

21/24 Consideration of Planning Applications

AVA/2024/0321 - Construction of 4 x timber cabins within existing plantation for the sole use of occasional holiday lets at Wiggonlea Plantation, Jackass Lane, Alderwasley

Members considered this application and made the following comments

Alderwasley Parish Council wish to **OBJECT**

The development of four glamping pods within Wiggonlea Plantation would constitute new development in the unspoilt natural countryside. The plantation is within a Special Landscape Area and the Buffer Zone of the World Heritage Site. The development would be clearly visible from the road and also to walkers and cyclists enjoying the natural countryside. It is not just the units that would be a blot on the landscape but in addition the vehicles that would be parked in the development and activities on the site.

We challenge the validity of the traffic survey. This was carried out over a short period (09:50 -11:30), after the time when people would have travelled to work and school. Jackass Lane is a rat run for people from the villages to the west of Alderwasley using the lane to access the A6, often travelling at speeds not suitable to such a narrow, windy road. Large farm vehicles use the lane and the milk tanker goes up and down twice daily. We believe a collision on exit from the plantation would be very likely.

We have concerns re the sinking of a borehole to supply water to this site and the effect it will have on the water table and the water supply of the adjacent 2 farms and 8 dwellings in the immediate vicinity.

We are also concerned about the use of composting toilets which could contaminate the local water supply, especially in periods of heavy rainfall.

The Parish Council object to this planning application primarily because it is a development within the natural landscape in previously unspoilt woodland.

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RESOLVED to note June and July newsletters

23/24 Items for Information

RESOLVED to note the following item

(a) Clerks & Councils - July issue

24/24 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17.9.24, at 8pm

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