

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ALDERMINSTER ON WEDNESDAY 19TH
JANUARY AT 7.30PM

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

1. **Apologies for absence.**
County/District Councillor I.Seccombe

2. **Any items from Members of the Public present at the Meeting including those items on the agenda**
(There is a time limit of 3 minutes allowed for each item)
There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

3. **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
(Note: Members are reminded that the Code of Conduct provides that should they have a prejudicial interest in any matter under discussion, then providing the matter is considered in public session, they are entitled, with the consent of the Chairman, to make representations and answer questions if members of the public are granted the same entitlement. Members must leave the room before the ensuing debate and vote and must not attempt to improperly influence a decision about that matter)
Mrs.M.Moody declared an interest in items 11(a) and 11(b)
Mr.A.Jenkins declared an interest in item 9(a)
Mr.M.Meadows declared an interest in item 8(a)

4. **Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting** (November 2010)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted by those present as a factual record of what had taken place. The CHAIRMAN signed the minutes book.

5. **Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting:**
(a) Forum Update.
The CHAIRMAN and MR.J.HUTCHINGS had attended the last Forum meeting at Ettington. There had been an interesting presentation on the 'Stour Brand' for food initiative. The police gave a report on their speed checks on the New Road. They reported that no-one had been reported for exceeding the limit in the period of their latest checks. It would now be left to the discretion of the police as to if and when further checks are carried out on New Road. The CHAIRMAN had made a request for regular gritting of New Road and advised not least of the school buses that used the road but this request was turned down albeit the county agreed that if budgets and materials allowed occasional gritting may be done if the gritters were passing. The next forum meeting will be at Pillerton Priors on 1st March 2011.

(b) Defibrillator update

Mrs.M.MOODY reported that a volunteer had now qualified as a first responder for the village. The volunteer would join the Ettington first responder group who had agreed to provide a 'first responder kit'. She asked if members would agree to loaning out the DVD describing how to use the defibrillator and how to carry out CPR to any members of the parish who wished to borrow it. Members agreed to this suggestion.

(c) Public Notice Board

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had received one verbal quotation for a new board amounting to £250 but he had asked for a breakdown of this cost. Members gave him details of another local contact.

(d) TPO on Tree in New Road

The following reply had been received from the Stratford District Council officer: 'The Horse Chestnut is approaching late maturity for its species(100-130yrs) and unless there are any concerns regarding future land use, there is little point in protecting for now. A preservation order can be served as and when necessary. Why would someone want to cut down a tree in a field that is only suitable for arible use and the wood of no value? Until there are firm details of the future of the land, SDC will not be affording the chestnut any protection at this stage'.

(e) Sandbags update

Mr.and Mrs. Tibbles had collected their last sandbags. This now completed the flood defence grant from the District Council.

(f) Village Hall report

Mr.M.MEADOWS gave a report to the members of a recent meeting of the Village Hall Committee. The hall had suffered from the bad weather and a burst pipe had caused some damage which would be subject of an insurance claim. Some new crockery was required and an order would be placed. A grant application to the National Lottery for a cinema style screen had been submitted. He also gave some details of a proposal to run an event in the Village to celebrate the forthcoming Royal Wedding. There might be a request for some financial help from the Parish Council. The AGM of the Village Hall Committee would be on 19th April 2011 in the Village Hall.

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

No report was given in the absence of the Councillor.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 10/02457/FUL - The Stalls, Alscot Park - retrospective for change of use to A1 retail with office and car parking (this is actually on Preston on Stour Parish Council but we have been consulted as it is 'on our boundary'. Members agreed 'No comments'.

8. To receive any results of planning applications

- (a) 10/01968/FUL - Colmead, Alderminster - extensions - GRANTED
- (b) 10/02263/FUL - The Limes, C72, Goldicote - extension - GRANTED
- (c) 10/02122/FUL - Bevington - new entrance - GRANTED

9. To receive any correspondence

- (a) Request for Grit Bin on C48 (A3400 to Wimpstone Road)

The Clerk had received a request from a representative of Alderminster Farm Management for a grit bin on the C48 road. After discussion and after referring to the County Council road gritting map it was agreed that this road is on the gritting schedule and therefore a bin should not be required. The Clerk was asked to check with the Divisional Engineer whether this road was gritted in line with other roads on the map.

(b) 'Great Poppy Party Weekend' from the Royal British Legion

Members discussed the letter from the Royal British Legion and unanimously decided that in their opinion this was not something the Parish Council would arrange.

10. Setting of Annual Precept for 2011-12

The Clerk had circulated a budget for the forthcoming year 2011/12. Members discussed the items on the budget after which Mr.J.Hutchings proposed, seconded by Mr.A.Jenkins that the precept be set at the same as the previous year at £6000. Members voted in favour of the proposal.

11. Passing of any accounts for payment

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

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £3.41p

(c) Affiliation to Society of Local Council Clerks 2011 - £53

12. Closure of meeting

Meeting dates for 2011

16th March at 6.45pm Annual Assembly at 8pm

18th May (PC AGM)

20th July

21st September

16th November

These dates are provisional and are subject to change. Any changes will be advertised.