Present
Cllr. A Edmonds (Chairman), Cllr. N. Josephy (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. S. Muirhead, Cllr. C. Williams

Mrs K Clay – Parish Clerk
In attendance: 3 members of the public, Cllr. J. Sheppard – Wiltshire Council

224. Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. A. Deuchar, Cllr. A. Phizacklea & Cllr. J. Rayner
Cllr. J. Moore was also absent

225. Declarations of interest of any item contained in the Agenda & granting of any dispensations required
Cllr. Cheney – Item 241, no dispensations required.

226. Consider and sign the Minutes of the March 2018 Parish Council meeting
It was RESOLVED unanimously that the minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 7th March 2018 be approved and signed.

227. Review issues log/matters arising and consider any actions to resolve outstanding items
a) (203i 07/07/17) Noticeboard area – Grass seed to be put down as soon as there is no
likelihood of overnight frost.
b) (203j 30/08/17) Goddards footpath – Retaining boards to be installed at bottom end. Still
awaiting an ETA for works.
c) (203l 06/09/17) The Green – One tree to be replaced. WI are waiting to find out what funds
they have available at their AGM. Tree will have to be planted in the autumn now.
d) (203n 01/11/17) Interpretative board – Beading to be replaced as soon as the weather allows.
e) (203q 07/02/18) Bus shelter – The damaged back panels have now been replaced.
f) (218 07/03/18) Ivy – To be cut at bottom of the trees on South Street/Palmer’s field border as
soon as the weather allows.
g) (218 07/03/18) Marlborough Rd – Tree cutting debris. This has still not be cleared by WC.
h) (221 07/03/18) Southward Triangle – The owner of the Christmas tree has been established.
They will be asked to remove it, as this is not a suitable location for it to be grown.
i) (217 07/03/18) Memorial Tree at Southward Triangle – The family have not yet been in touch.

228. Clerks report
● The Clerk will be attending a GDPR course being run by WALC on 18th April.
● Aldbourne Scouts & Guides have requested use of the football field for their annual fete and
auction on 12th May.
● A request has been received asking permission to use part of the football field on 29th July for
a street party for residents in that area as part of the music events across the village at the
end of July.

There were no objections to the use of the football field by The Scouts and Guides or the
organisers of the street party, subject to the usual conditions of use for the area.
229. Receive monthly financial report and to sign any cheques for payments
It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the accounts and cheques for payment as presented
by the clerk.
A copy of the financial report is attached to these Minutes.

230. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider
• A question was asked about who gave permission for the building works on Crooked Corner.
The Council advised that as consultees on the application they made no comment or
objection but that the final decision was taken by Wiltshire Council.

231. Consider Lease & Management Agreement for ARC
Cllr. Lawler advised that the Lease and Management Agreement had been returned by ARC last
week with their comments. The FSFD are meeting on 12th April to discuss these. He also read out
a letter from the ARC chairmen, Malcolm Pryce, which gave an update on their current position.

232. Update on beech trees by tennis court, and consider any actions required
Item deferred until after 236 as Cllr. Brown was unavailable.

233. Neighbourhood Plan update, and consider any actions required
Cllr. Williams advised that 500+ surveys were returned. The results are now entered into a
database, which is hoped will be completed by next week. The data will then be discussed with a
view to putting a report together to show what the residents of Aldbourne want. Ms. Wallin
attended a training session last week. The group will be meeting next week to discuss this and the
survey results.

234. Update on purchase of SIDs, and consider any action required
Request for quotes to install the six support poles were sent out to three local businesses. One
advised they were too busy to take on the work, one advised they were not keen to take on the
work due to past history with WC and SIDs and the third did not respond. Further quotes will be
sent out to other companies.

235. Consider purchase of projector and screen for Parish Council
Item deferred until the May meeting as Cllr. Phizacklea had been unable to attend this meeting.

236. Consider adopting Guide to Donations
The draft donations guide was discussed. This will now be updated following comments made,
with a view to having a final version ready for consideration at the May meeting.

Cllr Brown arrived, item 232 taken out of order

232. Update on beech trees by tennis court, and consider any actions required
Cllr. Williams advised he had been in touch with his contact at SSE, but has not heard anything
yet. Andrew Jack has notified the Council that some of the trees requested as part of the WWI
Commemorative project cannot be supplied.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to order ten trees as part of the WWI Commemorative project.
Delegated powers were given to the clerk, in consultation with Cllr. Brown and Cllr. Edmonds, to
decide on the final ten tree types. These trees will be planted along the Palmers Field boundary
(subject to them not causing any problems for possible future development by ARC)

The Parish Council will continue to try and get action from SSE to bury the electricity cable which
will allow them to complete the beech tree project. It was noted that the permission for the felling
and replanting of the trees is valid until February 2019.
237. Discuss adding cutting part of the church grounds to the grass cutting schedule
Cllr. Edmonds advised that more volunteers had been sought, and two, with a possible further two have come forward to offer help. The Council felt that there was no longer any need for them to consider taking on additional costs by adding the church grounds to the cutting contract.

238. Discuss allotments
Cllr. Bland advised that he and Cllr. Edmonds had met at the allotments and both felt that doing any major work to clear the empty plots would be counter productive and a waste of money as they would quickly over grow again with no tenants. Cllr. Bland will cut back and treat the ash saplings, but it will remain up to any new tenants to clear the plots. Aldbourne Scouts have taken on one of the plots. They have been offered the plot rent free, and have been asked to provide a risk assessment.

239. Consider expenditure for changing addresses on all property titles held
It was RESOLVED nine in favour and one abstention to pay up to £190 (net) to Wansboroughs Solicitors to change the address on 5 titles to the current clerks address.

240. Consider expenditure for equipment to maintain Southward Triangle
Mr. Keith Warren has kindly volunteered to keep Southward Triangle maintained. He does, however, require some additional equipment to help with this.

It was RESOLVED unanimously to spend up to £300 (net) on a strimmer/hedge cutter and PPE safety equipment and that the Council will also pay for fuel and maintenance, on the basis that all the equipment purchased will remain the property of the Parish Council, and thus will be available for use for any Parish Council works.
A risk assessment for use of the equipment will be drawn up.

241. Discuss responsibility for additional storage area built onto storage rooms
It was RESOLVED nine in favour and one abstention that the Parish Council will insure the additional storage area attached to the storage rooms (subject to approval by their insurer) and that they will also pay for any maintenance costs. This is subject to the space within it being available in principle for use by any village organisation, including the Parish Council,

It was noted that the allocation of the space between competing requests is controlled by the committee set up to manage it.

242. Receive and adopt the March 2018 planning minutes
The Minutes from the meeting held on 7th March 2018 were adopted.

243. Update on Wiltshire Council highways proposed works 2018/2019
The following roads will have work carried out on them in 2018/2019:
Ewins Hill Byway – Carriageway repairs
B4192 South of Aldbourne to Preston – Surface treatment & skid resistance improvements
B4192 South of Aldbourne to Hoddes Bridge – skid resistance improvements
Regrettably, The Garlings is only on the reserve list for this year

244. Reports by councillors on any council business or village issues
● The spring clean held on 24th March was very successful, with eleven bags of rubbish being collected. WC provided extra equipment which was very useful. Thank you to everyone who helped out. It was good to have such a big turn out of youngsters from the Youth Council. The bags of rubbish were collected by WC late Saturday evening.
● Ground water levels are rising fast, and level of the Water Acre borehole is currently at 139mtrs. Previously sewer surcharging has occurred when the levels have reached 140mtrs. If anyone sees any surcharging from manholes please let Cllr. Josephy or the Clerk know.
● The mains water leak on West Street has been reported to Thames Water. The ETA for repair is 9 April, with the works shown as scheduled for two days.
● All the play areas have been checked, and no issues were reported.
● It is looking very likely that the thatcher will be out to repair the bus shelter soon. He will also be asked to look at ways to prevent the straw being pulled out from the front of the shelter, and to replace any of the chicken wire that has perished. The shelter will not be useable whilst he carries out the works. The PC will produce a sign to notify users of its closure during the repairs.

245. Wiltshire Council report
Cllr. Sheppard advised that there may be a legal challenge from a resident who felt that WC should reimburse him for works to trees he had paid out for. He had the tree works carried out, with approval, because WC were not taking any action on trees deemed to be dangerous, and had given no indication that they would do so any time in the near future. However, six months later they did subsequently carry out work to the trees at that location.

246. Correspondence
Correspondence received and sent during the last month was noted.

247. Questions and requests from the public for councillors to consider
● Councillors were encouraged to come to Southward Lane to see what a state the verge and footpath above the football field are in, due to cars parking on the grass in that area.

248. Consider co-option of one councillor
There had been no candidates apply to fill the vacancy. Advertising will continue, to try and find someone to fill the position.

249. Confirm date of next meeting
Annual Assembly Wednesday 25th April @ 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall
Annual Meeting Wednesday 2nd May @ 7.45pm in the Methodist Chapel

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:55