

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 17th November 2021
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr Chris Mason-Bailey

Cllr Lesley Casley

Cllr Ian Sloan

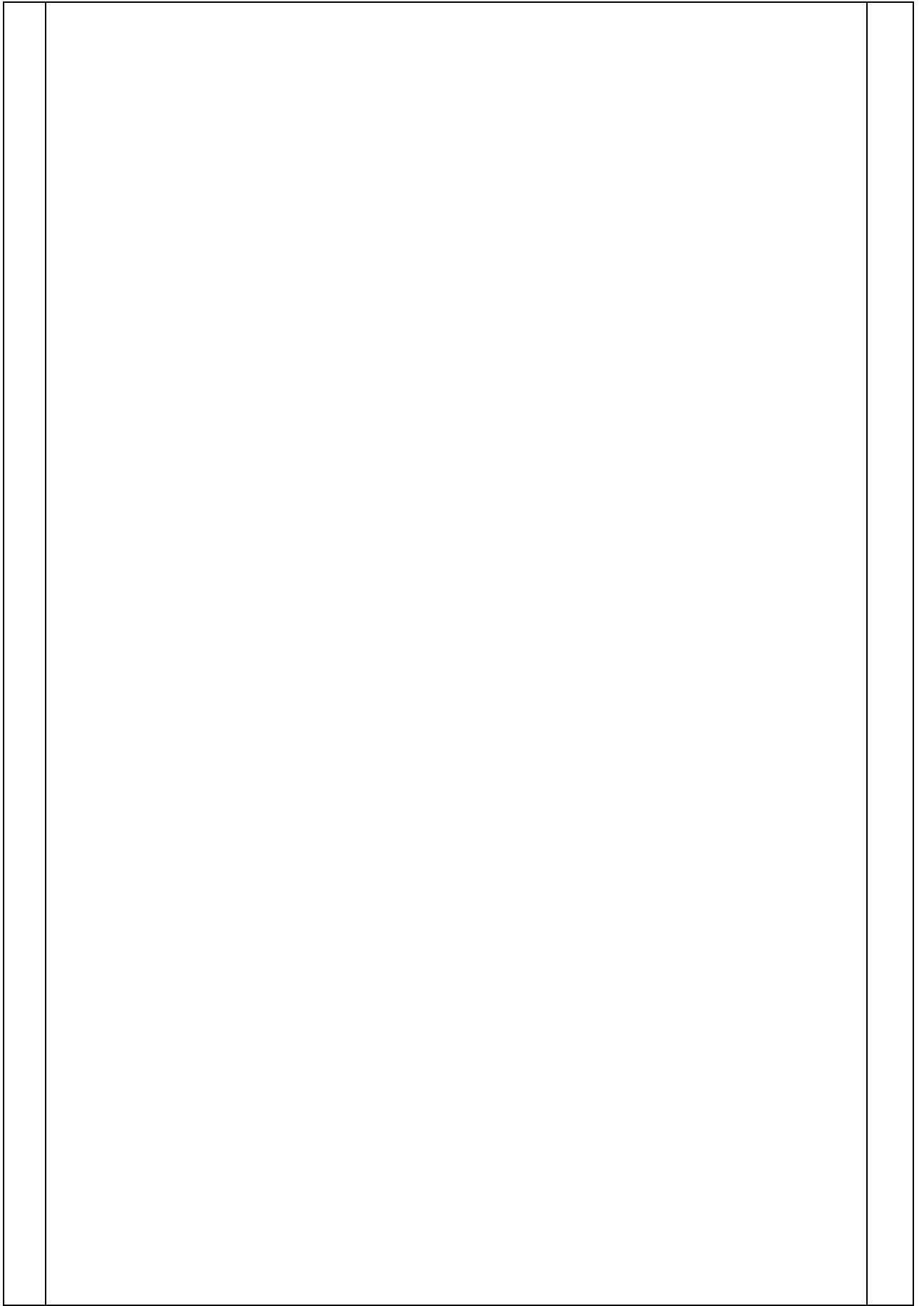
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell.

1	Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.
2	Declaration of interests: There were no declarations of interest.
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 15 th September 2021 were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
5	Signage for planters: The Council approved the format of the speed awareness signs selected. These would be purchased and placed on the planters.
6	Queen's Green Canopy: After discussion the Council resolved to defer a decision on this issue until a later meeting. Having been informed that there was no funding available this season for planting, the Council wanted further information from the County Council before committing itself to purchasing a commemorative tree at an approximate cost of £300. The clerk was asked to enquire about the height of trees offered for sale via the County Council and the cost of the maintenance regime. She was also asked to ascertain the cost of a tree if the Parish Council were to undertake the planting itself.

7	<p>District and County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Cllr O'Donnell said that Covid numbers were down in Warwickshire, though still a little above the national average. There is also an Avian flu warning throughout Warwickshire, with people being urged not to touch any sick or dead wild birds. It has been confirmed that the swan population in Stratford-upon-Avon is affected by Avian Flu.</p> <p>The Climate Change Panel at Stratford District Council has issued its three main ambitions. The first is to ensure that the new South Warwickshire Council is net zero carbon within a year of its first election and that services provided by its contractors include carbon reduction targets to deliver net zero by 2030. The second ambition is to reduce net carbon emissions across South Warwickshire by at least 55% by 2030 and to further reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. The third ambition is to enable the environment and communities to have adapted to the potential of at least a three degree rise in global temperatures by 2100.</p> <p>The green waste subscription continues to attract fresh customers and is proving a lucrative source of income for the District Council. Sadly, this gain has been offset by the fire at the recycling centre in Ettington. Fly tipping is well below last year's level but has still not fallen to below the 2019 levels. Parish Councillors commented on the high levels of fly tipping in the area with farmers being particularly badly affected. Cllr O'Donnell was asked to investigate the possibility of a more flexible booking system at the waste disposal centres in the area.</p> <p>Residents wishing to contribute to the homeless are being asked to make contactless payments instead of cash. A device has been installed in Roly's Fudge and HR Café and another restaurant has agreed to install a machine. A further two premises are in discussion. The Fred Winter Centre is due to open at the end of the month.</p> <p>Lastly, because of delays in the ambulance service communities were being asked to consider installing more defibrillators.</p>	
8	<p>Housing Needs Survey:</p> <p>It was resolved to ask a representative from Warwickshire Rural Housing Association to attend the Parish Council's next meeting to give further information on a housing needs survey.</p>	
9	<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>The Chairman said that the Parish Council had submitted an objection to the proposal to create a South Warwickshire Council. The findings from the consultation will be considered at a meeting on the 13th December 2021 and a decision will be made as to whether the two councils want to request the government to allow the councils to merge.</p> <p>Ofcom wants to ensure that where needed, public call boxes will be protected from removal. Call boxes would remain in situ where there is no coverage from all four mobile network providers; or a call box is located in an accident or suicide hotspot; where more than 52 calls have been made from the phone box in the last 12 months, or where there is a relevant exceptional circumstance which demonstrates a need for the call box. According to BT's mobile checker, the phone box on New Road does not have coverage from all four mobile phone providers so should not be subject to removal.</p>	
10	<p>Draft precept:</p> <p>Councillors began discussions on the draft precept budget. It was agreed that the precept would be finalised at the meeting in January.</p>	

11	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 21/03129/FUL 5 Goldicote Court, Goldicote: replacement like for like garden shed. It was resolved to make no representation to this application. ii) 21/03370/FUL The Lodge, Goldicote: erection of a double garage with storage. It was resolved to make no representation to this application. <p>And to note the results of the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 21/01946/FUL Allersmead House, Alderminster: permission granted for a first floor side extension (rear of street view). 	
12	<p>Accounts for payment and finance matters:</p> <p>The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerk's salary (September) - £** ii) HMRC (income tax) - £** iii) Geosphere (online mapping) - £60.00 iv) Clerk's salary (October) - £** v) Alderminster Village Hall (donation) - £500.00 vi) HMRC (income tax) - £**. vii) WALC (Chairman's course) - £36.00 <p>The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p>	
13	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Thanks were received from the Village Hall Treasurer for the Council's donation to the Village Event. Clifford Chambers Parish Council had provided an update on the proposed planning application for the relocation of All Things Wild from Honeybourne to Clifford Chambers.</p>	
14	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:</p> <p>Cllr Melville reported that the majority of overhanging hedges in the village had now been cut back. There was just one at the top end of the village which required attention.</p> <p>Cllr Mason-Bailey said that in his view the steps on the Millenium bridge were still hazardous. The clerk reported that the Footpaths Team were awaiting permission for access from the landowners before installing the step at the backwash bridge.</p>	
15	<p>The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.</p>	



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