

Alderminster Parish Council
Minutes for
Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
Held on
Monday 08th January 2024
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr John Melville
Cllr Mark Meadows
Cllr David Curtis
Mrs L Callow (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 7 members of the public

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| 1 | <p>Cllr David Curtis agreed to chair the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: None received</p> |
| 2 | <p>Declaration of interests: none received.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Questions from the public: Member of the public asked for minutes to be more detailed reference railing update by Cllr David Curtis. We were asked if our ward councillor Dominic Skinner will be showing a little more interest and attend some of our Parish Council meetings. Cllr Curtis informed he has tried to get hold of Dominic and several occasions but hasn't been as successful as he had hoped The Parish Council are disappointed with the lack of interest he has shown so far towards our Parish. The Clerk is going to email Dominic to see if he will attend the next Parish meeting.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes from the previous meeting of the 13th November 2023 were unanimously agreed with and were signed by the acting Chairman.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Grant Application: It was agreed to grant the sum of £1500 to Alderminster History Group (AHG) to help with the costs of various ancillary equipment and the setup of a website. This will be put into 2024/2025 precept and paid in April 2024.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Precept: After discussion it was agreed to request the sum of £12,500 as precept for the year 2024-2025 and will use reserves if needed.</p> |
| 7 | <p>Councillors' reports: Cllr David Curtis repeated his update on the railings. District Councillor Izzy Seccombe had agreed that they would be replaced in the current financial year, and he had bumped into a couple of workmen who said they were looking at the job and that it was still on target. They were to be replaced like for like and the wooden railings at the far end would be replaced with metal railings to match. Cllr Meadows updated us on the culvert. Emails had been exchanged and they are going to replace a section of the blocked pipe and</p> |

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| | <p>new manhole. They will be replacing the pipe to a bigger size and will move the manhole. They have jetted it all the way through, so it is currently all working and running through. Cllr Meadows took the opportunity while the new road was closed today to dig the ditch out today where it was flooding across last week with the rain. The Headwall which district Cllr Izzy Seccombe said they would finish this year is falling over on the culvert, it is at 45-degree angle and not going to get better on its own. Cllr Mark Meadows will chase this matter up by email.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>District and County Councillors' reports: none received.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Planning applications: None received.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Accounts for payment and finance matters: The following payments were approved and authorised: i) Clerk's Salary (November) - £** ii) Village voices grant - £100 iii) HSBC (bank charges) – £8.00 iv) Brian Gerrard (Grass cutting) - £410.00 v) SDC Uncontested Election payment - £100.00 vi) Laura Callow (reimbursed for computer software and stationery) - £87.98 vii) Clerk's salary (December) - £** viii) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 ix) Yearly Hire of Village Hall - £143.00 The acting Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Correspondence: The Bell pub have applied for a defib grant to replace the current expired defib on the side of their building. Once they get confirmation, the APC will then contribute to the costs of up to £750.</p> | |
| 12 | <p>Items for future agenda: Replacement or repair of the current APC noticeboard.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 8.23pm.</p> <p>Next meeting 11th March 2024</p> | |