

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF ALDERMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW ROAD ON WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY 2009 AT
7.30PM**

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

1. Apologies for absence.
MRS.G.HUDSPITH

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) & (c)

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

4. Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting (May 2009)

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) Survey update - Mr. Melville

MR.MELVILLE gave details of meeting he had chaired to discuss the possibility of carrying out a village survey. Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Jones and Mr. Trevis had attended the meeting. Several ideas on how the survey should be conducted were discussed and what items should be raised in the survey. A further meeting would be held in September.

(b) Defibrillator - Mrs. Moody

Mrs. MOODY updated the members on the progress with this project. She had had some difficulties with the West Midlands Ambulance Service in obtaining their prices for machines etc. She had been given a price by the Arrhythmia Alliance of £2480 for a machine and the storage box (exclusive of VAT). Mrs.Holman-West had agreed that the equipment could be at the Bell Inn. It was agreed that a public meeting to demonstrate the equipment should be held in September.

(c) Flood Relief Grant

The Clerk advised members that two recipients of the grant still had not claimed their grants.

(d) Annual Audit

The papers had been forwarded to the External Auditors who had pointed out that despite having used the same form to advertise the end of the audit for the past 6 years, the Clerk had actually not used the correct form. He had since obtained a correct copy of the form. The signed off accounts had not yet been received from the Auditors.

(e) Various highway and other reported matters

The Clerk reported that the following items were currently being dealt with by the County Highways Department:

Overgrown path between SD60 and SD61 on A3400 - Hemlock has been found at this location and will be removed

The wall near to Springbank on the A3400 - has been reported to bridges section for attention

Hedgerows along the A3400 - will be cut back in next few weeks

Bollards near to the Old School on A3400 - will be replaced

Drains in New Road - have been placed on County Drainage list for attention when resources allow

Gully on A3400 near Tithe Bungalow - this is blocked and further investigation will be carried out when resources allow

Gully on C48 near to Goldicote - this is blocked and further investigation will be carried out when resources allow

Sides of C48 following resurfacing work - will be filled as necessary

Some 'slurrying' will be carried out on footways along the A3400

(f) Bridge celebration meeting - Dr.Edwards

Dr. EDWARDS spoke of the recent 'celebration evening' held on 10th June in the Village Hall following the opening of the new footbridge on SD61. 45 people attended along with Councillors Seccombe and Saint. Mr. Martin Fry and his wife, Mrs. James and her daughter, were also in attendance.

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

Councillor Seccombe spoke of the concerns about the possible purchase of a field between Darlingscott and Blackwell by a gipsy group. Concerns had been raised that a similar situation to that at the Darlingscott crossroads on the Fosse Way might arise. The District Council had placed a 28 day stop notice on the site to prevent any illegal occupancy. There was to be an announcement by the Government regarding the ECO town choices. This would not however effect the site at Long Marston as a decision on this site is not expected until the Autumn.

7. To receive any new planning applications

(a) 09/01317/FUL - Church Hill Cottage - demolish existing and replace with a new dwelling etc.

No objections were raised as this was a renewal of an existing permission which is due to expire.

8. To receive any results of planning applications

(a) None received.

9. To receive any correspondence

(a) Various magazines

10. Passing of any accounts for payment

(a) Clerk's Salary April and May - £360.33p

(b) Clerk's expenses incurred £32.49

(c) Clement Keys - external audit fee - £138

(d) Bryan Gerrard - cutting the E6992 March to June inclusive - £329

(e) M.Moody - expenses for Bridge Celebration meeting - £49.90p

11. Closure of meeting

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

Meeting dates for 2009:-

16th September 2009

18th November 2009