

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 17th March 2021
Remote Zoom Meeting 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Lesley Casley

Cllr Chris Mason-Bailey

Cllr John Melville

Cllr Michael White

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe, Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell and one member of the public

1	Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.
2	Declaration of interests: Cllr Casley declared an interest in respect of item 12 iii) of the agenda and did not take part in the subsequent discussion or vote.
3	Questions from the public: There were no questions from members of the public.
4	Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting on the 10 th February 2021 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record. These would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.
5	Councillor co-option: It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Ian Sloan to fill the vacant seat on the Parish Council. Mr Sloan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk and Council.
6	District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr Seccombe said that the Council had just had its last full Council meeting before the purdah period began in preparation for the May elections. The numbers of people infected with Covid were reducing and the vaccination programme was doing well. The County Council had received a petition to turn street lights back on in Stratford. Cllr O'Donnell said that Stratford's economy had suffered badly during lockdown. It was anticipated that the proposed amalgamation with Warwick District Council would help to ameliorate this. She had asked that there be a full public consultation on the proposed merger.

7	<p>Handyperson: It was agreed that the only pressing maintenance work was the clearance of the backwash bridge. Advertising the opportunity in Village Voices was discussed but it was agreed the clerk would first contact a maintenance worker based in Quinton.</p>	
8	<p>Chairman's report: The Chairman summarised the objections she had made at the Planning Committee for planning application 20/01335/FUL Caffeine and Machine. She did not feel the development was sensitive to its surroundings and believed it was not compliant with NPPF, CS12, CS22 or AS10. Notwithstanding her comments and those of the Ward member who were both concerned at the impact the development would have on local residents, the application was granted. In the light of this the Chairman suggested that the Parish Council needed to rethink its approach to planning applications. Given that development was regarded as essential by the Planning Authority it would be expedient to work closely with the case officers in the hope of mitigating any damaging effects of development.</p>	
9	<p>Approach to planning applications: Councillors aired their views on this topic, particularly in the light of the Chairman's comments above. There was general agreement that it would be a fruitful exercise to engage more closely with case officers.</p>	
10	<p>Defibrillator cabinet: After discussion it was resolved to defer the purchase of this item until an estimate for installation costs had been obtained.</p>	
11	<p>Solar Farm: A virtual consultation webinar was scheduled to take place on the 25th March to enable the public to have their say on the proposed 58 hectare solar farm at Crimscote. The Council decided to defer any response it may have until after the public consultation.</p>	
12	<p>Planning applications: The Council considered the following applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 21/00403/FUL 4 Blue Lane: proposed replacement side extension with new roof covering across the rear of the dwelling house. No representation was made to this application. ii) 21/00102/FUL The Conifers: proposed front covered porch and gable together with internal alterations to form additional living accommodation. It was resolved to make no representation to this application. iii) 21/00461/FUL Halfway House: proposed single storey rear extension. It was resolved to make no representation to this application. <p>There were no planning decisions to be noted.</p>	
13	<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 - £** ii) HMRC (income tax) - £** iii) WALC (councillor course) - £30.00 iv) WALC (councillor course) - £33.60 	

v) Grant to Shipston Home Nursing - £500.00

The supporting documentation would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

14 **Correspondence:**

Notification of Local Government Boundary Commission meeting on the 30th March 2021 regarding electoral review.

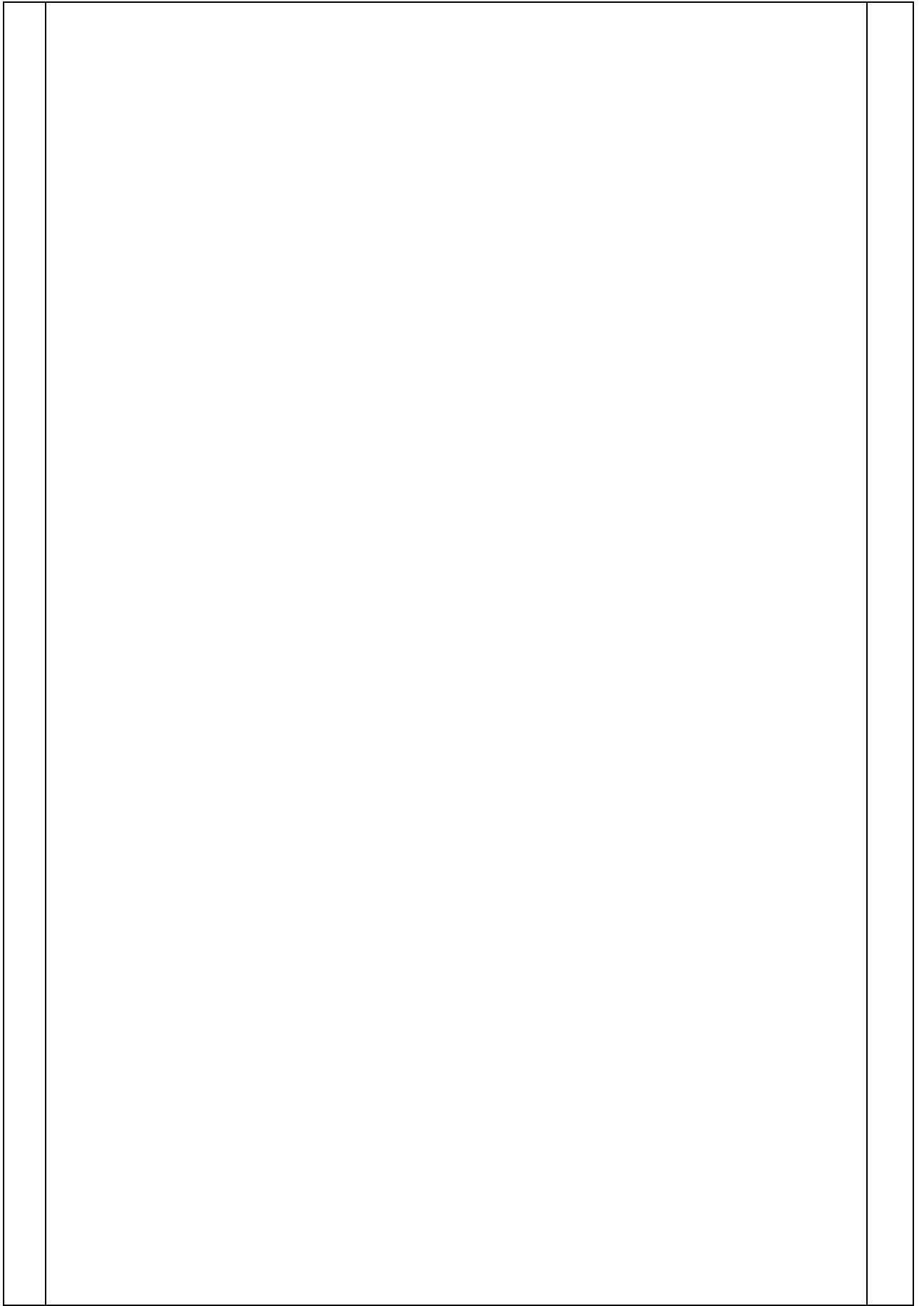
WRCC & WCAVA – provision of advice regarding re opening of village halls.

15 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:**

There were no reports to be made.

16 **Close of meeting:** The meeting closed at 8.51 pm.

The next meeting would take place in May at a date to be arranged.



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