

## Alderminster Parish Council

### Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021  
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr Chris Mason-Bailey

Cllr Lesley Casley

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ian Sloan, Cllr Izzi Seccombe and Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell and were accepted by the Council.
2	<b>Declaration of interests:</b> There were no declarations of interest.
3	<b>Questions from the public:</b> There were no questions from members of the public.
4	<b>Minutes of the previous meetings:</b> The minutes of the meetings on the 19 <sup>th</sup> May and the 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 were accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman. Cllr Meadows asked that his apologies be recorded for his late arrival at the meeting on the 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.
5	<b>Councillor resignation:</b> Cllr Michael White had resigned from the Parish Council and Stratford District Council had been informed. The clerk would be notified when the Council was able to co-opt someone to fill the vacancy. The Council would welcome applications from Goldicote or The Old Stour.
6	<b>Signage for planters:</b> This item was deferred until the next meeting as the Council wished to obtain costs for speed awareness signs which would cover the whole face of the planters.
7	<b>Grit box:</b> It was resolved to purchase a replacement salt grit box for the corner of Campden Lawns at a cost of £230.00 including VAT.
8	<b>District and County Councillors' reports:</b> There were no reports to be made.

9	<p><b>Chairman's report:</b></p> <p>The Chairman said that the final version of the Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling Show people SPD was being presented for adoption in October 2021. She noted that all references to sites needing to be within walking distance of schools had been removed. Following adoption further work would be done to ensure that the policy was in alignment with the emerging Housing Strategy.</p> <p>The Chairman had got in touch with other Parish Councils to see if there was any interest in presenting a joint submission to the South Warwickshire Local Plan. Only Ettington had responded. The Chairman had submitted a response urging that a vision for Local Service Villages should be provided for in the South Warwickshire Local Plan because the rural nature of these villages was under increasing threat. The plan should clearly demonstrate how this settlement category will grown and evolve to 2050.</p> <p>There had been a consultation on Planning Enforcement. This discretionary service would now only take enforcement action when it was in the public interest to do so.</p> <p>The Chairman and clerk had had a meeting on The Old Stour with Cllr Seccombe, Cllr O'Donnell, Nadhim Zahawi MP, Planning Enforcement officers and representatives from Barwood Homes. The Chairman had outlined the history of the problems on the site, with particular reference to the flooding, drainage and the public open space. Barwoods were to carry out a CCTV survey of the drains to ensure they had been built according to specifications; mitigate the pooling issues on the public open space; apply for planning permission for the emergency drain that had been installed following the flooding, and draw up a plan for the remedial work that needs to be carried out on the public open space. The Parish Council would be notified of the results of the CCTV survey.</p> <p>Warwickshire County Council was considering introducing 20mph speed limits in residential areas across the county as part of the Speed Management Strategy.</p> <p>The Parish Council notice board had now been repaired thanks to Cllr Sloan. Thanks were also expressed to Cllr Mason-Bailey for his work on getting the defibrillator installed at the Village Hall.</p>	
10	<p><b>Clerk's updates:</b></p> <p>The clerk had received confirmation from the Footpaths team at the County Council that a step would be made at the end of the backwash bridge once the debris had been cleared. It had not been possible to be given a date for this work as the team was reliant on volunteers. At the Chairman's suggestion, the clerk had offered to recruit volunteers for the project if the County Council would supply the requisite materials and supervise the work. To date, no response had been received to this offer. The clerk would contact Cllr Seccombe to see if she could help pursue the request.</p>	
11	<p><b>Planning applications:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 21/01393/FUL Churchill House, Alderminster: proposed single storey extension to create outdoor garden room. No representation was made to this application.</li> <li>ii) 21/01197/OUT Land off the Shipston Road, Alderminster: outline application for the construction of up to 17 self-build/custom build dwellings. An objection was submitted to this application.</li> <li>iii) 21/01689/FUL The Summer House, Alderminster: proposed extension and alterations to existing dwelling. No representation was made to this application.</li> </ul>	

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

The following payments were approved and authorised:

- i) Clerk's salary (May) - £\*\*
- ii) HMRC (income tax) - £\*\*
- iii) Stratford District Council (bin purchase) - £375.00
- iv) Stan Fisher (planters) - £200.00
- v) Highmead Electrical (defibrillator check) - £42.00
- vi) Clerk's salary (June) - £\*\*
- vii) Karen Jones (flowers for planters) - £129.26
- viii) E Neal (internal audit) - £120.00
- ix) Karen Jones (zoom subscription) - £47.56
- x) HMRC (income tax) - £\*\*.

The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.

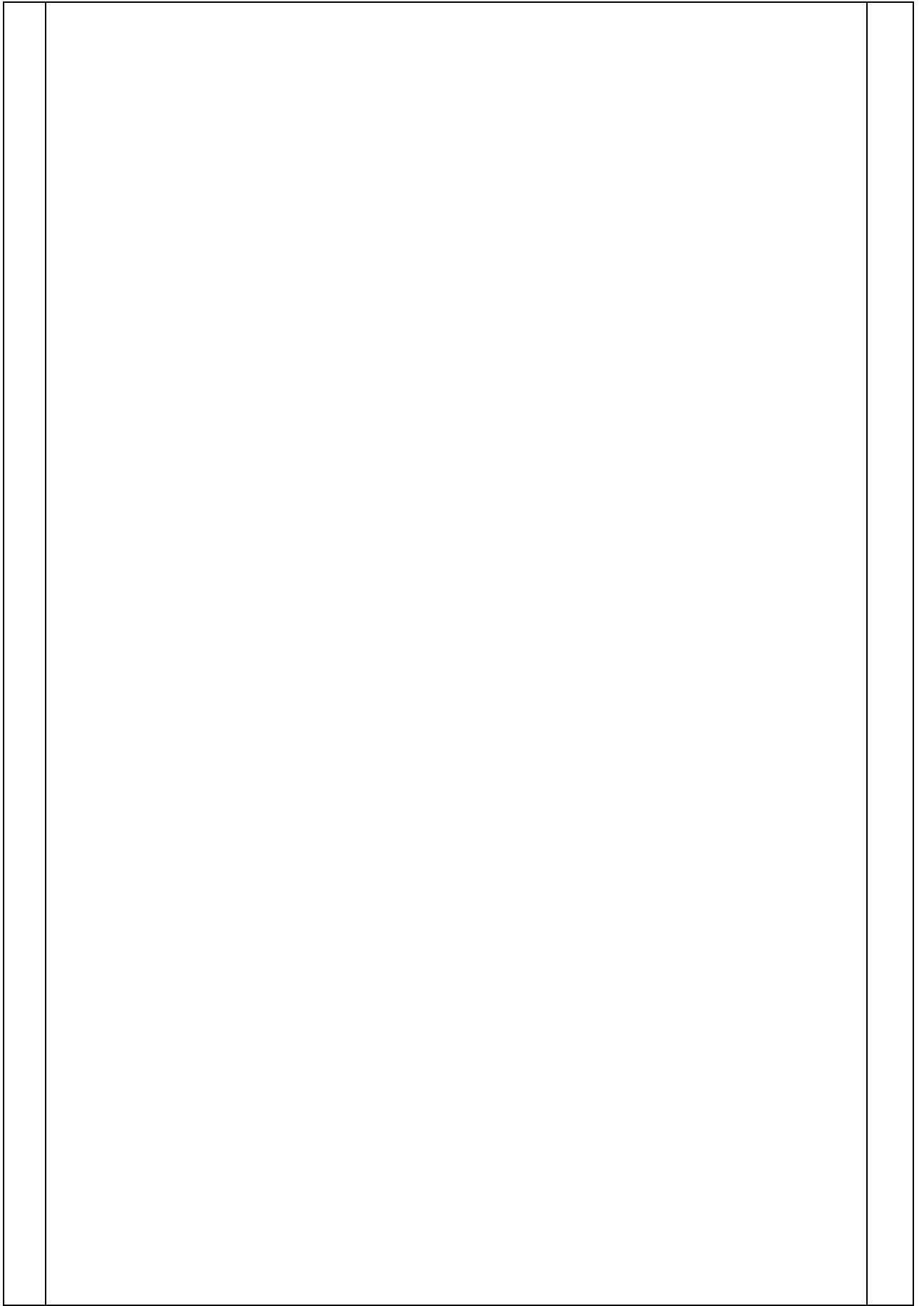
13 **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to be noted.

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

Cllr Meadows reported that the gullies alongside Bevington had been jetted. They were partially blocked due to tree roots. This was said to have contributed to the flooding of the Malthouse though Cllr Meadows believed it was more likely to be as a result a blockage beneath an inspection cover. The clerk had reported this to the relevant authorities.

15 The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.



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