

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 24th July 2019
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr Sherry McGinn

Cllr James Dignan

Cllr Michael White

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jonathan Gullis.
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interests.
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 of the 15 th May were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
5	District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr O'Donnell advised the Council that the Site Allocations Plan for the Stratford upon Avon district would be open for consultation from the 8 th August to the 20 th September. This document included proposals for reserve housing sites, although none had been identified for Alderminster. She also informed the Council that funding for the UBus had been extended for a further five years. Assistance for the vulnerable in society continued to be provided by the Link organisation and was being run from St. Gregory's. P3, a charity which helps rough sleepers, is also involved in providing this community service. Plans are being made for a multi-purpose building which will provide advice and support for the homeless and rough sleepers. Stratford District Council is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030. Cllr Meadows said whilst he supported the principle of carbon neutral environments, care needed to be taken that this was not achieved locally at the cost of transferring the burden overseas. He had been in contact with DEFRA suggesting ways in which carbon neutral targets could be met internationally. At Cllr O'Donnell's request, he would send her copies of his correspondence on this matter.

6	<p>Litter bin Blue Lane: It was resolved to purchase a litter bin for Blue Lane at a cost of £350 +VAT and an annual emptying charge of £126.00</p>	
7	<p>Flower boxes for welcome gates: It was resolved to purchase three flower boxes at a cost of £119.00 each subject to the necessary consents being obtained from Warwickshire County Council.</p>	
8	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: The Chairman said that proposed Volunteer event would take place on the 4th September. The village hall had been booked from 6.00 to 8.00 pm. The Chairman would prepare a leaflet for distribution to all houses in the village. The aim of the event, as well as thanking the volunteers, was to exchange information and ideas about future projects of benefit to residents. The Chairman also said that the clearing of the debris around the backwash bridge had been postponed until late September as a colony of bees was nesting there.</p>	
9	<p>Celebration of VE Day 8th May 2020: The Chairman said that she understood that both the Village Hall Committee and MEGA were working on plans to celebrate VE Day. It was agreed that the Parish Council would take its lead from them, and assist wherever required.</p>	
10	<p>Clerk's updates: The clerk had attended the 3 Tier Rural Transport event hosted by Stratford District Council. Representatives from VASA, UBus, Shipston Link and Harbury e Wheels had all attended to advise on the services they offered. The event had been productive, with attendees suggesting that there needed to be a co-ordinated approach to all these services. This would not only benefit the users of the services, but also avoid any duplication. A follow up meeting had been scheduled for the 5th of September to begin work on co-ordinating the services. The Chairman said that she would be willing to attend this meeting. The clerk had been in touch with the website provider and suggested that the community and Parish Council websites could be amalgamated, saving the Council the cost of maintaining two websites. The Council agreed that this would be beneficial. A representative from Barwood's had contacted the Clerk concerning the maintenance of the public open space on the new development. It appeared that the representative was unaware of the agreement that had been made in 2016. The clerk had forwarded all correspondence on the matter to him.</p>	
11	<p>Planning applications: i) 19/01639/LDE Shennington Farm: proposed use of land as domestic garden. No representation was made to this application. The following planning decisions were noted: i) 19/01405/VARY Barton Farm, Alderminster: permission granted for variation of conditions 2 and 8 of planning permission 18/02072/FUL.</p>	
12	<p>Accounts for payments and finance matters: The following payments were approved and authorised: i) Clerk's salary - £** ii) Came & Co (insurance) - £218.00</p>	

- iii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- iv) The Bureau (website) - £24.00
- v) A & E Locators (defibrillator pads) - £58.80
- vi) Clerk's salary - £**
- vii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- viii) WALC (Chairman's course) - £23.00
- ix) A Print (painting of bridge) - £1,116.00
- x) B Gerrard (grass cutting beside church) - £360.00
- xi) The Bureau (website hosting) - £252.00

The Chairman and Cllr White signed the supporting documents.

13 **Correspondence:**
Warwickshire Milestone Society regarding feasibility of reinstating one of the Alderminster milestones.

14 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:**
Alderminster Milestones project.

Close of meeting:
The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th September 2019



