

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 16TH
JULY 2008**

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

1. Apologies for absence.

MRS G.HUDSPITH, County Councillor I.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) & (b) as wife of the Clerk and

MR.A.JENKINS declared an interest in items 7(b) as the applicant, 8(a) and (b) as a near neighbour.

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 (May 2008))

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) Bridge over the River Stour – Update

Dr.M.EDWARDS informed the members that at a meeting of the Parish Paths Partnership, Mr.Martin Fry (WCC) had given details of a new design for the bridge which it was hoped would be more acceptable to the land owner. If this was the case and budgets and consents were in order, then there was possibly no need for the compulsory purchase procedure. However this depends on the landowner agreeing, in writing, to the WCC having access across his land for construction and maintenance of the bridge. There was a deadline for him agreeing. An email from Mr.Martin Fry was read to the members. Mr.HUTCHINGS told members that he had been approached by the landowner's representative, Mr.Richard James, to ask that the Parish Council withdraw their previous support for the compulsory purchase order. Mr.James was concerned that the order would give title of his land over to the WCC which would give them power to dispose of it in any way they wished. It was a large amount of land considering the use for which it was intended. A lengthy discussion took place amongst the members on this point but it was agreed that it was a WCC matter and support for the order should not be withdrawn.

(b) Bus User Group representative

The Clerk advised members that no meetings had been held for some considerable time and our local representative Mr. Roland Eliff had now left the village and lived in Wellesbourne. Members agreed that until such time as the meetings were re-instated the item should be removed from future agendas.

(c) Computer project - completion

The Clerk reported that he had completed the end of grant report for the National Lottery which had been accepted. The website is being visited regularly and he is receiving statistics regarding the use on a regular basis.

(d) Overgrown hedge in Village

The Alscot Estate had now cut back the hedge on their land next to Cover Point and had promised to keep the area tidy in the future.

(e) Councillors Training Day 13th September in Alderminster Village Hall

Mr. J. MELVILLE and Mr. A. JENKINS would attend this day. In the event of their unavailability another member would take their place.

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

No report was available from Councillor Seccombe.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 08/01138/FUL - SUNWAYS, NEW ROAD - Extensions etc:

comments: none

(b) 08/01467/LBC - The Hayloft, Alderminster Farm - flood defences

comments: none

8. To receive any results of planning applications

(a) 08/00051/FUL - Nut Tree Barn - amendment to previously submitted plans

(b) 08/00104/LBC - Nut Tree Barn - amendment to previously submitted plans

The Clerk had received an email from the Planning Manager that the Planning Committee had granted these applications subject to the completion of a S106 legal agreement, which would rescind the extant planning permission for the canopy structure over the access/drive.

(c) 08/00914/LBC - Ettington Park Hotel - re-instatement of the fire damaged leisure area etc.- Granted.

9. To receive any correspondence

(a) Decorum Magazine was noted

(b) WCC communication grants scheme was noted

(c) Post Office re organisation was noted. The Post Office at Preston on Stour was earmarked for closure with a 'mobile' post office being provided in its place.

(d) Telephone Boxes removal plans by BT was noted. The Telephone Box in New Road would remain under the plans

(e) Closure of Audit - the external Auditor had completed the audit for 2007/8.

Additional Matters since agenda was published

(f) Training from the Monitoring Officer was noted. Members did not express any interest in attending courses.

(g) Speed Limit programme from WCC was noted. The A3400 from Alderminster into Stratford and the A423 Banbury Road from Ettington into Stratford would be limited to 50mph under the proposals.

10. Passing of any accounts for payment

- (a) Clerk's Salary June and July - £350.69p
- (b) Clerk's expenses incurred £40.40p
- (c) Stratford District Council - re computer project - £1667.60p
- (d) Clement Keys - external audit fee - £141
- (e) Bryan Gerrard - cutting the D6992 March to June inclusive - £329
- (f) Training Partnership - course on 13th September 2008 at Alderminster

11. Closure of meeting

There being no further business, the CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.05pm

Meeting dates for 2008:-

17th September 2008

19th November 2008