

Minutes of a meeting of Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council held on Monday 13th June 2022 in Aldington Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors; L Harman (Chairman), R Boulding, A Bowman, R Lloyd and R Spicer.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk.

Also present: 7 members of the public

1083. Apologies for absence:

Cllrs; M Boulden, W Parkinson and S Wagstaff

1084. Declarations of interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

1085. Public Participation Session to include discussion on a proposal to run a soapbox derby in 2023:

A discussion took place to ascertain initially why the soapbox derby didn't continue, whilst the cost of insurance was high the decision was made due to the lack of volunteers, the last event drew in an audience of approximately 5,000 and to manage an event of this size somewhere in excess of 70 volunteers would be needed. It was agreed at this stage to put a posting on social media calling for volunteers to come forward for an even in August 2023. A further discussion will take place when the number of volunteers is known.

There were no other public submissions.

1086. Neighbourhood Watch:

Report attached.

1087. Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022 were submitted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

1088. Chairman's Report:

The Chairman thanked all those that were involved in the very successful jubilee events. There has been a lot of discussions going on about the Solar Farm proposals, the EDF application for the site on Church Lane has yet to be validated, the final decision on this is made by the Borough Council. The Evolution Power proposals will be determined at government level with Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Councils being consultees in the same way as the Parish Council.

The Save Aldington group have decided not to continue with their work and have asked to pass on what documentation they have to the Parish Council.

There was a meeting of the Community Liaison Panel last week which was led by Evolution Power with 6 representatives compared to 5 local representatives, possibly due to a 6pm start time, they were very keen on expressing the benefits to the community from the development.

1089. Finance:

Schedule of payments:

Chq No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
1720	L Harman	Reimbursement	£1,051.65
1721	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£1,332.00
1722	James Boot	Neighbourhood Plan	£258.90
1723	Aldington Village Hall	Room hire	£88.00
1724, 1725 & 1726	Staff costs		£2,270.72

Resolved:

1. To receive and authorise the payment of the items in the schedule of payments.
2. To authorise the transfer of £5,000.00 from deposit account to current account.

1090. Planning Committee:

Cllr Lloyd summarised the decisions of the planning committee

22/00707/AS Fostums, Roman Road – No objection

22/00771/AS 5 Mount Pleasant – No objection

22/00734/AS Two Oaks Barn, Bonnington – to object on the grounds of the proposed mass of the extension on a property that is in the countryside.

Y19/0257/FH Otterpool Park – to submit an objection based on the transport statement which makes no reference to any of the roads in the Ashford Borough and the potential impact on road usage in the Parish.

1091. Quarry Field, Quarry Wood and Pond:

Nothing to report.

1092. Community Garden:

Good progress is being made with fruit and veg planted, the seating area is popular.

1093. Neighbourhood Plan:

The Neighbourhood Plan Team are working to pull together the draft policies to enable a first draft of the plan to be submitted to Ashford Borough Council. Following the workshop on Community Led Housing and the outcome of the Housing Needs Survey some research is being undertaken to explore any possible land options for such a scheme.

1094. Events Committee:

Cllr Spicer reported on the very successful jubilee events which raised £600 towards the play equipment, feedback on Social Media has been very positive.

The next event will be the Village Fete on Saturday 27th August for which planning is under way.

1095. Allotments:

There are currently two vacant plots at the Meadows site with one being considered at present. The funds from Ashford Borough Council are awaited before taking forward the plan to provide sheds.

1096. Football on Quarry Field:

It has been reported that a number of training sessions have been held on the playing field without obtaining prior permission. Clarification is being sought from the known users as to what dates and times they would like in order that a booking system can be established as well as being able to monitor the wear on the field.

1097. Any items of information:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

ALDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 13th 2022

Please accept my apologies for tonight's meeting due to a previous appointment.

I was please to attend the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and reflect on progress over the last year, which has flown by for us all, I am sure.

I was able to set out how NHW works in the Aldington area.

I have been able to enrol more residents into NHW

I have been able to make new partnerships

I found the presentation on OTTERPOOL both interesting and informative and I shall look to learn from the lessons of many of the developments I work with across the wider Ashford District.

Importantly I was able to talk through basic crime prevention and the trends of crimes that may occur across the district and hopefully warn residents before they strike in the Aldington & Bonnington communities.

I also attended the Bonnington Residents meeting and along with Bilsington Council and residents I feel we are developing a strong NHW model across these areas alongside Aldington.

I will sound like a broken record, but the warnings will be constantly the same, we ignore them at our peril.

Keeping property secure. Vehicle security. Garages, sheds, barns, stables, village halls, clubhouses/pavilions, outbuildings and any form of external storage must be secure as this is where 'chancers and opportunists' will strike.

Trend Crimes

Catalytic converter thefts. Theft of fuel from parked vehicles and vehicles on farms.

Heating oil thefts. Theft of internet shopping deliveries as vans are now sometimes followed even into rural areas. I have also been concerned with rural crimes like sheep worrying/dog attacks

Fly Tipping is a constant concern in rural areas, please always report.

I think we also must acknowledge that some crimes will be more apparent as difficult financial times develop.

A recent concern of the sudden rising spike in **Car Number Plate thefts**. On the face of it a more inconvenient crime than wallet busting, however if the plates are used on vehicles for other crimes, then it is a different matter.

Criminals may just put the plates on a vehicle for filling up at a garage and drive off without paying or use through Dartford Tunnel /London congestion charge which bring the innocent owners difficult correspondence/visits

At the Annual meeting I stressed the need for great care and vigilance as there is a **SCAM** for anything and everything. We must urge people to do nothing in a rush, check, check again and if in doubt do absolutely nothing. Importantly I try to explore ways of helping keep pensioners and our elderly and vulnerable residents safe.

As previously reported, I am able to get messages into the Aldington community via Facebook and to those residents who have joined my NHW Group via email however every other method must be explored to ensure those residents who are not online and do not have mobile phones and the only communication is via a land line phone are not left behind. That will include Parish Council newsletters and magazine articles.

We have an extremely strong NHW in Aldington and I am always keen to add those residents not yet in especially in remote properties.

The final consistent message must be to report all crimes and attempted/failed crimes so we can build a picture to help shape our crime prevention, proactive patrols and operational responses.

I am very pleased to announce that Aldington has now a dedicated PCSO. BRADLEY (BRAD) HOBBS. He is an excellent officer who I have known personally for well over 20 years and he is one if not the most experienced PCSOs in Ashford District. The size of his area is enormous that he is expected to cover however we will be working closely together and I hope he will be at a meeting soon to introduce himself to you all.

As I did at the Annual Meeting may I place on record my very sincere thanks to you all for your support with Neighbourhood Watch and indeed for me personally which I never take for granted.

I look forward to working with you for the remainder of 2022 and into the mid 2020s which will be upon us in a flash.

Working together we can keep Aldington & Bonnington crime free but equally as important we can keep residents free from the fear of being a victim of crime

Peter

Peter New

91725 Police Volunteer & Community Neighbourhood Watch Team

Help prevent vehicle crime

Thieves steal number plates to use in other crimes



Make sure you are not the next victim.
Fitting tamper proof screws can help prevent your number plate being stolen.



**Kent
Police**

Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**
If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**
www.kent.police.uk   

ALWAYS REPORT NUMBER PLATE THEFTS TO THE POLICE

Speak up to stop rural crime.

Criminal gangs exploit our local wildlife, environment and communities.
Your voice can make a difference.



Have information on rural crime?
You can speak up and remain
100% anonymous. Always.
crimestoppers-uk.org

CrimeStoppers.
0800 555111
100% anonymous. Always.

Protecting livestock – know the law

'Worrying' livestock is a crime under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953.

If you are on agricultural land and a dog you own or are in charge of **attacks** or **chases** livestock in a way that may cause **injury, suffering** or **loss**, you could be **prosecuted, fined** and **ordered to pay compensation**.

Under the Animals Act 1971, a person acting to **protect livestock** may be able to **kill or injure a dog**, without incurring any criminal or civil liability, if he or she believes it is worrying livestock.



Please keep your dog on a lead.

If you see a dog worrying livestock, please call the police on **999**.



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ROGUE TRADERS ARE FLY-TIPPING ACROSS KENT.

IF YOUR WASTE IS FLY-TIPPED BY A FAKE WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICE YOU'LL FACE AN **UNLIMITED FINE.**

Before you hire a waste disposal service ask for the:

- Waste Carrier Licence
- Where they dispose of their waste
- A receipt or invoice

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FLY-TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS

IT CAN BE AS SMALL AS **A SINGLE BAG, TO...**

AN ENTIRE TRUCK LOAD OF RUBBISH

AROUND TWO-THIRDS of fly-tips are household waste

bags
furniture
garden waste
white goods
building waste

PLEASE REPORT ALL INCIDENTS OF FLY TIPPING IMMEDIATELY

Please see appeal I issued following a crime in nearby Bilsington



Peter New

Members of Bilsington Village Community Page

Dear Readers

Please see appeal following the theft of a mini digger from nearby
PRIORY ROAD, BILSINGTON at approx midnight 29th early hours of 30th May

The police crime number is 46/103691/22.

Any further witnesses, information, sightings and any form of CCTV with pictures in the area please contact the police and quote the crime number.

In this post below I have posted a larger photograph and the original post from the victim of the crime who I have spoken with this morning.

Thank you for your help

Peter

Peter New

Kent Police Volunteer & Community Neighbourhood Watch Team (peternew1@aol.com)

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