

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 16th November 2022

Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr Chris Mason-Bailey

Cllr Lesley Casley

Cllr David Curtis

Cllr Karen Jones

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

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

	<p>Cllr Lesley Casley agreed to chair the meeting.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe.</p>	
2	<p>Declaration of interests: There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3	<p>Questions from the public: Representatives from The Old Stour Group who attended the meeting requested the assistance of the Parish Council with regards to the continuing problems they are experiencing with drainage and maintenance on the site. The Council has no power to act in this matter but has worked in continual support of residents of The Old Stour to resolve their outstanding issues. Councillors explained that the meeting they had organised with the Ward member and officers from Stratford District Council to discuss these problems had been cancelled because of Cllr O'Donnell's conflict of interest. Cllr Whalley-Hoggins would now chair the meeting and the Clerk would notify residents of the new date as soon as it had been set. Residents were advised to seek independent legal advice regarding any disputes they may have with the developer or the District Council. A member of the public asked whether anything could be done about speeding through the village. He was brought up to date with all the measures the Parish Council had undertaken over the last six years in an attempt to remedy this problem. A resident asked whether the culvert report (item 5) could be made public.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting on the 21st September 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the acting Chairman.</p>	

5	<p>Culvert survey: Councillors discussed the report they had commissioned from Midland Drainage. This showed that the culvert reduced to 6 inches within 15 metres of its start and that there were flaws in the first fifteen metres. This was causing the back up of water which overflowed onto the main road and into a resident's paddock. It was agreed to request Warwickshire County Council to replace the culvert along the length for which it is responsible to make it fit for purpose. It was also agreed that a copy of the report could be placed on the website.</p>	
6	<p>Overflowing water from bridleway: The ditch at the top of New Road beside the bridleway is blocked causing an overflow of water onto the road. This will turn into a sheet of ice in cold weather. The clerk was asked to notify Warwickshire County Council of the problem and request them to clear the ditch.</p>	
7	<p>Draft precept: The Council began preliminary discussions on the draft precept and raised suggestions for possible projects for funding. A final decision on the sum to be levied would be made at the meeting in January 2023.</p>	
8	<p>Grant application: It was resolved to agree to the request for £100 from Village Voices to assist in their running costs.</p>	
9	<p>Warm hub: It was resolved to donate the sum of £120 to users of the Village Hall to assist in creating a warm hub.</p>	
10	<p>Consultation on Development Requirements SPD Revised Part L (open space): It was agreed to support the proposals put forward by Stratford District Council for maintenance of public open spaces on future housing developments in the county.</p>	
11	<p>Councillors' reports: Cllr Meadows said that neither he nor the clerk had had any further communication regarding the collapsing header wall on the culvert on New Road. Cllr Seccombe would be asked if she could assist in progressing this.</p>	
12	<p>District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr O'Donnell drew the Council's attention to the what3words campaign requesting members of the public to use this app when calling the emergency services. This would enable emergency responders to identify the area where assistance was required to within three metres. Cllr O'Donnell also spoke about the dementia cafes in the area which provide support for carers of those suffering from dementia.</p>	
13	<p>Clerk's updates: The clerk had no further comments.</p>	
14	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 22/02671/FUL 44 Shipston Road: proposed demolition of first floor structure on stilts and erection of ground and first floor extension to rear. No representation was made to this application. 	

- ii) 21/02017/FUL Land at Crimscote: erection of ground mounted solar farm. No further comments were made in respect of this application.
- iii) 22/03038/FUL Hill Farm: conversion of traditional agricultural buildings to two residential dwellings including associated demolition works, new car parking and landscaping. It was resolved to make no representation with regards to this application.

And to note the results of the following planning applications:

- i) 22/02671/FUL 44 Shipston Road: permission granted for demolition of first floor structure on stilts and erection of ground and first floor extension to rear.

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

The following payments were approved and authorised:

- i) Geosphere (Parish Online) - £60.00
- ii) Clerk's salary (September) - £**
- iii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- iv) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00
- v) Midland Drainage (survey of culvert) - £570.00
- vi) Clerk's salary (October) - £**
- vii) HMRC (income tax) - £**
- viii) Clearview (bus shelter cleaning) - £200.00

The acting Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

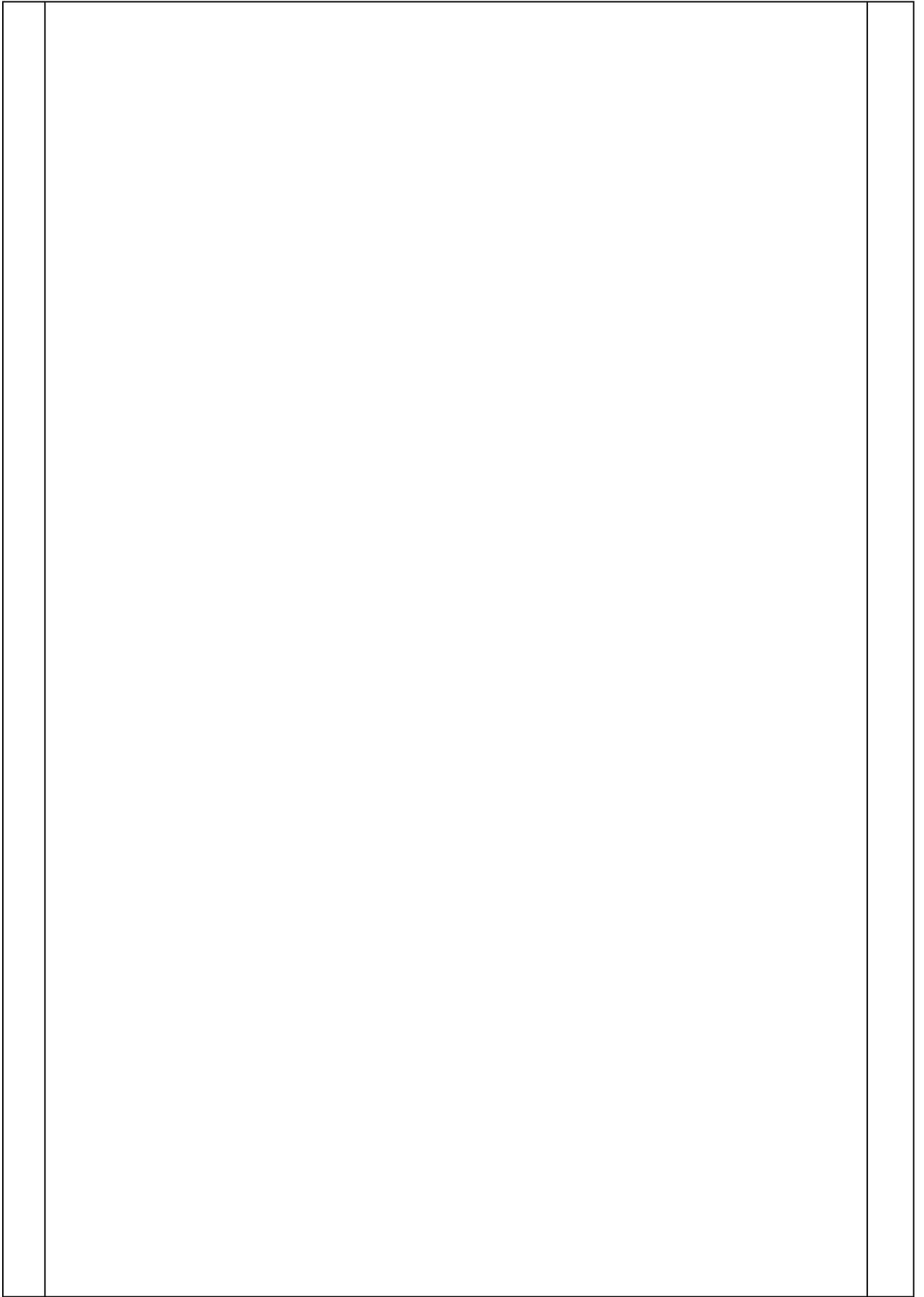
16 **Correspondence:**

WRCC notification of grants for warm hubs; request to use What3words when contacting emergency services.

17 **Items for future agenda:**

No items were noted.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.



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