

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER
2009 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: MR. J. HUTCHINGS (CHAIRMAN), MR. J.MELVILLE (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MR. A.JENKINS, MRS. G. HUDSPITH, DR. M.EDWARDS, MRS. M.MOODY, MR. M.MEADOWS,

1. Apologies for absence.

None

2. Declarations of Interests.

Members are asked to declare interests in items on the Agenda in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Statutory Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils

Members are reminded that the code of conduct provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion they should withdraw from the room and not seek improperly to influence a decision about that matter.

MRS. M.MOODY declared in interest in items 10(a) and (b)

3. Any items from Members of the Public present at the Meeting including those items on the agenda

No members of the public were present.

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (July 2009)

The Clerk had circulated the minutes which were accepted by those present as a true record of what had taken place. The CHAIRMAN signed the minutes book.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:

(a) Survey update - Mr. Melville

MR. MELVILLE told the members that unfortunately no meeting had taken place as mentioned in the previous minutes due to difficulties in booking the village hall. Also no one had given any feedback following on from the meeting that had been held and reported upon. MR. JENKINS said he thought that the item should still be progressed and after further debate it was agreed amongst members that a further meeting should be held to try and create some enthusiasm for the survey.

(b) Defibrillator - Mrs. Moody

MRS. MOODY spoke of her frustration and annoyance at the lack of response from the Ambulance Service regarding this item. Despite promises of support and provision of information nothing had been forthcoming from the officers of the Service. She did feel that the Ambulance Service should be involved with the project as they will be very much involved in the event of the machine being used. Members agreed and it was decided a letter should be sent to the Director of the West Midlands Ambulance Service pointing out the lack of support the Parish Council has received to date.

(c) Flood Relief Grant

The Clerk advised members that two recipients of the grant still had not asked for

payment. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to each pointing out that there is an expiry date for payment of the grant of March 2010.

(d) Annual Audit

The Clerk advised members that Messrs. Clement Keys had completed the Annual Audit for 2008/9 and had signed off the accounts.

(e) Various highway and other reported matters

The Clerk gave an update on the various matters that had been reported to the Divisional Engineer.

6. Any matters from the District Councillor/County Councillor.

Councillor Seccombe spoke about the plans for Waterside and Southern Lane in Stratford upon Avon and the fact there was a public consultation being carried out regarding these plans. She said she would forward the details to the Clerk for distribution to members should they wish to respond. She also spoke of the proposed plans for the future of the Fire Service and the fact there is a consultation on the plans. She was in support of the proposals.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 09/01220/FUL - Churchill Farm - demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling with all associated works - No observations were made.

(b) 09/01388/LDE - Small parcel of land at Oakhill Farm, Goldicote - lawful use of land for the stationing of a caravan as an office for a period of 10 years - No observations.

8. To receive any results of planning applications

(a) 09/01317/FUL - Churchill Cottage, Alderminster - demolition of existing and erection of new dwelling - GRANTED

(b) 09/01220/FUL - Churchill Farm - demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling - GRANTED

9. To receive any correspondence

(a) Message from Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire about Queen's Award for community service was noted

(b) WALC annual report noted

(c) WALC AGM 29th October 2009 7.30pm Shire Hall, Warwick was noted

(d) WALC Role of the County Committee was noted

(e) Adopt the TK scheme by BT

A letter had been received from BT regarding the proposal to remove the telephone service from New Road and the telephone box itself. BT were offering the box to the Parish Council for the sum of £1. Electricity supply to the box would have to remain to provide power to the light, which would be at the expense of the Parish Council. A consultation had been carried out in Village Voices and on the Parish Council website and some members had asked individuals if there was any support for keeping the box if the equipment was removed. The Clerk reported that he had received one phone call supporting its retention and two people had verbally told him they could see no point in retaining it. MRS. MOODY reported that she had received one verbal request to retain the box. Members agreed that an attempt should be made to get BT to agree to the

telephone equipment remaining in place. The CHAIRMAN then asked for a show of hands to decide what the Parish Council should do in the event of the telephone equipment being removed - should the Parish Council adopt the box. On a show of hands the members decided by 4 to 2 against adopting the box.

(f) Invite to Chairman to WCC Chairman's At Home Evening 19th September 6.30pm was noted.

10. Passing of any accounts for payment

(a) Clerk's Salary August and September - £***

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £43.47

(c) Clement Keys - external audit fee - £138

11. Closure of meeting

Meeting dates for 2009:-

18th November 2009

2010 Dates:

January 20th

March 17th

May 19th

July 21st

September 15th

November 17th