

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 17TH MARCH 2010
AT 6.45PM

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

1. Apologies for absence.

MR.M.MEADOWS, MR.A.JENKINS

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 10(b) as wife of the Clerk

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 (January 2010)

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

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

(a) Survey update

Mr. Melville reported that no progress had been made with the survey. He had been waiting for some information from a member of the committee but it had not been received to date. It was still in doubt as to whether a parish plan would be produced or merely a survey as he had originally proposed to the Council.

(b) Defibrillator

Mrs. Moody reported that since the last meeting the volunteer first responders had been interviewed by the WMAS and following checks were now awaiting to receive their training. Since the last meeting the WMAS had changed their original policy and were now prepared to 'service' defibrillator boxes placed in the community. An example of this could be found at the Post Office in Newbold on Stour. She had since spoken with Mrs. Holman-West about the siting a box with a defibrillator on the Bell and is due to meet with her in April. Mrs. Holman-West had kindly agreed to supply the electricity that the box required. In view of this Mrs. MOODY asked the members present to agree to the siting of a box and defibrillator on the Bell as was originally proposed and agreed when this item first came to the agenda. The volunteers would still receive training and when they had qualified a decision would be made as to how they would work with the

defibrillator. It may be that another machine would have to be purchased for their use as first responders. Mrs MOODY felt it was important to get the box and defibrillator in situ at the Bell initially as this would be available 24/7. Members agreed with her proposals.

(c) C72 Traffic matters

Mr. MELVILLE informed the members that he attended the last Forum meeting at Shipston on Stour. The members of the public from New Road who had attended the last Parish Council meeting were also there and spoke with the Police. It had been agreed between the residents and the Police that a speed check would be carried out in New Road for a short period. They had wanted the traffic checked going up the road, but Mr. MELVILLE had asked that it be checked up and down the road.

(d) Flood Grant update

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with Mr. Tibbles on the telephone since the last meeting and had been told that he did have some receipts for work that he had had carried out at his premises. The Clerk had asked for copies of the receipts so that the grant could be paid. However since that conversation he had received an email from Mr. and Mrs. Tibbles which explained they were in dispute with their neighbour which prevented them from progressing their claim. Mr. MELVILLE had suggested that rather than give the monies back to the Council, some inflatable flood defence bags should be purchased for use in the village in the event of further flooding. These could be kept with the other sandbags. Members agreed with this suggestion and that Mr. and Mrs. Tibbles should be given some of these bags for their use. The Clerk would advise the District Council accordingly and make enquiries regarding the suppliers of the bags.

Mr. MELVILLE gave details of a presentation given by the Environment Agency to the recent Forum meeting regarding the work they have carried out in the Shipston Area. He had raised concerns with them that Alderminster could suffer worse problems as a result and asked for action in the Alderminster area around the River Stour.

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

Councillor Seccombe was not present at the meeting.

7. To receive any new planning applications

The following plans had been received:

(a) 10/00263/F UL - Oak Hill Farm, Goldicote - seem permanent log cabin to replace existing caravan - no objections were raised.

8. To receive any results of planning applications

The following result of a planning application had been received:

(a) 09/02468/E XT - Shennington Farm - extension of time - GRANTED

9. To receive any correspondence

(a) Email from Mrs Amanda Baylis re 30 mph sign outside her house

Following a complaint from Mrs. Baylis, the County Council were to look into the replacement of all the signs in the village.

(b) Request for Grit bin

Following the recent bad weather the Clerk had received a request from the residents of the 'Old Road' for a grit bin. Members present agreed that the Clerk should make arrangements to purchase a bin for this area and it should be placed on the verge near to Green Acres.

(c) Road Safety Packs from WCC were noted.

(d) Letter from Stratford upon Avon CAB re funding

Members were concerned at the withdrawal or reduction of funding by the County and District Councils to this very good service. The Clerk was directed to write to the Councils asking that they reconsider their plans for support. Unfortunately as the request arrived after the precept had been set, it would not be possible at present for the Parish Council to make a donation to their funds. The Clerk would write a letter to the CAB.

(e) Consultation Core Strategy – SDC

This document had been circulated to members who made no comment on its contents.

(f) Proposed Parkway Station in Stratford

Members had been circulated with a letter from the District Council giving details of the proposed Parkway Railway Station. Mr. MELVILLE had been in touch with the District Council asking for details of the future of the present Stratford upon Avon Station. He had been assured that it would remain.

10. Passing of any accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment.

(a) Clerk's Salary February and March 2010 - £***

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £45.78p

(c) Village Hall Hiring - £90

11. Closure of meeting

There being no further matters, the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 7.55pm

May 19th (AGM)

July 21st

September 15th

November 17th