

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 15th March 2017
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

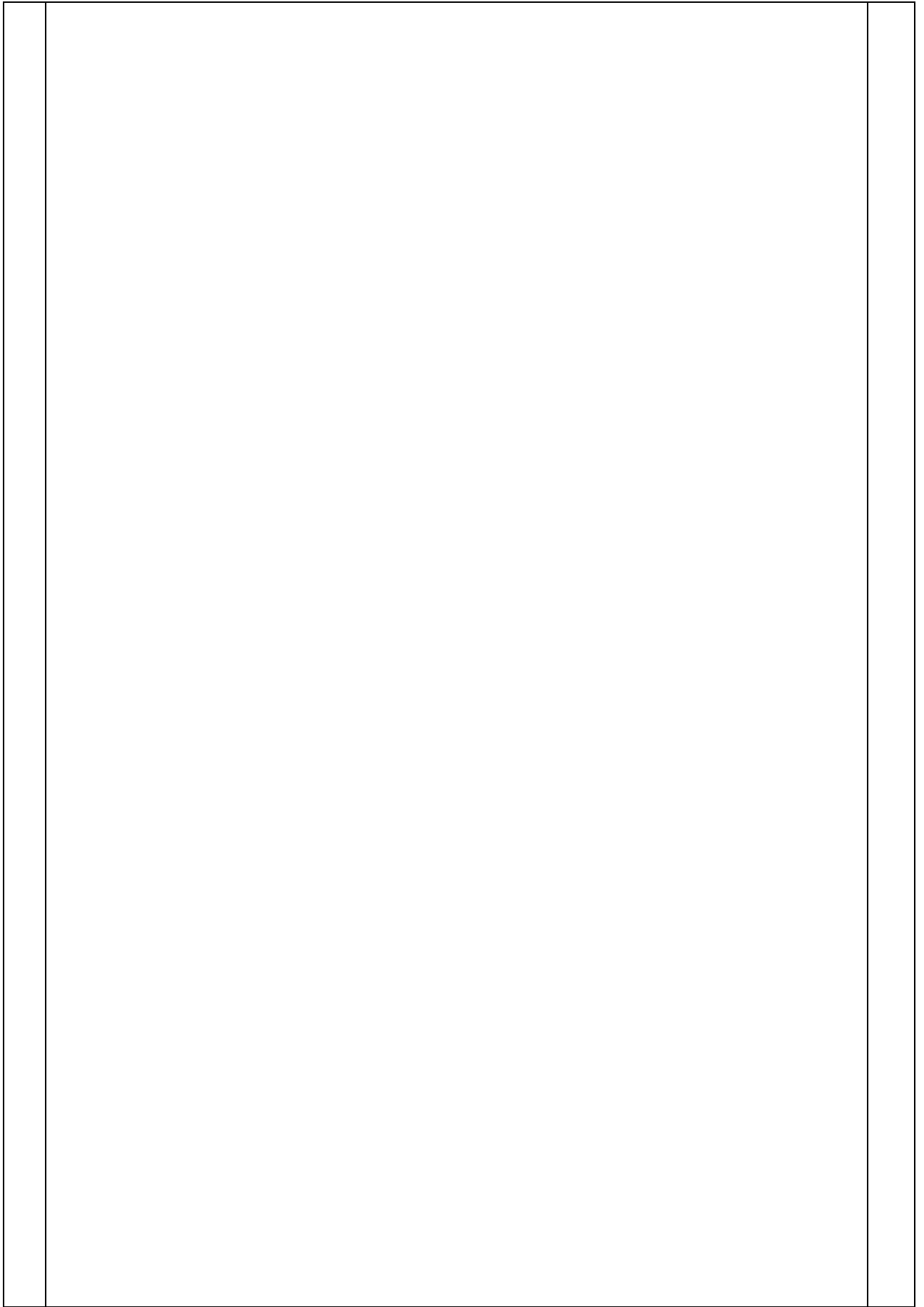
Present: Cllr John Melville (Chairman)
Cllr Geoff Smith (Vice Chairman)
Cllr James Dignan
Cllr Karen Jones
Cllr Mark Meadows
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 3 members of the public

1	Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.
3	Questions from the public: A member of the public asked if the benefits of the s106 agreement could be published in Village Voices. The Chairman agreed that this would be done, saying that the money had been allocated for provision of new bus stops and a play area. Miss Penny Anne O'Donnell informed the Council that she would be standing for election on the 4 th May as District Councillor for the Ettington Ward.
4	Minutes of the previous meeting of the 18th January 2017 The minutes of the meeting on the 18 th January 2017 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
5	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.
6	Report from the District Councillor or County Councillor: In response to the query about s106 funding, Cllr Seccombe suggested that Warwickshire County Council would need to be advised about the location of the new bus stops. The budget allocation for Warwickshire had now been agreed. There would be no decrease in the level of investment for Highways, grass maintenance, roads or road gritting. The Council would also maintain the same level of investment in apprenticeships, as these had proved highly effective in reducing the numbers of unemployed young school leavers. The Chief Executive of the County Council had retired. Until his replacement is selected, the

	<p>role is being shared between two Acting Chief Executives; Monica Fogarty, responsible for external partnerships, and David Carter, responsible for corporate affairs and paid services. Extra social workers would be employed to look after vulnerable children; the aim being to reduce the number of children being taken into care.</p> <p>Warwickshire is now the top performing county for business investment.</p>	
7	<p>Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Smith reported that surveys had been delivered to 210 households. These would be collected in two weeks time and sent off for processing. The results would be available mid to late April and would be presented at the Parish Meeting on the 17th May.</p>	
8	<p>Website: It was resolved to accept the quotation submitted by The Bureau to commission a website at a cost of £950.</p>	
9	<p>Liaison with neighbouring councils: Cllr Smith said that Alderminster was already liaising with Ettington and Pillerton Priors about the speed gun, to be shared amongst the three parishes. There was discussion concerning the planning application for an anaerobic digester at Whitehill Farm. Councillors agreed that the united approach of the four parish councils involved had resulted in the application being refused, but remained concerned that the Committee had ignored the submissions made about the dangers of increased traffic. The Highways report on potential traffic issues had, in the opinion of all Parish Councils, been wholly unrealistic. Cllr Seccombe said that she would contact Highways and ask them how they had reached the conclusion that there would be minimal increase in traffic along the A3400 and surrounding roads.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Council would contact Preston on Stour, Whitchurch and Clifford Chambers Parish Councils and suggest working together on this, and other issues as necessary.</p>	
10	<p>Road markings/cats' eyes: It was agreed to request the Highways Authority to remove the double row of cats' eyes and replace them with a single row down the centre of the hatchings. The double row created a lot of noise, particularly at night. It was also believed that a single row may help reduce speeding through the village.</p>	
11	<p>Traffic calming measures: Cllr Smith reported on the agreement reached between Ettington, Pillerton Priors and Alderminster regarding the speed gun. Each parish was to have use of the device for two weeks in every six week period. Alderminster would provide the necessary high visibility jackets and signs. Any further traffic calming measures would be considered once the results of the parish plan survey had been obtained.</p>	
12	<p>Gardening Club: The Council considered a request for a donation of £500 to support the work of the Gardening Club and unanimously resolved to grant the request.</p>	
13	<p>Maintenance issues:</p>	

14	<p>All issues on the list had been reported to the relevant authorities. The clerk was asked to check when the painting of the bridge was likely to take place.</p> <p>Planning applications There were no planning applications.</p> <p>To receive any results of planning applications: The Council noted the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 16/04001/VARY Mulberry House: Permission refused for “variation to condition 5 (access surfaced with a bound material) and 8 (entrance gates) of planning permission 16/01192/FUL for the proposed two storey side and rear extensions. New access point onto New Road. This is to alter the entrance gates and access surfacing materials. ii) 16/04093/FUL 4 Sutcliffe Avenue: Permission granted for proposed first floor side extension and two storey rear extension. iii) 16/01490/FUL Land at Whitehill Farm: Permission refused for installation of an anaerobic digester. 	
15	<p>Accounts for payments and finance matters: The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerk’s salary January £** ii) HMRC (income tax) £** iii) Clerk’s salary February £** iv) HMRC (income tax on clerk’s salary) £** v) Clerk’s expenses £6.60 vi) Alderminster Village Hall (hire of hall) £90.00 	
16	<p>Correspondence: Letters of thanks had been received from Alderminster Tots and Village Voices for the contributions made by the Parish Council.</p>	
17	<p>Councillors’ reports and items for future agenda: It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would begin at 6.30 on the 17th May, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting where the results of the parish plan survey would be discussed.</p>	
18	<p>Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 17th May 2017</p> <p>Appendix A</p> <p>MAINTENANCE LIST FOR 15th March 2017</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repainting of the bridge – date to be established. 2. HGV traffic on New Road – ongoing 	



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