

Alderminster Parish Council
Minutes for
Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
Held on
Monday 09th September 2024
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr John Melville
Cllr Mark Meadows
Cllr David Curtis
Mrs L Callow (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 4 members of the public

1	Apologies: DC Cllr Dominic Skinner sent apologies.
2	Declaration of interests: none received.
3	Co-Option: The Chair announced the new Councillor they are co-opting. The new councillor signed the Declaration of office.
4	Questions from the public: the public footpath from Preston turning to Alderminster is in poor condition and is overgrown. The overgrown hedges are up to the landowners, but the paving is up to Warwickshire County Council highways department. Cllr Izzi Seccombe will investigate this.
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6	Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes from the previous meeting of the 23 rd July 2024 were unanimously agreed with and were signed by the Chairman.
7	Purchase of replacement Jubilee Bench: Clerk gave report with quotes for a new bench. Councillors unanimously decided to accept quotation from Sloane & Sons for the balmoreal in 1.8m. clerk will arrange delivery and fitting.
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9	Councillors' reports: Cllr Melville expressed his disappointment with Cllr Dominic Skinner as once again he hasn't attended a Parish meeting especially when the community have previously expressed their concerns and have questions they are wanting answers for.
10	District and County Councillors' reports: DC Cllr Dominic Skinner emailed a report. This was read out by the chairman. It is also attached to the minutes. (Appendix A) Cllr Seccombe spoke about the pressures around social care, children's safeguarding, children with special needs and home transport. last 12 months WCC have managed to pull back about 10%. Special education needs are increasing with demand. They have capital to put hubs onto schools. Costing overspend month on month and have a forecast overspend of £26 million pounds. They are putting in spending controls to pull back on costs. SEND has gone up 37% in

5 years. There is a push through public health for pregnant mothers and the elderly to have the RSV vaccination. Over 60s are being offered the shingle vaccination.

11 **Planning applications:** Planning application 24/01717/FUL Sunnydale, New Road, Alderminster was received in which the Parish Council responded with no representation.

Accounts for payment and finance matters:

The following payments were approved and authorised:

- 12 i. DCK Payroll August- £36.00
- ii. Clerks Salary August - £**
- 13 iii. Bank Charges - £8.00
- iv. Clearview Window Cleaning - £100.00
- v. SC Plus Ltd - £336.00
- vi. DCK Payroll September £36.00

The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

Correspondence:

- i. Parish and Town Council Survey – Councillors will email their responses to the survey to the clerk to submit.
- ii. Training Courses- After a meeting with the monitoring officer, councillors are needing to take the opportunity to attend more of the training courses that are offered. Clerk has given all councillors a list of current courses available and will book them onto any of their choosing.

Items for future agenda: none

Meeting closed at 8:40pm

Next meeting Monday 11th November 2024

Signed.....

Appendix A

Q3 2024 District Councillor Report
CLlr Dominic Skinner – Quinton Ward
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UBUS:

From 1 September, Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council's joint UBUS service will be replaced by a new Demand Responsive Transport Service (DRT) run by Warwickshire County Council (WCC).

Further funding of £70k was agreed by Stratford District Council to ensure the service remains accessible to as many residents across the District as possible.

This funding will be sufficient for WCC to procure an additional vehicle and also provide a late afternoon and evening service between 4.30pm and 7pm across the whole District, which had originally been proposed to be withdrawn.

It is important that this service is well advertised to residents who cannot access public transport because of mobility issues or live in an area with limited or no public transport.

Local Councils Charter:

SDC has signed up to the revised Warwickshire Local Councils Charter. The last revision was in 2015 so it has been updated and relaunched. It is also supporting WALC with their Civility and Respect pledge.

Home Energy Grants:

Please let residents who do not use gas to heat their home and have a household income of under £36,000 a year, regardless of any savings, and have an EPC for their home of D, E, F or G that they can apply for a Home Energy Grant. Please refer them to Act on Energy for advice (www.actonenergy.org.uk or 0800 988 2881).

New SDC newsletter:

The District Council have a new online newsletter 'The Online View' that residents can sign up to for information about the Council. They can sign up on the website under the News section.

Antisocial Behaviour and Violent Crime Prevention training:

All councillors have been given a series of training sessions on the work being undertaken to address antisocial behaviour and violent crime prevention by the police, WCC and the SDC Community Safety team. Earlier this year SDC invested in extra CCTV, CCTV upgrades and rural crime prevention.

LGA Councillors Forum:

Council Leader Susan Juned attended the LGA Councillors Forum online to hear from the Deputy Prime Minister and the new Minister about their proposals that will affect or involve local government. Subjects covered include finance, affordable housing and planning changes.

Skills Escalator Funding:

Funding is available to small and medium sized businesses or self-employed and based in Warwickshire to apply for up to £750 training support per person to upskill their employees. Please contact Email: skillshub@warwickshire.gov.uk

New MP:

A protocol is being explored and agreed for regular Leader/MP and regular Chief Executive/MP meetings with Manuela Perteghella MP. Previously there was very little or no contact between the local MP and SDC, so this is welcomed. Manuela is also keen to engage

with local PCs to ensure local issues can be addressed and raised at parliamentary level if needed. If you have any particular issue that you'd like Manuela's support with, then please let me know and I will arrange a meeting.

The Old Stour:

I have asked John Careford (Head of Planning) for a meeting to discuss progress on the issues at The Old Stour. In particular the results of the drainage and levels survey that was completed. I've had correspondence from Don Lemen on the matter and wish to feedback to them what progress has been made. As soon as this is done, I'll send an updated report to the PC.