

ALMELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Almeley Parish Council held on 19th March 2015 in Almeley Village Hall.

Councillors Present: Mrs Price, (Chair) Mr Hope, Mrs Jones, Mr Glyn-Jones, Mr Plummer, Mr Edwards.

1. APOLOGIES for absence received from Mr Skyrme.
2. MINUTES of the meeting held on 11th February 2015 were approved and signed.
3. MATTERS ARISING out of the Minutes:
 - a. Adopt a telephone kiosk scheme. It was noted that contracts had been issued by BT setting out the conditions for transfer of the kiosks in Woonton and Almeley; the transfer costs will be £1.00per kiosk. The kiosks will be decommissioned, and may not be sold on to a third party; if the Parish Council decided to sell the kiosks, they must be returned to BT. Signs identifying the kiosks as BT telephones must be removed and volunteers will be responsible for maintenance. It was agreed that the contracts should be signed and returned to BT.
 - b. Rubbish collection bins in Almeley and Woonton. Details of the cost of replacement bins were presented; the average cost varying between £250.00 -£300.00 for appropriate bins. Mr Plummer agreed to ensure that the bin in Woonton is emptied regularly. It is in reasonably good condition and if emptied regularly does not need immediate replacement. The bin in Almeley needs replacement and a bin on Spearmarsh Common is in need of repair. Mr Payne agreed to repair the bin on Spearmarsh Common; this was accepted with gratitude. Mr Hope suggested that a more appropriate place for the bin in Almeley would be where the notice board and the letter box are sited. It was agreed to defer a decision on replacing the bin in Almeley to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
 - c. Purchase of a defibrillator. Mrs Jones reported that a defibrillator was to be donated to the Parish; making purchase unnecessary. There will be ongoing costs for batteries and maintenance. A request was made for a small donation from the Parish Council, which will be considered at the

next meeting of the Parish Council. The defibrillator, once available, will be placed in the porch of The Bells for immediate access when required.

4. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Mr Glyn-Jones reported that a number of comments on the draft NDP had been received, which will be incorporated in the final document. A public meeting will be held to discuss the amended draft and further proposals suggestions invited for inclusion in the final document. A technical writer must be employed before the document is presented to the external examiner; a grant has been received for this.

5. TENDER FOR MOWING SPEARMARSH COMMON AND WAR MEMORIAL FOR SEASON 1 APRIL 2015 – 31 MARCH 2016. A tender had been received for the work: £1,500. It was agreed unanimously that this should be accepted.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

Noted the following planning applications to which no objections were raised:

- a. Removal of leylandii trees at The Bells, Almeley.
- b. Various external works to Summer House, Wootton.

Mrs Price thanked Councillors for their work and commitment as Councillors, which had been interesting and sometimes challenging.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.20pm.