

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH
NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: MR.J.HUTCHINGS (CHAIRMAN), MR.J.MELVILLE (VICE CHAIRMAN), MRS. M. MOODY, DR. M. EDWARDS, MRS. G. HUDSPITH, MR.A.JENKINS, MR.M.MEADOWS AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence.

County Councillor I.Seccombe

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 an interest in items 10 (a) and (b)

MR. A. JENKINS declared an interest in item 10 (c)

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

Mr. J. TAGG asked to speak on item .9(a). The CHAIRMAN asked if he would wait until this item was discussed.

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

The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as a true record by those members present. The CHAIRMAN signed the minutes book.

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

(a) Survey update - Result of meeting - Mr. Melville

MR. MELVILLE updated the members on the progress to date. A meeting had been held to discuss the methodology of the survey. It had been agreed that the survey would encompass the whole parish. The software was still available and he was hoping to produce a draft survey form based on the previous survey in 1999 but with revisions to bring it up to date with modern times. A further meeting would be held once this form had been produced.

(b) Defibrillator - Result of meeting - Mrs. Moody

MRS. MOODY spoke of a meeting that had been held with the WMAS representative in the Village Hall. As a result of this meeting five volunteers had come forward interested in training as First Responders. They had been sent registration forms by the WMAS and hopefully the matter would now progress quickly towards their training. There were other similar schemes in the County and she had been in touch with representatives of those schemes. There had been some issues with the service provided by the WMAS in setting up schemes but some were running smoothly. She

had been in touch by email with Mr. J.Maples MP as it was understood that he was to meet with the Chief Executive of the WMAS regarding First Responder Schemes. A reply was still awaited.

(c) Flood Relief Grant - reply from Mr. & Mrs. Tibbles

The Clerk had written to Mr. & Mrs. Tibbles and Mr. & Mrs. Holland regarding claiming the flood relief grant monies. Mr. & Mrs. Holland had carried out their work and would be paid at tonight's meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Tibbles had sent a letter explaining why they had not claimed their grant and it was read to the meeting. Members agreed that this grant should be claimed by the end of March 2010 as this was the date set by the District Council.

(d) BT Telephone Box - reply from BT & District Council

The Clerk had written to BT asking for the telephone system to remain in situ for various reasons previously discussed by members. The District Council who are also consulted by BT had supported the Parish Council's views. MR.J.MELVILLE suggested that a sign off the main road indicating the presence of a telephone box might increase usage. Members agreed with this suggestion.

(e) Footpath Project (ex Bridge)

The Clerk advised members that following the building of the new bridge on footpath SD61 the committee were now looking to providing two notice boards which would be placed in each parish showing the walks in the area.

(f) Various highway and other reported matters

The members noted that the sign advertising the Bell at the entrance to the village had been removed following quick action by the planning enforcement officer. The road sign at the bottom of New Road had been damaged and the Clerk had asked for this to be repaired or replaced. The Clerk had circulated an email from Mrs. Nicola Smith of Merrilees regarding her concerns with the speed of traffic using New Road despite there being a 30 mph limit. He had contacted the Warwickshire County Council traffic management and obtained the results of the traffic survey held in February 2009. The details were read to the members. The CHAIRMAN told the members that he had received a complaint from Mrs. Kim Wall who lives in Blue Lane, just off the C72 between the A422 and Loxley Hill of a similar nature concerning speeding traffic. After discussion it was agreed by members that the Clerk should write to the County Council asking for their views and whether anything could be done to control the speed of traffic on these roads. It was also noted that there was a long history of traffic problems on the C72 from the A3400 to the A422.

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

Councillor Seccombe was unable to be present.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 09/00835/FUL - Long Marston Storage Depot, Lower Quinton (to comment on this planning application in the Parish of Quinton)

The Clerk explained why the Parish Council had been asked to comment on this application which was not in the Parish. After a lengthy discussion, members agreed that no comment would be made as they felt they were not in possession of the full details of the plans for the site and other matters related to the planning application..

8. To receive any results of planning applications

The following results were noted:

- (a) 09/00289/LBC - Nut Tree Barn - permission GRANTED with conditions
- (b) 09/00126/FUL - Nut Tree Barn - permission GRANTED with conditions
- (c) 07/03119/LBC – Ettington Park Hotel – refurbishment of the fitness suite - GRANTED

9. To receive any correspondence

- (a) Letter from Mr.J.Tagg re Wheelchair project APCC.

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Tagg asking for support from the Parish Council for a project the Church had started involving the purchase of two wheelchairs for use by Parishioners when needed. He sought financial support for the continuing maintenance of the chairs. Mr. Tagg was invited to speak to the members regarding this project and after some questions, MRS. MOODY proposed, seconded by DR. M. EDWARDS, that the Parish Council should agree to support the ongoing maintenance costs for the wheelchairs. This proposal was unanimously accepted by members.

10. Passing of any accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:

- (a) Clerk's Salary October and November - £***
- (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £5.45p
- (c) Church Clock lighting grant - £100
- (d) Bryan Gerrard - grass cutting on E6992 - £329
- (e) Mr. and Mrs. Holland - payment of flood grant monies - £320

11. Closure of meeting

There being no further business, the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 8.45pm

2010 Dates:

January 20th

March 17th

May 19th

July 21st

September 15th

November 17th