

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH  
JANUARY 2012 AT 7.30PM**

**PRESENT:** MR.M.MEADOWS (CHAIRMAN), MRS.M.MOODY, MR.J.HUTCHINGS, DR.M.EDWARDS (VICE-CHAIRMAN), MR.J.MELVILLE, MR.A.JENKINS, MRS.G.HUDSPITH, 4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, 3 MEMBERS OF ETTINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDER SCHEME AND THREE OFFICERS FROM WARWICKSHIRE POLICE.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

County Councillor I.Secombe

**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)

Mr. Betteridge of Farthings, New Road addressed the meeting regarding item 7(b) as the applicant. He sought the support of the Parish Council members for his amended application. The CHAIRMAN said that the matter would be discussed later and no doubt his comments would be taken into consideration.

**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 item 11(a) and 11 (c)

**4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (November 2011)**

The Clerk had circulated the minutes 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) Housing Needs Survey

Mr. Phil Ward was invited to address the members regarding the recent Housing Needs Survey. He gave details of the main points raised from the survey and said that 3 houses were required for local people, 2 rented and 1 shared ownership dwelling. The main objective now would be to decide on suitable land for these premises and he gave examples of what would be acceptable sites and those that would not although he could not give any guarantees. These sites would have to obtain the approval of the people living in the parish and a public consultation would probably be the best way forward for this approval. Land owners of sites identified would have to agree to selling the land for the purpose. MR.MELVILLE asked if it would be an economical proposition to build just three houses. Mr. Ward said that would be a question that needed to be answered. He suggested that the Parish Council would need to decide on whether it was worth pursuing and he would offer

his help. He did point out that it could take up to five years before a planning application was approved by which time the need might have changed.

(b) Milestones in the Parish

The CHAIRMAN updated the members on the progress to date. It was not intended that the milestones would be lifted and reset into the ground as this might make them more likely to theft etc. It was intended that the areas around the milestones should be cleared and then the milestone would be painted. He suggested that Jeff Morris be advised.

(c) Overgrown hedges

The Clerk had written to Jeff Morris but had not had any reply.

(d) Diamond Jubilee Celebration 2012 update

A letter from MEGA secretary, Mrs. G.Ramskill seeking help with funding celebrations was read. The Clerk advised members that monies from the Parish Council must be seen to be to the advantage of the parishioners of Alderminster not for other people from other parishes. It was agreed that the parish council would put aside a figure of £500 aside for the event. However the gift to children in the parish would be presented by the Parish Council. To this end entries would be made in the village voices magazine asking parents to contact the clerk with details of their children/young persons under the age of 17 years on 30th June 2012 so that a number of celebration mugs could be purchased. The children's entertainer (Mr.Socks) would be paid for by the Parish Council on receipt of an invoice from MEGA. The event at Tith Farm would have to be self funding by charging an admission fee to cover the costs of the event as it was very likely people from outside the parish would attend.

(e) First Responder Scheme

This item was taken after item 5(a)

Members were invited to inspect the new ambulance car which the First Responders had taken delivery of recently. The Chairman of the group Paul Mulligan gave details of the group's activities as it related to Alderminster and sought financial help from the Parish Council towards the running of the vehicle. Members unanimously agreed to support the scheme with a donation of £250.

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

No report was available in the absence of Councillor Seccombe

**7. To receive any new planning applications**

The following plans were discussed at the meeting

(a) 11/02012/FUL - Churchill Farm - demolish large barn and erect indoor equestrian centre

The members were concerned with the access to the site via the A3400 and the danger to road users on that road. On a previous application it had been stipulated as a planning condition that the entrance from off the C72 (New Road) should be improved and used as the entrance to the site. Also members were concerned of the possible commercial use of the premises taking into consideration the size and scope of the premises and the fact that the owners had been advertising livery services in the village. Suitable comments would be forwarded to the planning department.

(b) 11/02385/FUL - Farthings, New Road - amendment to submitted plans

The members viewed the amended plans and after a short discussion agreed that they were acceptable as revised and would now raise no objection to the revised plans.

Suitable comments would be forwarded to the planning department.

**8. To receive any results of planning applications**

The following result of a planning application was noted

(a) 11/02391/FUL - Churchill Cottage - extension to garden (retrospective) - GRANTED

**9. To receive any correspondence**

(a) Contribution to local Community Links Transport Scheme

This item was discussed after item 12

The Clerk read a letter from the District Council seeking financial support for the scheme. Alderminster had three people using the service and the District Council were looking for a sum of £36 as the parish share to cover the shortfall in the budget to run the service. After discussion during which MR.MELVILLE spoke against the request supported by MR.JENKINS, the CHAIRMAN asked for a show of hands as to whether the scheme should be supported in this way. 3 members were against the scheme and 2 were in favour with 1 abstention. (MR.J.HUTHINGS was not present having left the meeting earlier at 9.20pm)

(b) Verges on C72 (New Road)

Mr. and Mrs.G.Smith of Merrilees, New Road had sent an email concerning the damage caused to the grass verge outside their premises. This had been forwarded to members. After a discussion it was agreed that as the verges are the responsibility of the County Council Highways Department, then Mr. and Mrs. Smith should be advised to contact Mr. Jeff Smith, the Divisional Officer directly with their concerns.

**10. Setting of Precept for 2012/13**

The Clerk had produced the budget estimates for the new financial year. It was agreed that £500 should be put in the budget for the Jubilee celebrations and a further £1000 for the village hall committee. The members agreed that there should be no change in the precept and would be set at £6000, the same as the current financial year.

**11. Passing of any accounts for payment**

(a) Clerk's Salary November and December £\*\*\* (Direct Payment)

(b) HMRC Income Tax Payments £\*\*\* (Direct Payment)

(c) Society of Local Council Clerks Subscription (share) £55

(d) Ettington Community First Responder Scheme - £250

**12. Exclusion of the Public**

(a) To discuss confidential items

This item was discussed after item 8.

The matter concerned the Olympic torch procession. The Clerk and MRS.MOODY had attended a meeting in Stratford upon Avon and had signed a confidentiality agreement on behalf of the Parish Council. The police officers were present to discuss the item with members.

MR.J.HUTCHINGS left the meeting after this item had been discussed (9.20pm).

**13. Closure of meeting**

Dates of Next Meetings - Wednesdays

2012 (Provisional dates)

21st March 2012 (645pm) followed by Annual Assembly (8pm)

16<sup>th</sup> May 2012 (AGM)

11<sup>th</sup> July 2012

12<sup>th</sup> September 2012

14<sup>th</sup> November 2012

There being no further business the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.45pm