

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
2010 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: MR.J.MELVILLE (CHAIRMAN), MR.M.MEADOWS (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MRS.M.MOODY, MR. J.HUTCHINGS, MR.A.JENKINS, MRS.G.HUDSPITH, COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE AND ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

1. Apologies for absence.
DR.M.EDWARDS

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)
No matters were raised

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 (b)

MR.A.JENKINS declared an interest in item 11(c)

MR.M.MEADOWS declared an interest in items 8(a) and (b)

MRS.G.HUDSPITH declared an interest in item 8(a)

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (September 2010)
The Clerk had circulated the minutes of the previous meeting 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) Forum Update

The CHAIRMAN advised members that the next meeting would be on 30th November at Ettington Community Centre when a 'branding' presentation by the food producers in the area would be given. He had represented the Parish Council at the last meeting and commented that in addition to the traffic calming measures undertaken on the A3400, Alderminster had benefitted more than neighbouring villages from the mobile camera visits to New Road, however despite lobbying of WCC by the Parish Council there is, owing to the lack of funds, to be no permanent solution offered at this time.

(b) C72 (New Road) update

The CHAIRMAN told the members that at his attendance at the previous Forum meeting

the police had agreed to continue their speed checks in New Road until the next meeting in November. He said that no resident of New Road had attended a Forum meeting for some time and he considered that the Parish Council had done all they could following the initial complaint raised by Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs Law. Members agreed with his views. The Clerk read a letter he had received from another resident of New Road asking for the additional signs to be removed that were attached to posts as they had been in situ far too long and served no useful purpose. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council asking for these extra signs to be removed and that the item should be removed from the agenda.

(c) Flood bags update

The Clerk had received a further pack of flood bags and it was agreed by members that these should be offered to Mr.and Mrs.Tibbles in conclusion of their flood grant.

(d) Defibrillator update

MRS.MOODY told members that one volunteer was now on a training course and would complete it soon. Recently a first responder from Ettington had moved into the village and had brought his 'pack' with him. He had suggested that a 'pack' could be forthcoming from the Ettington first responder group for the newly trained volunteer. It would mean that the Parish Council would have to agree to support the Joint First Responder Group in future years which would not be a large commitment financially. MRS.MOODY also told the members how another volunteer had been badly treated by the WMAS and as a result had withdrawn her offer. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chief Executive WMAS expressing their anger at the way this volunteer had been treated.

(e) Public Notice Board

The CHAIRMAN reported that he had not received any quotations to date.

(f) TPO on Tree in New Road

The Clerk reported that no further communication had been received from the District Council to date.

6. Report of Planning Meeting

MR.M.MEADOWS reported that he had attended a Systems Thinking Parish Council Workshop relating to Planning Enforcement and he gave members a report on that workshop. Planning enforcement was identified as a complex and lengthy process which generates a lot of public interest and opinion receiving over 600 complaints each year about alleged breaches of planning control. The Planning Department were hoping to streamline their system by inviting parishes to attend the workshop. It seems that retrospective planning applications did not have to climb as many hurdles as a full application which did not seem right.

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

Councillor Seccombe is portfolio holder at the County Council for Adult and Community Services. She told members that changes will have to take place in that area in order to save a total of £18 million pounds in the next four years.

8. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 10/01968/FUL - Colmead, Alderminster - rear and side extensions - no comments

(b) 10/02122/FUL - Bevington, Aldermnster - creation of side vehicle access - no comments

(c) 10/02283/FUL - The Limes, (New Road), extension - no comments

9. To receive any results of planning applications

(a)10/00493 - Churchill Farm - amendments to original plans - GRANTED

10. To receive any correspondence

(a) Appointment of a Flood Defence Officer at WCC was noted

(b) Gritting Routes and appointment of Local Snow Wardens was noted. Members were disappointed that New Road (C72) was not included in the gritting schedule and did not think the snow warden scheme was a particularly good idea.

11. Passing of any accounts for payment

(a) Clerk's Salary October and November - £***

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £34.65p

(c) Donation to Village Voices - £50

(d) Bryan Gerrard - grass maintenance.- £337

12. Closure of meeting

Meeting dates for 2011

19th January

16th March at 6.45pm Annual Assembly at 8pm

18th May (PC AGM)

20th July

21st September

16th November