

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2009 AT
6.45PM**

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

1. Apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interests.

(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. MOODY declared an interest in items 11(a), 11(b) as wife of clerk.

MR. JENKINS declared an interest in items 8(b) and 8(c) as a near neighbour

3. Any items from Members of the Public present at the Meeting including those items on the agenda

There were no members of the public present, and no councillor exercised their right to address the meeting.

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meetings (January 2009)

The Clerk had circulated the minutes and they 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) Flood Defence Grants update

The Clerk reported that two grants were still unpaid. He read an email from Mr.Tiley of Stratford District Council concerning the possibility of grants from DEFRA for flood defences. Mr. Tiley would be applying on behalf of Alderminster. No action is required from the Parish Council at present.

(b) Bridge over the River Stour

DR. EDWARDS updated the members on the current situation. The main structure was now stored locally awaiting favourable weather to put it in place.

(c) Community Forum report

MR. MELVILLE gave a comprehensive report on the last Community Forum meeting at which he spoke about the Wimpstone Turn bus stop, the lack of gritting on the C72 (New Road), and the incidence of ragwort. He also gave details of the Police presentation regarding the Bulldog Bash and their wish to have the 10 year licence revoked. He drew the forum's attention to the speeding of vehicles through Alderminster and in the 30 mph area of New Road.

(d) Village Survey/Pro-active Parish Council

A leaflet drop had been carried out in the village seeking volunteers to see the project through. So far 3 volunteers had come forward - Mrs.J.Jones, Mr.and Mrs.Young.

(e) Bus stop at Wimpstone Turn

MR.MELVILLE had spoken about this at the Forum meeting. It was noted that the bus stop signs had not yet been painted onto the road surface.

(f) Tidy Village

This item would be dealt with within the Parish Survey.

(g) Defibrillator

The CHAIRMAN reported that she would be arranging a separate public meeting in April when it was hoped that more people would be inclined to attend.

(h) Grit box New Road

It was noted that the replacement grit box was in place thanks to MR. MEADOWS.

(i) Interactive Sign A3400

It was noted that the sign was now functioning correctly.

6. New Matters previously notified to Clerk

Parking of vehicles on roadside verges in the Village

MR. MELVILLE expressed his concerns over the number of vehicles that were being parked on the roadside verges outside peoples' homes causing damage to the grass etc. He was not sure what could be done to prevent this and sought the views of other members. It was generally felt that whilst sympathising with his views, there was little that could be done as it was a countywide problem.

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

Councillor Seccombe spoke of the idea of opening up the old tramway as a cycle/walking route. She said that they were currently exploring the ownership of the old tramway and the potential costs of such a project. She drew the attention of the members to the consultation document regarding the Minerals Core Strategy and the fact that a site at the Atherstone Airfield was in the document as a site for consideration. She was opposed to this idea due to the increased traffic it would generate. She also updated the members on the ECOTOWN proposals.

8. To receive any new planning applications

The following comments to recent planning applications were ratified:

(a) 09/00237/FUL - Churchill Farm, Alderminster - two storey extension to existing dwelling

No comments

(b) 09/00289/LBC - Nut Tree Barn, Alderminster - replace timber boarding, raise height of roof to provide first floor accommodation and extensions to side of building.

(c) 09/00126/FUL - Nut Tree Barn, Alderminster - description as 8(b)

Comments for both (b) and (c)

This has been a complicated planning issue which is clearly outlined in the conservation officer's report of 10th March 2009. This officer is clearly against the present proposals. The Parish Council have not been privy to any of the discussions that have taken place between planning officers and the applicants and have not been advised as to why the previous applications were deemed to be invalid. Not being in full possession of the facts, the members therefore are unable to comment on this present application. However, members do consider that listed buildings should remain as close to their original design as possible when making alterations.

9. To receive any results of planning applications

The following result of a planning application was noted

(a) 08/03223/FUL - Eversley, Alderminster - extension - GRANTED

10. To receive any correspondence

(a) Biodiversity Project Details

The Clerk gave details of this project. MR. MEADOWS agreed to look at the project on behalf of the Parish Council

(b) Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust

The Clerk gave details of the recruitment drive and handed out leaflets

(c) Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Stratford on Avon) Order 2009

The introduction of this order from 1st April 2009 was noted.

(d) Warwickshire Best Kept Village and Calor Village of the Year Competition 2009

This item would be considered at the next meeting in May 2009

(e) Warwickshire Minerals Core Strategy (Revised) Consultation

Following on from Councillor Seccombe's report it was agreed that the Parish Council should forward their concerns at the use of the site at Atherstone Airfield for mineral extraction due to the extra traffic it would generate on the A3400 and its rural location.

(f) Standards Board Newsletter was noted

(g) Invite to Chairman's Reception 28th March 6.30pm Shire Hall was noted

11. Passing of any accounts for payment

To approve increase in Clerk's Salary in accordance with NALC/SLCC agreement.

The Clerk gave details of the final pay settlement which members approved. The Clerk would be paid for 4 hours per week at SCP 23.

(a) Clerk's Salary Back Pay from April 2008 £5.20p - February and March 2009 £360.33p

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £18.23p

(c) Cupboards Direct Grit Box - £106.95p

12. Closure of meeting

The CHAIRMAN closed the meeting at 8.00pm

Date of Next Meeting

20th May 2009 (AGM)

15th July 2009

16th September 2009

18th November 2009