

Minutes of a meeting of Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council held on Monday 29th July 2019 in Aldington Village Hall, Roman Road, Aldington at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors; C Fowler (Chairman), R Boulding, L Harman, P Kemp and R Spicer.

Absent: Councillor W Parkinson.

In attendance: Peter Setterfield PSLCC, Parish Clerk.

Also present: 3 members of the public.

607. To receive and accept apologies for absence:

Councillors: A Baldwin, M Boulden and T Ransley.

608. To receive any declarations of interest from Members:

Councillor L Harman in her role as Borough Councillor sits on the Planning Committee, therefore does not vote on any applications placed before the Parish Council

609. KCC Highways and Transportation:

Roman Road Aldington – suggested road safety measures:

1. Background information:

Options for road safety improvements following the site meeting between KCC (Darren Hickman) and Aldington & Bonnington PC (Peter Setterfield) on the 11th July 2019.

The site visit was undertaken on a sunny afternoon between 14:45 and 15:30 at the end of the school academic day to assess the concerns raised by parents of speeding traffic on Roman Road.

A large number of parents opted to collect their children from school on foot on the day of the site visit and this is likely to be attributed to the good weather conditions. Parking was noted to be an issue in and around the school with parents trying to park close to the school entrance, this was highlighted by vehicles parking close to the junction of Goldwell Lane causing obstruction to sight lines for vehicles using the junction. One vehicle was found to be parked wholly across the footway in Goldwell Lane obstructing pedestrian access.

Speeding traffic was not noted as being an issue at the time of the site visit as the current on street parking assists in reducing vehicle speeds. On street parking occupies the northern side of the carriageway for the majority of the length of Roman Road opposite the school and this restricts the traffic running lane to one vehicle width. There is a small crest in the carriageway as you approach the school from an easterly direction which coupled with the parking demand assists in managing vehicle speeds.

To fully ascertain the issue of speeding traffic a full traffic survey of the site would need to be undertaken.

The existing 30MPH speed limit terminal when approaching the village from the east is set back a sufficient distance from the school entrance to provide sufficient time for drivers to adjust their speed accordingly.

2. Options for improvement:

- Increase the size of the existing build out that has recently been installed opposite the school entrance. This will allow for improved visibility for pedestrians when crossing the road.
- Consider installing junction protection road markings in the form of yellow lines (this will require regular enforcement from Ashford Borough Council).
- Consider an advisory 20MPH speed limit at school times. This will require manual operation to turn the system on and off from a representative from the school. We would need the results of a speed survey to ensure the site is suitable for this system.
- Work with the school to provide information to parents on sustainable travel options and the effect inconsiderate parking is having on the village.
- Review road signage

It was agreed that a second site visit was required to coincide with the morning drop off to gain a wider picture of the activity. The report from the PCSO's is awaited. At this stage due to the school holidays progress will be limited.

610. Planning:

19/01043/AS – TOSCA, ROMAN ROAD, ALDINGTON – Listed building consent. Install conservation roof lights into existing roof and replace existing double garage door with cavity brickwork to match existing (revision to consent granted under 18/01378/AS)

Resolved: The Parish Council has no objection to the application.

17/00388/AS – LAND REAR OF 2 TO 16 LONGSFIELD, OFF QUARRY WOOD, ALDINGTON.

This application is being considered by the Borough Council Planning Committee on Wednesday 31st July, Councillor C Fowler will be speaking on behalf of the Parish Council.

18/00958/AS – LAND TO THE WEST AND REAR OF CEDAR COTTAGE, FRITH ROAD, ALDINGTON.

Notice of appeal received: change of use from agricultural land to residential (garden), vehicle crossover, drive and the erection of a single detached carport.

The Parish Council considered the need to undertake a local needs housing survey as the last one was carried out four years ago. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be looking to do this in house in view of the costs involved. Details will be finalised at the September meeting of the Parish Council.

611. Otterpool Park:

Following the consultation evening a further response is being prepared to Folkestone and Hythe District Council on the subject of traffic to give them some actual indication as to what happens when there is an incident which closes either the A20 or M20.

Folkestone and Hythe District Council have extended an invitation for one of the Parish Councillors to attend a study tour they are organising to previous garden town developments. Councillor L Harman to attend.

612. Play equipment:

Councillors Spicer and Parkinson recently visited the school to undertake some research into the type of equipment that the children would like to see installed at the Reynolds Playing Field and at Aldington Meadows. An initial quotation has been obtained on the basis of the findings which shows that the installation costs and essential safety accounts for half of the price. Further quotes are to be obtained for consideration at the September meeting.

613. Trees in Quarry Wood:

Two quotes have been received for the works indicated in the recent tree survey. All of the works indicated will be carried out at the same time with the wood being habitat stacked or shredded. The indicative date given for the works is the 27th, 28th August.

614. Recreation land, Roman Road:

Further to the Parish Council meeting of the 8th July, minute 586 refers, Aldington Football Club have presented details of the goals and lining equipment they would like to obtain.

Resolved: The Parish Council will purchase the goals and lining machine and make them available for use by the Football Club, they will remain the property of the Parish Council.

615. Any Other Business:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.