

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 25th September 2019
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr James Dignan

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

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

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Michael White and Cllr Izzi Seccombe.
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interests.
3	Questions from the public: A member of the public asked whether a fence and gate could be erected on the children's playground. He was informed that until the Council had formally taken ownership of the public open space, it had no powers to implement any changes. Another member of the public asked why the central reservation at the south end of the village had been removed and was informed that it had been removed by the Highways Department of Warwickshire County Council. There had been no consultation with the Parish Council.
4	Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the meetings of the 24 th July and the 18 th September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
5	District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr O'Donnell said that the collated comments arising from the Site Allocations Plan would be submitted to Cabinet in December. She emphasised that the call for reserve housing sites would only be made if the Council's 5 year land supply failed. A scoping document is being prepared on the climate change emergency. Residents, businesses and Parish Councils would all be consulted on Stratford District Council's proposals, prior to being submitted to Government for suggested action. The Chairman asked about the value of Neighbourhood Plans with regards to the new Core Strategy. Cllr O'Donnell agreed that the District Council was not always honouring the Neighbourhood Plans that were already in existence.
6	Speeding: There was a general discussion about the speeding problems on the Banbury Road, New Road and the A3400. The Chairman expressed her frustration at the lack of enforcement by the

	<p>police. A management representative from Caffeine and Machine said that they had had meetings with officers from both Stratford District Council and Environmental Health, who were aware of the noise and disturbance caused by speeding traffic and intended to monitor targeted areas. He offered to share any data obtained with the Parish Council. Barwoods Development had also undertaken a speed monitoring programme as part of the Old Stour development scheme. Cllr O'Donnell was asked to obtain any available data from Stratford District Council. She would have further discussions with representatives from the Parish Council at a meeting on the 21st October.</p>	
7	<p>Barwood Development: Five of the houses at The Old Stour remained unsold. The Council noted that some trees and shrubs had been planted, though concerns remained about landscaping errors. A fence had been erected which was not on the approved plan. The Clerk was asked to write to Stratford District Council outlining the Council's concerns about the deviations from approved plans, and requesting that a member of the planning department should make a site visit.</p>	
8	<p>Flower boxes for Welcome gates: Permission had been given by Warwickshire County Council to site two flower boxes at the north and south end of the village. The Highways Department advised that the third proposed flower box on the left hand side approaching from Shipston should not be installed, because of the dangers of the narrow verge.</p>	
9	<p>Litter bin (currently located on A3400 at bus stop near Bridge House): The faulty brackets on this bin had been reported to Stratford District Council on several occasions. The clerk would contact them again.</p>	
10	<p>Dog litter bin (currently located on A3400 near Bridge House): This litter bin had disappeared. The clerk was asked to contact SDC about its reinstatement. Because of the proximity to the bin at the bus stop the Council recommended that the replacement bin be placed beside the footpath at the bridge.</p>	
11	<p>Grant application: After discussion, it was resolved to grant the Village Hall Committee's request for £5,000 towards the Village Hall's car park and footpath improvements.</p>	
12	<p>Any matters from the Chairman: The Chairman reported on the success of the Volunteer Event in September. Twenty seven members of the public had attended, expressing their interest in volunteering. After residents' intervention the telephone box was saved from being taken away by contractors. BT had reported it unsafe, and ordered its removal. It has since been straightened and left in a safe condition. The Chairman had attended a liaison meeting with Caffeine and Machine on the 9th August and the licence hearing on the 13th September. Over 40 residents also attended the hearing, making clear the effect the pub was having on local residents. The police made no representation and did not attend the hearing. The variation to the premises license has been approved, subject to conditions aimed at preventing public nuisance. The key points are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The sale of alcohol in the grounds must cease by 22.30 on Saturdays and 21.00 on weekdays. 2. The outside areas will be cleared of customers by 22.00 Monday to Friday and by 23.00 on Saturday and Sunday. 	

	<p>3. The area to be licensed for the sale of alcohol is the reduced area which was agreed with the applicant at the hearing.</p> <p>4. Customers who are using the outside area for the purpose of smoking after 23.00 will not be permitted to have drinks with them in the outside area.</p> <p>CCTV will be installed to cover the bar area, entrances and exits to the building, seating and paved areas externally, including those within the tepees; all of the car parking areas, and vehicle entrance and exits from the premises.</p> <p>Any customer who whilst entering, leaving or within the grounds of the premises, operates their motor vehicle or motor cycle in such a way that is dangerous, anti-social, or causes the engine to rev without reasonable cause (demonstrating how loud the vehicle is shall not be considered a reasonable cause) or operates any music system on the vehicle for a prolonged period in such a way that it causes a nuisance will have their vehicle registration mark recorded and entered into the ANPR system in use at the premises. The customer shall receive a warning that should the action be repeated, they will be barred from the premises. Customers who operate their motor vehicle or motor cycle for a second time in such a way, shall be barred from the premises for a period of not less than six weeks. Warnings given, reasons for the warning, subsequent actions taken, and details of customers (such as can be reasonably obtained) warned and barred shall be recorded in a log set out for such a purpose. The log will be made available for inspection upon request by an authorised officer of a responsible authority.</p> <p>When vehicles are parked the engines must not be left running.</p> <p>The Chairman had also attended the 3 tier rural transport event on the 5th September. No action was required at this stage.</p>	
13	<p>Clerk's updates:</p> <p>The clerk had been informed that the new litter bin for the lay by on Blue Lane should be installed by the end of September. BT had issued a consultation document about payphones, offering Parish Councils the opportunity to buy decommissioned phone boxes. The telephone in Alderminster, however, was not on the list to be decommissioned.</p> <p>The clerk had also received thank you letters from members of the public who had attended the Volunteer event on the 4th September.</p>	
14	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p>The following results were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 19/01639/LDE Shennington Farm: proposed use of land as domestic garden. Part of the application was accepted as lawful development. ii) 19/00861/FUL Shennington Farm: permission granted for one and a half storey 3 bay car port with studio to first floor level. 	
15	<p>Accounts for payments and finance matters:</p> <p>The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerk's salary - £** ii) Stratford District Council (uncontested election fee) - £100.00 <p>The Chairman and Cllr Melville signed the supporting documents.</p>	
16	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>There was no correspondence other than that noted under previous items.</p>	

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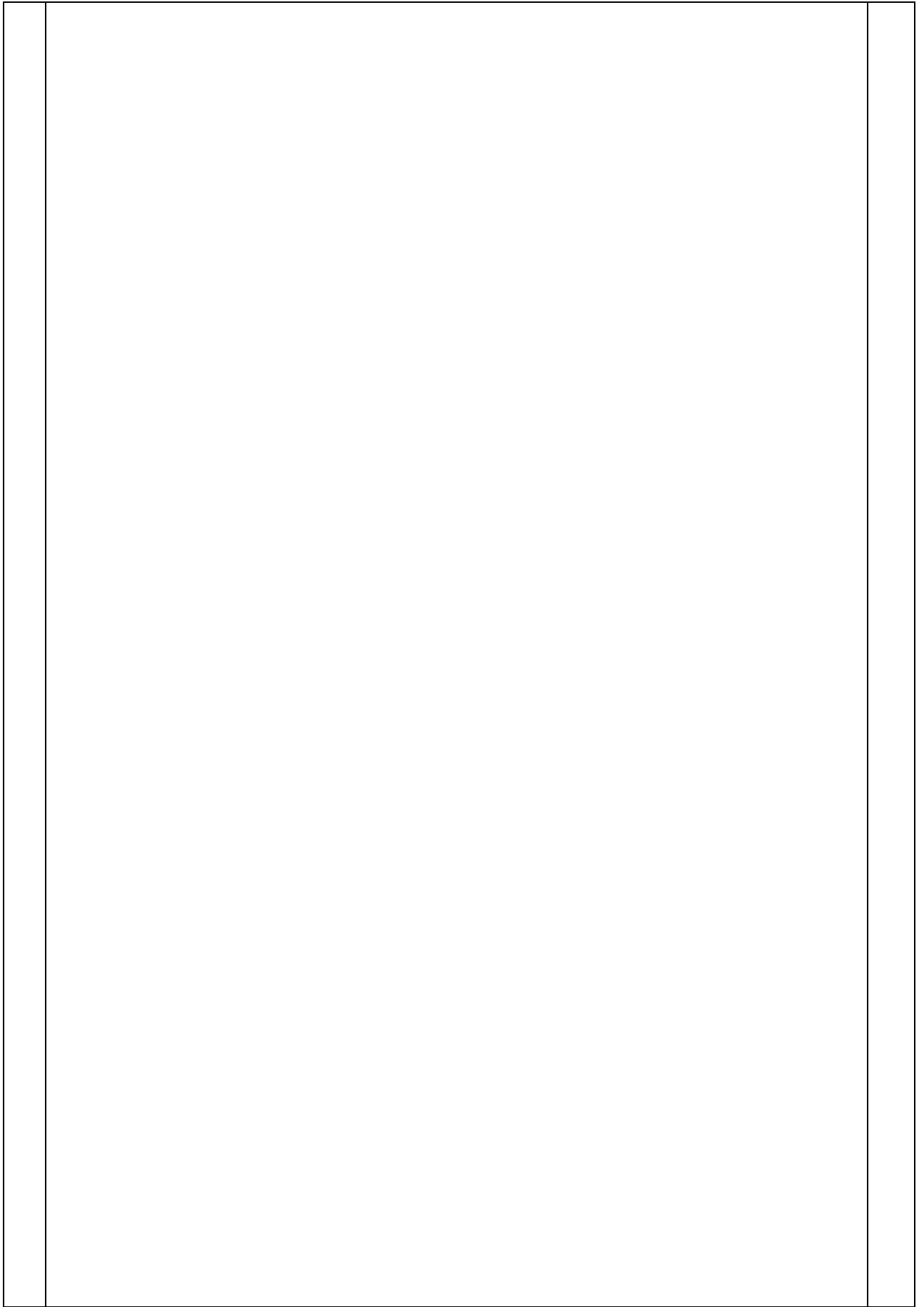
Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:

No items were noted

Close of meeting:

The meeting closed at 9.31 pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 24th November 2019



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