

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 27th July 2022

Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr Karen Jones

Cllr Lesley Casley

Cllr David Curtis

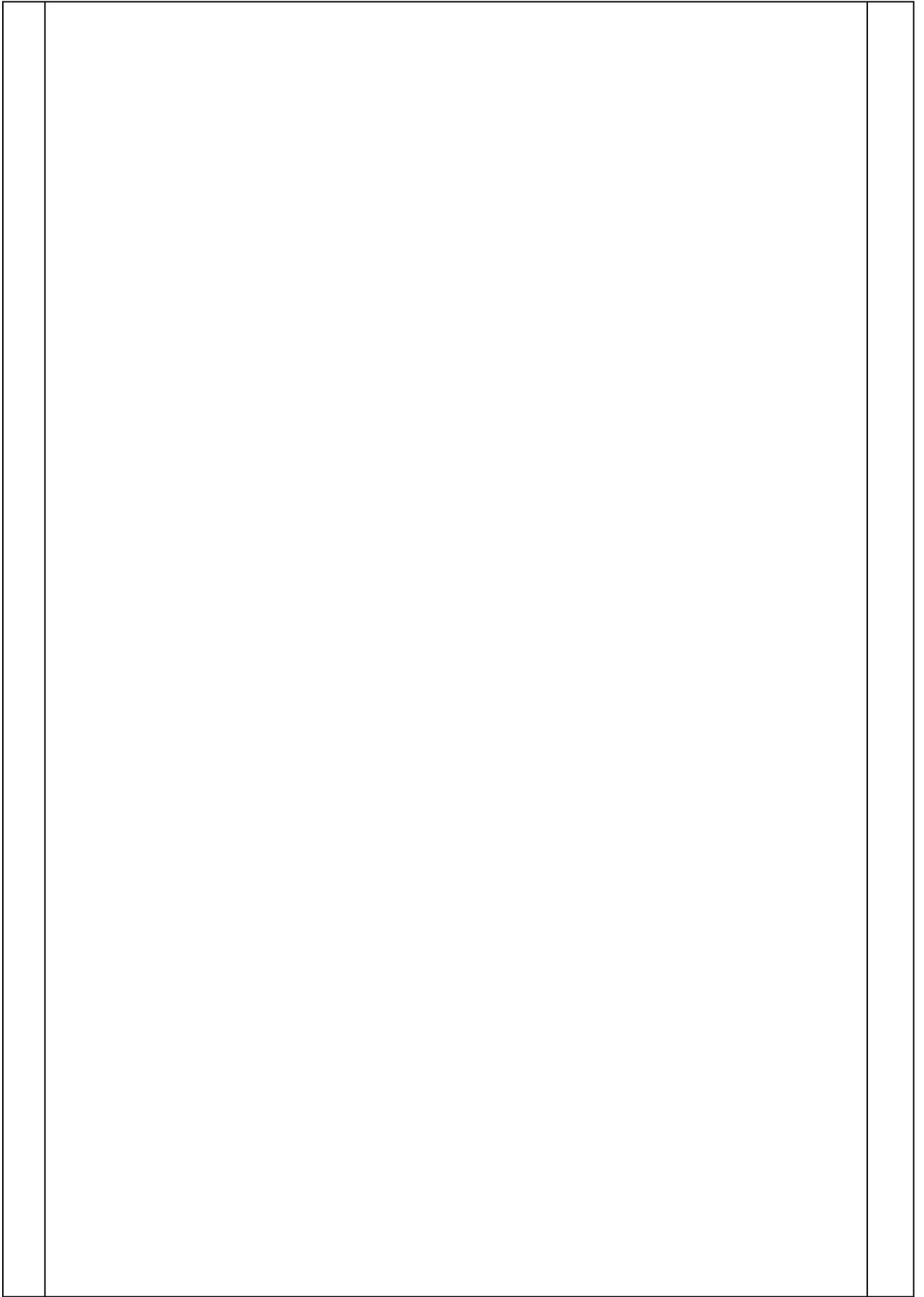
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and 1 member of the public

	<p>Cllr Mark Meadows agreed to chair the meeting.</p>	
1	<p>Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Chris Mason-Bailey.</p>	
2	<p>Declaration of interests: Cllr John Melville declared an interest in respect of item 8.</p>	
3	<p>Questions from the public: A resident asked whether it was possible to prevent people parking their cars on the grass verges opposite Scrapers Row. Councillors said that as this was not Parish Council land, it was unable to take any action. It would be a matter for Highways to pursue if they wished. The resident also enquired whether it was possible to have more specific post codes as drivers often complained of being unable to locate addresses. Cllr Casley, replying on behalf of the Council said that, according to Royal Mail, postcodes were not intended as navigational aids. Cllr Meadows suggested using what3words as the easiest way to find addresses.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the meetings on the 18th May and 22nd June 2022 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the acting Chairman.</p>	
5	<p>Rural Housing Needs Survey report: It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Rural Housing Needs Survey report. The clerk would post the survey report on the website. The next step would be to progress the findings of the report with the assistance of WRCC Rural Housing Enabler.</p>	
6	<p>Revised Preferred Options Site Allocations Plan (June 2022): It was agreed to submit comments on the Revised Preferred Options Site Allocation. The Council would object to the methodology used in calculating planning permissions granted for</p>	

	self-build houses. The comments would be available to view on Stratford District Council's website.	
7	<p>Condition survey of culvert: Both landowners had now given permission for the survey to take place on their land. Cllr Meadows would therefore commission Midland Drainage to carry out the survey.</p>	
8	<p>Grant application: It was resolved to grant £155.00 to Alderminster Village Hall for the purchase of a plaque to commemorate the Queen's Green Canopy Platinum Jubilee.</p>	
9	<p>District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr Seccombe said that Warwickshire County Council had been very successful in the Municipal Journal Awards of the Year, with Monica Fogarty of WCC being chosen as the Chief Executive of the year and Nigel Minns as Corporate Director of the year. The Ofsted report had classified Children's Services as good. The recent Cabinet meeting of the Council had pledged to increase its budget for both Shipston and Stratford High Schools. Shipston would be given a grant of £10.5 million for an indoor sports hall and a further 300 places would be made available in Stratford from September 2024. WCC is also working on its Levelling Up paper which projects its vision for Warwickshire in the next ten years.</p>	
10	<p>Village planters: It was agreed to obtain quotes for watering and maintenance of the village planters. Ettington Parish Council would be approached to see if they could advise on a suitable contractor.</p>	
11	<p>Clerk's updates: The clerk reported that the defibrillator at The Bell was now fully functional. Responsibility for maintenance had been handed over to Kate Tetlow who had ordered the replacement equipment necessary. The cost of hiring the defibrillator at the village hall had increased by 6%. The clerk had enquired of WALC whether any other villages were experiencing poor mobile phone signal coverage, but had received no reply so far.</p>	
12	<p>Platinum Jubilee Tree: The planting of a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was now being undertaken by the Village Hall Committee.</p>	
13	<p>Maintenance of bus shelters and grit bins: Cllr Meadows would investigate the condition of the grit bin near Hill Farm. The Council would get quotes for cleaning the bus shelters and the plaque on the bench near The Bell.</p>	
14	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 22/01468/FUL Hill Farm, Alderminster: proposed one and two storey side extensions, single storey rear extension, new detached garage and relocation of access driveway. No objection was made to this application. ii) 22/02017/FUL: erection of ground mounted solar farm on land at Crimscode. No further comments were submitted. iii) 22/01356/FUL Orchard House: following request by the planning officer to reconsider, the Council decided to withdraw its previous objection. 	

	<p>And to note the results of the following planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 22/00866/FUL The Granary, Alderminster Farm: application withdrawn for installation of two velux windows to rear elevation. ii) 21/01197/OUT Land north of Shipston Road: permission refused for construction of up to 17 self-build/custom build houses. <p>15 Accounts for payment and finance matters:</p> <p>The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 ii) Clerk's salary (May) - £** iii) HMRC (income tax) - £** iv) ICO (data protection) - £35.00 v) MEGA (grant) - £300.00 vi) Milestone Society (contribution) - £432.00 vii) Zurich plc (insurance) - £300.00 viii) Defibrillator hire - £462.28 ix) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 x) The Bureau (website hosting) - £264.00 xi) Clerk's salary (June) - £** xii) HMRC (income tax) - £** xiii) Bryan Gerrard (grass cutting) - £410.00 xiv) WALC (councillor course) - £18.00 <p>The acting Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p> <p>16 Correspondence</p> <p>Press release from Milestone Society regarding the milestone restoration project in Alderminster.</p> <p>17 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:</p> <p>Cllr Curtis suggested investigating the possibility of making part of the village a conservation area. The clerk would write again to Highways concerning the collapsing header wall of the culvert on New Road. Cllr Jones said that she and the clerk would shortly be attending a meeting with Cllr O'Donnell regarding the maintenance issues on The Old Stour and would report to the Council following the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.</p>	
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