

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY
2010 AT 7.30PM

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

1. Apologies for absence.

County Councillor/District Councillor 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)

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

This item was held over until item 5(d) on the agenda

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

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

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

(a) Survey update

Mr. MELVILLE advised the members that there had been very little progress due to the Christmas period. The software used for the survey in 1999 had been found and he was to try it out. A discussion followed amongst members regarding the format of the survey and it was suggested that it could be an update of the 1999 parish appraisal rather than a Parish Plan.

(b) Defibrillator

Mrs. MOODY told members that 5 volunteers had come forward to be trained as first responders. They had completed their application forms and now needed to go through CRB checking. Then the Ambulance Service would arrange training.

(c) BT Telephone Box

The Clerk reported on a letter received from BT intimating that the telephone equipment would remain for the time being but its use would be monitored. Mr. MELVILLE suggested that there could be a sign on the main road indicating the presence of the phone box. The Clerk would investigate.

(d) C72 Traffic matters

Mrs. Nicola Smith (member of the public) spoke of the excessive speed of the traffic

using New Road. Many disregarded the 30mph limit on the road. The CHAIRMAN said that the Parish Council had for many years approached the WCC to improve the traffic calming on this stretch of road but as it was a minor road, the WCC policy was to do nothing. He pointed out that rumble strips had been put down but were met with objections from residents and were removed. After discussion it was suggested that Mrs. Smith and her neighbours should attend a Community Forum and voice their concerns to the police and other WCC officers to see if the mobile speed camera could be brought to the area.

(e) Flood Grant update

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr. Tibbles who had told him that he had put some anti flood measures into place and had receipts. The Clerk had asked for copies of these receipts so that the grant could be paid and explained that the money would have to be claimed by 31st March 2010 or it would have to be returned to the District Council.

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

No matters were raised due to her absence.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 09/02468/EXT - Shennington Farm - extension to time limit for a previously approved application - No comments

(b) 09/02288/FUL - Land off Shipston Road, Stratford upon Avon - Neighbourhood centre, Park and Ride etc - some comments raised concerning size, location and complexity and the effect it might have on retail premises in the town centre. The Community Hall and the Park and Ride generally supported.

8. To receive any results of planning applications

(a) 09/00835/FUL - Long Marston Storage Depot - Masterplan - granted subject to it being called in by GOWM

9. To receive any correspondence

(a) Warwickshire Best Village 2010 competition

After considering the rules and categories it was decided not to enter this competition.

(g) Information from VASA

Mr. MELVILLE gave details of seminar Introduction to Regeneration. Members agreed that this was a larger subject than the Parish Survey.

10. Passing of any accounts for payment

(a) Clerk's Salary December 2009 and January 2010 - £***

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £58.24p

(c) Stratford District Council - toner for printer £71.30p

(d) SLCC Subscription £53

11. Setting of the Annual Precept 2010/2011

The Clerk had circulated a budget for the forthcoming year. He had recommended a precept of £6000. Members discussed the budget. Mr MELVILLE noted that whilst some monies were held for the Village Hall from previous years, nothing had been put in the budget for the forthcoming year. He explained that the Hall was looking to improve

facilities at the hall and asked if provision could be made in the budget to support these improvements. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that there would be monies in reserve that would cover any support that was needed for the Hall and on the proposal of Mr. A. JENKINS, seconded by Dr. M. EDWARDS, it was resolved to set a precept of £6000.

12. Closure of meeting

The CHAIRMAN asked if there were any matters for the next agenda and closed the meeting at 9pm.

Dates of next meetings:

March 17th PC at 6.45pm Annual Assembly at 8pm

May 19th

July 21st

September 15th

November 17th