

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL NEW ROAD AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 17TH
SEPTEMBER 2008

PRESENT: MRS.M.MOODY (CHAIRMAN), MRS.G.HUDSPITH, MR.J.MELVILLE,
MR.A.JENKINS, DR.M.EDWARDS, COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR I.SECCOMBE.

1. Apologies for absence.

MR.M.MEADOWS, MR.J.HUTCHINGS.

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.

MR.A.JENKINS declared interests in items 8(a) and 10(c)

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. MRS.HUDSPITH took the opportunity to report that following recent work in the village by BT or their contractors, many of the manhole covers had not been replaced correctly and now were trip hazards. The Clerk said that the matter had been reported to BT. MR.MELVILLE to the opportunity to speak about making the Parish Council more proactive in local matters, by becoming involved in projects that could benefit the community. He suggested that a survey should be carried out of residents to find out what concerns or ideas they had for improving the parish. The CHAIRMAN said that this item would be put on the next agenda for discussion. The CHAIRMAN took the opportunity to speak on behalf of MR.HUTCHINGS who wanted it made known that there is currently a vacancy for a Community Governor at Ettington School. MR.JENKINS asked that he be given further information to put a note in Village Voices.

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (July 2008))

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

(a) Bridge over the River Stour – DR.EDWARDS reported that at the last meeting of the Parish Paths Partnership, Mr.Fry, WCC, had given the very positive news that the work to replace the bridge would be commenced shortly and completed by Christmas 2008. A new design for the bridge had been submitted, which had the approval of the landowners and the environment agency and now only needed planning consent from the Warwickshire County Council.

(b) Flood Defence Grants update

The CHAIRMAN gave details of the submissions that had been made for grants following the meeting held in the village hall with those people affected by the recent flooding.

(c) BAP Survey

The Clerk reminded the members of the Biodiversity Action Plan details and a response form was completed.

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

Councillor Seccombe spoke of the proposals for the ECO TOWN at the former Army camp at Long Marston. The action group who were opposed to the plans had been granted permission for a judicial review.. She also spoke of recent inspections carried out within the County Council and said that the results were quite pleasing.

7. To receive any new planning applications

The following planning applications were considered

(a) 08/01787/FUL - The Granary, 1 Goldicote Court, Goldicote - conversion of storage area to study

No observations were made

(b) S4798/08CC025 - WCC replacement footbridge on SD61 - new application

The members supported the plans for the replacement bridge.

(c) 08/02308/FUL - Boundary Cottage, Goldicote - single storey side extension

The plans were discussed at the meeting and no observations were made

8. To receive any results of planning applications

The following results of planning applications were noted:

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

(b) 08/01787/FUL - The Granary, 1 Goldicote Court, Goldicote - conversion of storage area to study - GRANTED

9. To receive any correspondence

(a) WALC Annual General Meeting 28th October 2008 7.30pm Leamington Town Hall - nominations for office requested - no nominations were forthcoming.

(b) WCC Community Emergency Plan update

This plan were discussed by members. The Clerk had updated the information following a note in Village Voices asking for people who considered they needed special assistance in the event of an emergency, or, could offer professional assistance in an emergency, to contact the clerk for inclusion in the plan. No responses had been received to either request.

(c) WCC Chairman's 'At Home' drinks reception invite 27th September 6.30pm at Shire Hall was noted - no member was able to attend.

(d) Community Forums Scheme - MR.MELVILLE reported on the new scheme. He felt that whilst very few of the parishes in the area covered by the Forum attended, there could be some benefit in attending the meetings. He said that perhaps members could take turns in attending the meetings.

(e) Various magazines and newsletters were circulated

(f) Rural Housing Enabling Event 8th October Ettington Village Hall from 4pm was

noted - no member was able to attend

(g) Patient Participation Meeting Medical Centre Shipston on Stour 15/10/2008 was noted

(h) SDC - consultation re revised car parking charges was noted. Members did not welcome any increases in parking charges.

10. Passing of any accounts for payment

The following accounts were passed for payment:

(a) Clerk's Salary August and September - £350.69p

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £35.64p

(c) Alderminster PCC grant towards Clock lighting - £100

11. Closure of meeting

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 9.50pm

Date of Next Meeting

19th November 2008

Meetings for 2009

21st January 2009

18th March 2009 (6.45pm PC meeting 8.00pm Annual Assembly)

20th May 2009 (AGM)

15th July 2009

16th September 2009

18th November 2009