

## Alderminster Parish Council

### Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr James Dignan

Cllr Michael White

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell and four members of the public.

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sherry McGinn and were accepted by the Council.
2	<b>Declaration of interests</b> There were no declarations of interests.
3	<b>Questions from the public:</b> There were no questions from members of the public.
4	<b>Minutes of the previous meetings:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
5	<b>District and County Councillors' reports:</b> Cllr O'Donnell said that Stratford District Council's budget had been decreased. This would result in an increase in Council tax. The Council was working on increasing support for the homeless in the area. £1.6 million had been spent on reviewing the Core Strategy; of this sum £35,000 was spent on IT upgrades. The Council's aim is to be carbon neutral by 2030. The Climate Change Proposals were now open to consultation. Comments were invited from residents and Parish Councils.
6	<b>Casual vacancy:</b> The Council noted the casual vacancy arising from the disqualification from office of Cllr Jonathon Gullis. As no calls for an election had been received from members of the public, the Council were now free to co-opt a member to fill the vacancy.
7	<b>Any matters from the Chairman:</b> The Chairman had no matters to report.

8	<p><b>Blocked culvert A3400 and roadside ditches:</b></p> <p>It was noted that the Flood Response Unit had organised the jetting of the culvert beside the A3400. This had only partially resolved the problem. The clerk was asked to contact Warwickshire County Council regarding this culvert and to advise Cllr Seccombe of the problem. The Council considered that once this culvert had been cleared, a more accurate assessment could be made of other drainage issues in the village. The clerk was asked if she could obtain copies of the Highways drainage maps. Cllr Meadows had dug out the ditch beside Alderminster Kennels, but noted that the culvert there was also blocked. He considered it likely that the culvert near Alderminster Farm was also in need of attention. The Chairman drew attention to the objection made by the Lead Local Flood Authority to the original planning application 14/02372/OUT (see Appendix A attached). She commented that there was no evidence that this objection had been considered during the planning process. Cllr O'Donnell took a copy of the objection and promised to raise the matter with Mr Robert Weeks, Head of Environment and Planning at Stratford District Council.</p>	
9	<p><b>Grant to Village Hall:</b></p> <p>A structural engineer had provided a report on the condition of the Village Hall. The Committee now needed to carry out the recommended investigations to ascertain the amount of repair work that would be needed. They requested that the Parish Council contribute the sum of up to £1,500 for these investigations to be carried out. It was resolved to make this donation.</p>	
10	<p><b>Grant to Ettington 1<sup>st</sup> Responders:</b></p> <p>It was resolved to donate £250 to Ettington 1<sup>st</sup> Responders for hosting the First Aid course on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.</p>	
11	<p><b>Clerk's updates:</b></p> <p>The clerk had written to the Police Commissioner concerning the issue of speeding traffic and had asked whether Warwickshire Police would take action against drivers, based on speeding data intelligence provided by Parish Council funded ANPR cameras. The response said that a number of cameras would be needed to make the information useful. There were also strict calibration rules to ensure that the information obtained would be admissible in court. The Council agreed that there was no point in pursuing this avenue of investigation any further. The clerk was asked to forward copies of her correspondence to Cllr O'Donnell. The First Aid course had been organised for the 28<sup>th</sup> January. The First Responders would also check the defibrillator outside The Bell following the interruption to the power supply. The clerk suggested budgeting for clearing the debris from the backwash bridge. The necessary consents had been obtained for the flower boxes, so the Council were now free to go ahead with the purchase.</p>	
12	<p><b>Precept:</b></p> <p>After discussion, it was resolved to request the sum of £10,800 in precept.</p>	
13	<p><b>Grant Funding opportunities:</b></p> <p>The Council discussed the grant funding opportunities available. It was noted that the Village Hall and the Parochial Council might also be interested in making applications to these grant funds.</p>	

14 **Climate Change SPD Consultation:**  
Having read the Consultation document issued by Stratford District Council, the Council noted that they agreed with the proposals made.

15 **Planning applications:**  
There were no planning applications to be noted.

16. **Accounts for payments and finance matters:**  
The following payments were approved and authorised:  
i) Clerk's salary - £\*\*  
ii) HMRC (income tax) - £\*\*

The Chairman and Cllr Melville signed the supporting documents.

17 **Correspondence:**  
There was no correspondence other than that noted under previous items.

18 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:**  
Cllr Melville suggested that The Bell be asked to take responsibility for checking the defibrillator.

19 **Close of meeting:**  
The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of next meeting March 18th 2020

Appendix A



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