

Alderminster Parish Assembly

Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 18th May 2022
Alderminster Village Hall 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllr Karen Jones
Cllr Mark Meadows
Cllr John Melville
Cllr Lesley Casley
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

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

1	Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllr Ian Sloan, Cllr Chris Mason-Bailey and Cllr Izzi Seccombe.
2	Minutes of 2021 Annual Assembly: The minutes of the 2021 Annual Parish Meeting were unanimously approved as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
3	Any matters arising from those minutes: There were no matters arising.
4	Report from the Parish Council Chairman: The Chairman said that her report highlighted the activity of Alderminster Parish Council across the period April 2021 to the end of April 2022. During that period the Parish Councillors were Lesley Casley, David Curtis who had been co-opted on the 27 th April 2022, Chris Mason-Bailey, Mark Meadows, John Melville, Michael White who had resigned in June 2021, Ian Sloan and herself. Maria Norman continued in her role of Clerk to the Council and the Chairman thanked her for her continued commitment to the Alderminster Parish Council. The Parish Council met eight times over the period of the report and the areas of focus for the Council have been contributing to consultations, responding to planning applications, grant funding as well as parish development and maintenance matters. The consultations were: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople SPD2. South Warwickshire Local Plan3. Enforcement consultation4. Merger of Stratford and Warwick District Councils5. Ofcom: Proposals on public call boxes. Grants: In September 2021 the Parish Council made a grant of £500 to the Village Hall Committee as a contribution to the post lockdown village party. Planning applications: The Parish Council has considered 10 planning applications relating to private residences and an application for change of use of an agricultural barn to a single

residential dwelling. It has also considered an application for a solar farm at Crimscote. It is actively supporting residents in objecting to an application for the construction of up to 17 self/custom build houses and the provision of new access in the village.

General development and maintenance matters:

1. Noticeboard cleaned
2. Defibrillator installed at the Village Hall.
3. Planters installed at village gateways.
4. Steps on the Millenium bridge repaired.
5. The backwash bridge was cleared and a step built.
6. A new grit bin at the junction of New Road and Campden Lawns.
7. On 27th April 2022 the Parish Council resolved not to adopt the public open space at The Old Stour.
8. The Parish Council agreed to conduct a Housing Needs Survey and the closing date for questionnaires is 21st May 2022.

Having not increased the precept in the previous year, in January 2022 the Parish Council agreed to increase the precept from £10,800 to £11,100; an increase of 2.78%

To finish, the Chairman reminded residents that Parish Council meetings are open to the public and provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions on any issue relating to the parish. The engagement of residents is always welcomed.

5 Report from the County Councillor:

Owing to the absence of Cllr Seccombe there was no report to be made.

6 Report from the District Councillor:

Cllr O'Donnell said the majority of time at Stratford District Council had been spent in disentangling themselves from the doomed merger of Stratford and Warwick District Councils. The merger failed due to a lack of financial information sharing and co-operation with due diligence. The South Warwickshire Local Plan will continue jointly as will the climate change work and shared legal services. At her last meeting as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Cllr O'Donnell advised that an independently chaired task and finish group should work jointly with Warwick District Council to cover lessons learnt.

Dementia Action Week takes place from 16 May to 22 May and this year the theme is diagnosis. Early diagnosis can potentially benefit people and the Dementia Friendly Stratford-upon-Avon group are there to provide support. SDC has also produced a leaflet detailing all the dementia support services available across the district.

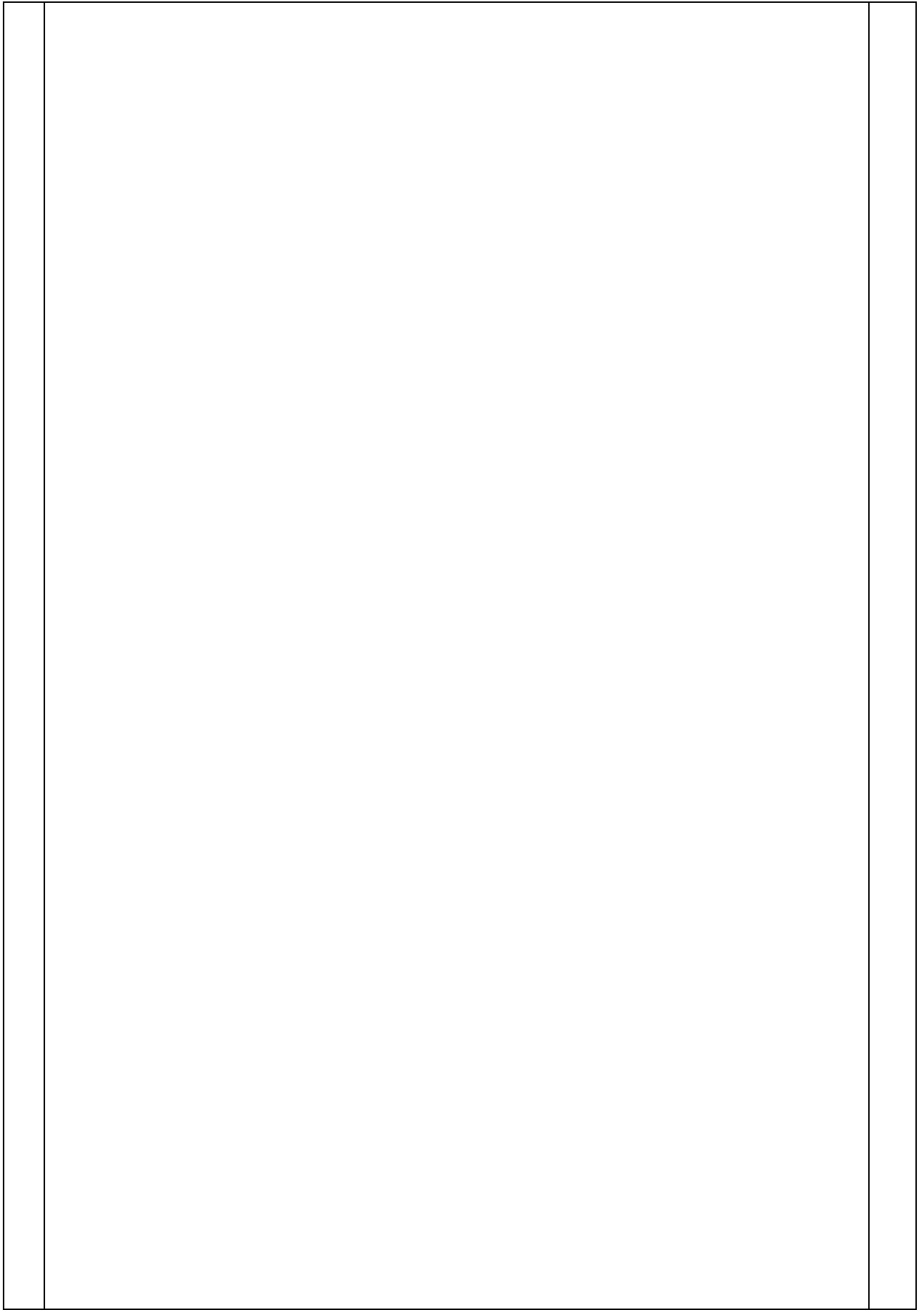
Warwick and Stratford District Councils are on the lookout for South Warwickshire's Climate Change Champions. These will be residents or businesses that are doing their bit, no matter how small, to reduce their carbon footprint. Any encouragement to motivate others to do the same is welcomed. Contact www.warwickdc.gov.uk/climatechampions to nominate candidates.

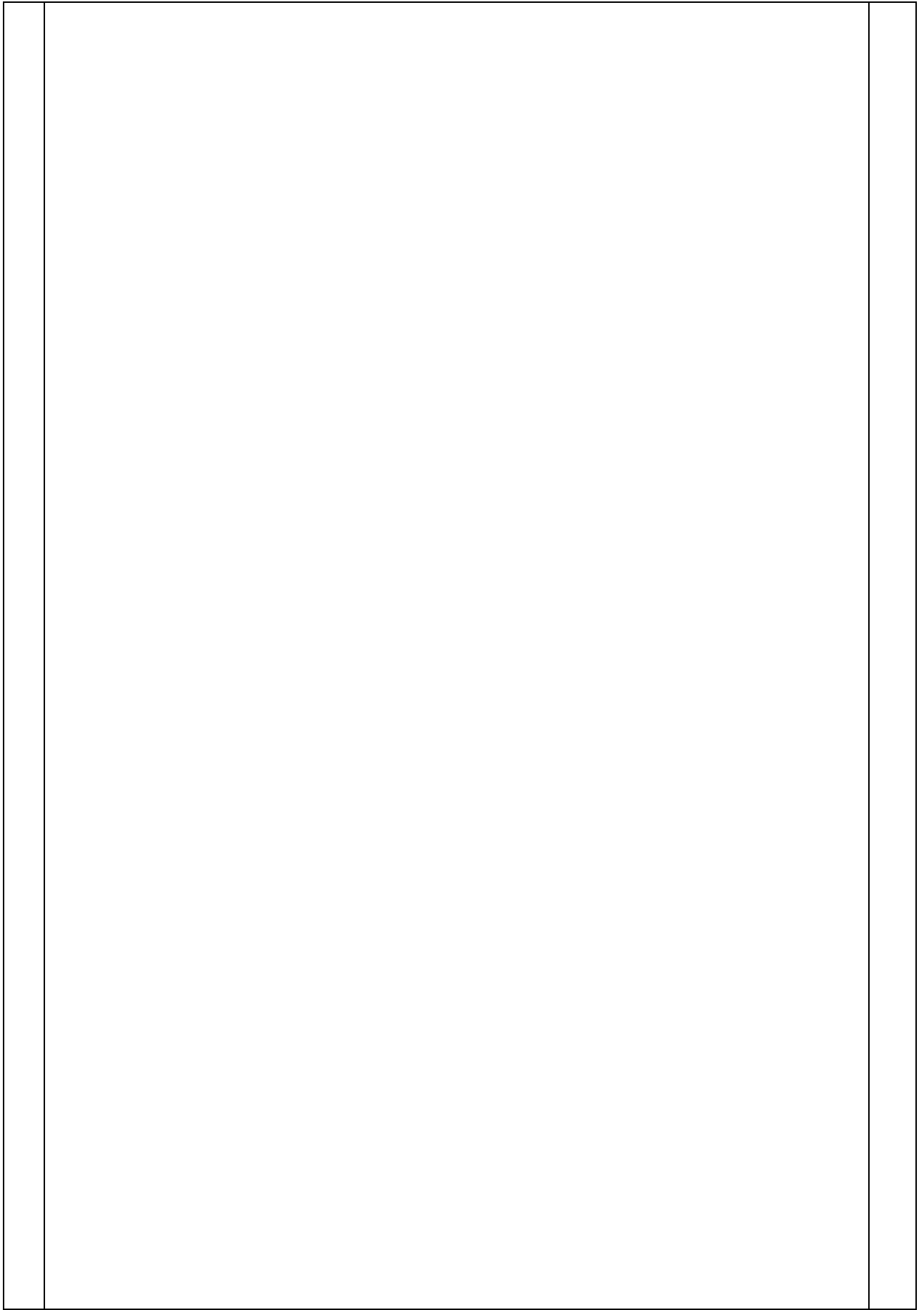
Over the last year Cllr O'Donnell has provided regular reports on Covid-19 status in the district. The District Council office was open to residents throughout the pandemic to provide help and support and it continues to do so. The Council also facilitated a huge amount of grant funding on behalf of the government whilst also managing its own affairs.

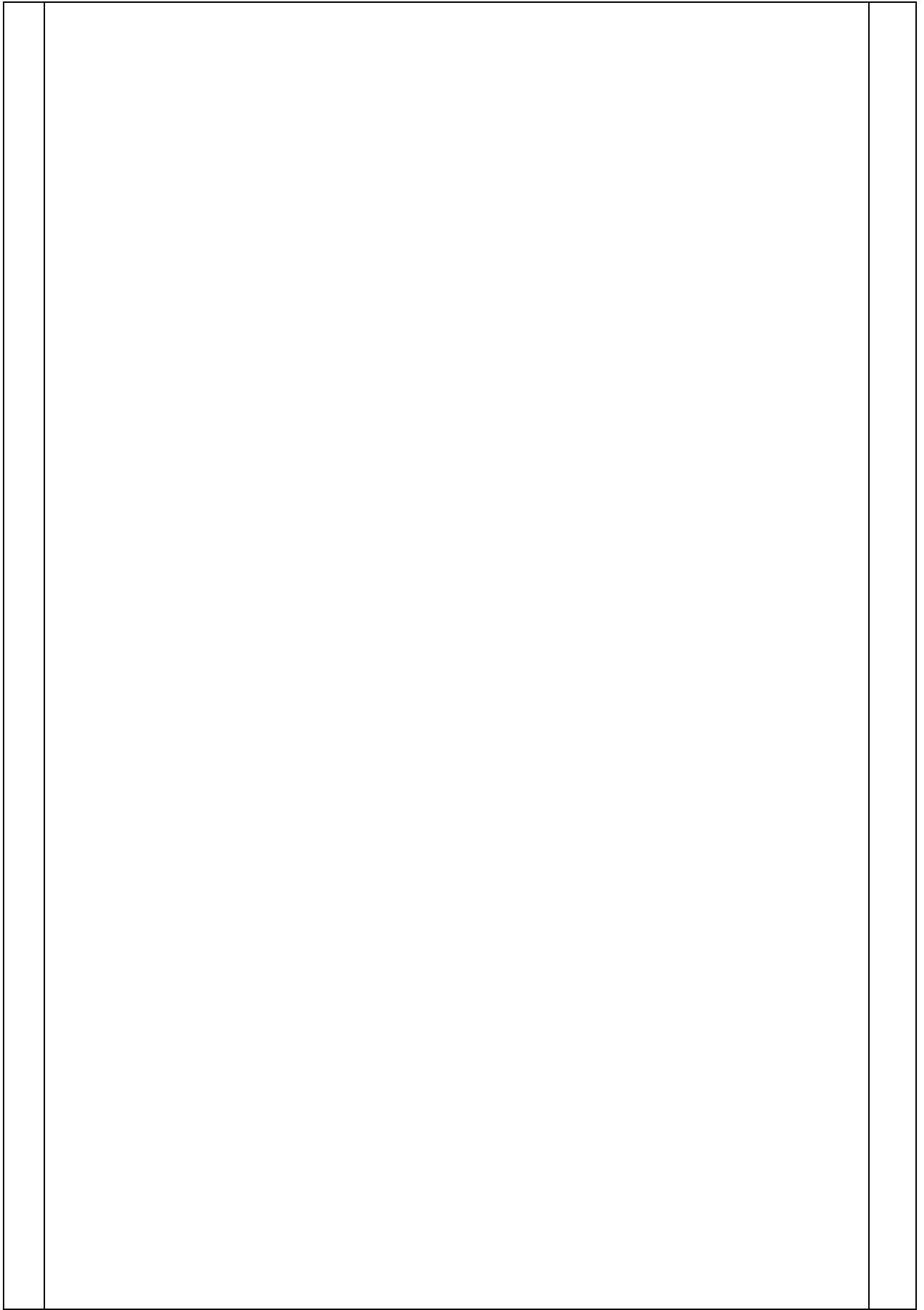
The waste service will continue to run jointly with Warwick DC. Such joint working is hoped to save the Council approximately £150,000. A timetable for the continued work is available on the South Warwickshire Plan website www.warwickshire.org.uk/swlp/ At various stages there will be public consultations and Cllr O'Donnell will inform us of dates at the appropriate time.

The green waste subscription has sold over 40,750 permits and raised £1.7m as of Thursday 28 April 2022. This money is ring fenced and can only be used for waste services and street

	<p>cleaning. However, it has enabled the District Council to release funds that would have been used for waste services to be used for other purposes.</p> <p>There are many challenges ahead, not least the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees, the cost of living crisis and tackling climate emergency. The year ahead will be an interesting one as the Council strives to remain a low debt authority representing all areas within the district.</p> <p>7 Reports from any Parish organisations:</p> <p>Both MEGA and Alderminster Gardening Club submitted reports. MEGA's report was as follows:</p> <p>MEGA (Monday evening group of Alderminster) is open to anyone to join. The current membership is 42 and we endeavour to keep the annual subscription down (currently £10) to make it all inclusive. At present the membership age range is 60 – 92 but every effort is made to encourage younger participants.</p> <p>During the pandemic we managed to keep going via Zoom talks as well as online quizzes and competitions. We are now endeavouring to get back to our original membership level of around 56.</p> <p>We have a variety of different events and meetings during the year with mainly talks and demonstrations in the Village Hall between September and April, and some outings in the summer, one of which is usually joint with the Gardening Club.</p> <p>We are represented on the Village Hall Committee and try to support their projects and events.</p> <p>We strive to provide a happy environment where people of all ages can meet for fun and companionship. Our next event is Jubilee Jazz Evening when we will be entertained by Jazz Tonics, an accomplished duo, who will be performing many popular classics of light jazz music. We are advertising this widely in the village, particularly among non members as this is our celebration for the Jubilee. The tickets cost £20 and include two glasses of wine or soft drink as well as canapes. In July we are joining with the Gardening Club to visit Moreton Hall Gardens in Redditch. For August we are visiting a vineyard and Elgar's home in Malvern. From September we will be back in the Village Hall with a programme including talks on Tai Chi, the travel industry, Curry in a Hurry, our Christmas party in December and our Annual Dinner in January when we will be entertained by a steel band.</p> <p>Alderminster's Gardening Club report:</p> <p>Alderminster Gardening Club is in a healthy position with nineteen members and a ban balance of £1,400. The Club is grateful to the Parish Council for its support in the past which has helped them to keep going. There are two more summer visits booked before the autumn season begins with a show in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th September 2022. All are welcome at this event. There will be tea, a produce stall and a raffle. The usual monthly meetings will start in October on the second Tuesday of the month.</p> <p>8 Any matters raised by electors of the Parish present:</p> <p>A resident raised a query about mobile phone signals in the village which were very poor in certain locations. The Parish Council agreed to look into this to see if there were any possible solutions.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 7.30 pm.</p>	
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