

**ALBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL** – Delegated decisions reached since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022, under Standing Order 15 b xvii - decisions delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman (Cllr Graham Stafford) and Vice Chairman (Cllr Jerry Butler) on the grounds of urgency.

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- That the minutes of the APC meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December are approved.
- On planning application responses – **2 Barn Close** “no objections, subject to a concern about the works access to the property. The Parish Council would not support any access via the Village Hall car park, or adjoining public footpath.” **Kings Head Stud** “no comments” **April Cottage** “no objections.”
- That the ordering of the signs for the Village Gateways, following receipt of the proofs, proceed.
- That the payment of the two invoices on the circulated list is approved. \*
- That the proposed budget for 2022/3, as circulated to Councillors, is agreed.
- That the 2022/23 precept request be the same as for the current year, i.e. £15,022.
- That the current Zoom License be renewed for next year (renewal due in March).
- That the whips for the Millennium Garden, being a pack of 50, + 10 hornbeam whips, and the appropriate rabbit guards, be ordered.

All decisions above discussed at the informal APC meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022, and confirmed by email by GS and JB.

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- That a new LED lamp be purchased and installed on streetlight M in Church Lane (Wellcroft Cottages) at a cost of £325 + VAT and £25.50 + VAT for a shield.
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- On planning application responses - **Gretta Gate, Henfield Road** “no objections. The application form declared no trees or hedges fall within the development, but the Arboricultural Assessment & Method Statement documents recommend the removal of T3. It is unclear whether the applicant intends to remove this tree. However T3 is a large tree which it would be a shame to lose. **Goldsmiths, Henfield Road** “no objections.” **The Old School, Church Lane** “Albourne Parish Council objects to this application, on the grounds that the siting of the two storey building, which is well away from the main building, is considered inappropriate, and would have an unacceptable impact on the surrounding area. Further, it is noted that the land is classified as agricultural, so we believe that the current hard standing that has already been put down, on which the cars are currently parked, should not have been done without planning permission. We also consider that as the application is for

storage use, a condition should be attached (should permission be granted) that the material stored in the two shipping containers placed on the edge of Church Lane for the last three to four years, should be moved to the new building, and the containers removed. Finally, there should be a condition (should permission be granted) that seeks to protect the trees on the land, principally the well established Oak tree in that area. **Gunners Cottage, Henfield Road** “In principle, Albourne Parish Council has no objections to this application. However, we note that there appears to be no application to change the use of the subject land from agricultural to equestrian use. In the light of this, and in terms of any future applications, it needs to be quite clear what the lawful planning use of any part of the land is, and particularly in this case, which part of the field is proposed for conversion. In the absence of this information, it is our view that the application should be corrected and re-advertised. However, if the matter is to be dealt with, and if planning consent is granted, we would recommend the following conditions are attached- (1) that there is no external lighting for the sand school, (2) that the development is for private use only, (3) that any change of use should be limited to the stable block and sand school only, (4) that the mature Oak tree adjacent to the proposed site, is properly protected, (5) as a safety precaution, all construction vehicles should be required to approach the site along the B2116, from a westerly direction, (6) that the temporary access for the construction, should be removed once the development is completed. **Wickwoods Country Club and Spa** “Albourne Parish Council has no objections to this application, subject to the Planning Authority being satisfied that the application complies with relevant policies in the South Downs Local Plan (adopted July 2019). If approved, Albourne Parish Council would request the following conditions are attached; (a) no/minimal external lighting; (b) if the proposed use no longer exists, the structures and supporting infrastructure are removed and the land returned to its current state.”

- That the payment of the four invoices on the circulated list is approved. \*

All decisions above discussed at the informal APC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, and confirmed by email by GS and JB.

- On planning application responses - **The Stables, Honeybourne Farm, Truslers Hill Lane** “Albourne Parish Council has no objections to this application. However, it cannot support the creation of a new access track across agricultural land. The track is not necessary, and we cannot find any justification for it.” **2 Greenmead, Henfield Road** “Albourne Parish Council has no objections to this application in principle. However, we do not think it is appropriate for the annex to include a kitchen. There should be no appearance of, or possibility of the annex being occupied as a separate dwelling, and if nothing else, this should be made clear by the use of appropriate conditions.” **Rainbow Cottage, 1 Cottage Homes, Truslers Hill Lane** “No objections.” **2 Oak Cottages, Truslers Hill Lane** “No objections.”
- That the payment of the three invoices on the circulated list is approved. \*
- That the Parish Council purchase a mixed pack of wildflower plugs at £64-50 for 50, and 25 native bluebells at £14 along with some Foxgloves for the re-planting of the Common Copse land.
- That the Parish Council confirms and agrees that the redecoration/renewal of the Village Hall soffits and fascias goes ahead on the basis of the VHMC’s recommendation.

All decisions above discussed at the informal APC meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, and confirmed by email by GS and JB.

*\* These payments are available to view in the Cash Book for 2021/22, which will shortly be posted on the Governance page of the Parish Council's website, or under the audit rules, which allow for the inspection of the 2021/22 accounts.*