

**Alderminster Parish Council**

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Geoff Smith  
Cllr Mark Meadows  
Cllr John Melville  
Cllr Sherry McGinn  
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 2 members of the public

	<p>With the agreement of all Councillors, Cllr McGinn chaired the meeting.</p>	
1	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr James Dignan, Cllr Karen Jones and Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell and were accepted by the Council.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declaration of interests</b> There were no declarations of interests.</p>	
3	<p><b>Questions from the public:</b> There were no questions from members of the public.</p>	
4	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meetings:</b> The minutes of the meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the acting Chairman.</p>	
5	<p><b>Matters arising</b> from the minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.</p>	
6	<p><b>Report from the District Councillor or County Councillor:</b> Cllr Seccombe informed the Council that there would be a public interest debate at the end of February on social care and health. This would give the public an opportunity to have their say on health related issues. She also informed the Council about the progress of the South West Relief Road. Stratford District Council had asked Warwickshire County Council to apply for funding to contribute to the road costs, but this was not an undertaking the County Council was prepared to make. WCC had already made a bid to the Infrastructure Fund for funding for the A5 and for Rugby. If the relief road did not go ahead, this would have implications for the Local Plan as the housing scheduled for the Long Marston development would now have to be built elsewhere in the District.</p>	

7	<p><b>Clerk's updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Forthcoming elections: Elections for both Parish and District Councils would be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. Nomination papers would be sent to the clerk in March for distribution to prospective candidates. Completed papers would be returned to the Clerk for checking. She would deliver these to the District Council by the due date.</li> <li>ii) VAS: The clerk had been in touch with the Traffic and Safety Division in the Highways Department concerning the possible installation of another VAS sign on New Road. This request had been refused. Because of the dangers of drivers becoming over familiar with these display signs, Highways were confining their use to areas with a poor safety record. The safety record for both New Road and the A3400 in Alderminster was very good. For this reason the VAS at the entrance to the village would now be removed and transferred to another location in the county.</li> <li>iii) Broadband: Stratford District Council was applying for funding to the Local Full Fibre Network Programme. Any parishes who wished to join in the bid were invited to do so. Alderminster PC expressed an interest in being joined in the bid.</li> </ul>	
8	<p><b>Draft precept:</b></p> <p>The draft precept document previously circulated was approved. The Council resolved to request the sum of £10,558 as precept. It was agreed to accept the quote of £1,116 for painting of the little bridge. It was agreed that the public would be consulted over the list of projects the Council had made provision for funding. These would include, but were not confined to, repairs to the backwash bridge, a maintenance fund for hedge cutting and tree surgery, purchase of a new litter/dog refuse bin and contributions to the Village Hall. Residents would be asked to nominate any other projects they wished the Council to consider funding.</p>	
9	<p><b>Backwash bridge:</b></p> <p>Councillors were in agreement that the backwash bridge, the property of Warwickshire County Council, was in need of repairs. Cllr Seccombe offered to get in touch with the Footpaths Team to request that a site visit be made when the Council would discuss with WCC the best solution to making this bridge passable again.</p>	
10	<p><b>Speedwatch signs:</b></p> <p>The clerk was asked to contact the Traffic and Safety Division to enquire whether the revised signage agreed by the Council could be incorporated into the Welcome Gates.</p>	
11	<p><b>Purchase of new litter bin:</b></p> <p>It was agreed to defer consideration of this item until the results of the survey were known.</p>	
12	<p><b>Broken grit bin:</b></p> <p>It was agreed to purchase a new grit bin to replace the damaged one on New Road.</p>	
13	<p><b>Maintenance issues:</b></p> <p>Remedial work on the overhanging tree at the top of New Road had still not been done. It was agreed that the Council should get quotes from local tree surgeons with a view to paying for the work itself.</p>	

14 **Planning applications:**

- i) 18/03665/VARY Shennington Farm: Variation of condition 2 and condition 3. Increase in size of master bedroom, alteration to position of balcony. Material change from approved stone cladding to traditional brick. Increase front elevation by 1m. Increase projection of rear orangery by 1m. It was resolved to make **no representation** with respect to this application.

The following planning decisions were noted:

- i) 18/02709/FUL Coach House, Alderminster: permission **granted** for two storey side extensions on east and west elevations, two storey outbuilding to form a garage and a games room, alteration to windows and front entrance, alterations to eaves height and roof design, removal of hard standing to the front of the property, alterations to facing materials including rendering all elevations and a slate roof and the formation of a rear balcony.
- ii) 18/02031/FUL Sunways, New Road, Alderminster: permission **granted** for a single storey rear extension.
- iii) 18/02072/FUL and 18/02073/LBC Barton Farm, Alderminster: permission **granted** for change of use and conversion of five buildings to two dwelling houses, two x Class b1 Offices, one x Class B8 storage and distribution building, erection of bat and bird building, demolitions of walls and associated development.

15 **Accounts for payments and finance matters:**

The following payments were approved and authorised:

- i) Clerk's salary - £\*\*
- ii) HMRC (income tax) - £\*\*
- iii) Bryan Gerrard (grass cutting side of church) - £360.00

The acting Chairman and Cllr Smith signed the supporting documents.

16 **Correspondence:**

Letters of thanks had been received from both Alderminster Village Hall and Village Voices for the grants received. Councillors had also been notified of a consultation document on the police precept.

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

No items were noted.

18 **Close of meeting:**

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

19 Date of next meeting Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019



