

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 20th November 2019
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr James Dignan

Cllr Sherry McGinn

Cllr Michael White

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

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

1	Apologies: There were no apologies for absence.
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 25 th September 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
6	Draft precept: Councillors began discussions on the draft precept. Various projects were discussed. These included assisting in the renovation of the Village Hall and commissioning a traffic survey to provide evidence of the extent of speeding problems in the parish. The Council also wished to address the issue of social isolation and were considering developing a Parish Plan. Full costings of these and other projects would be obtained before the finalisation of the precept at the meeting in January.
5	District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr O'Donnell said that she had been actively involved with residents concerned about the problems associated with Caffeine and Machine, but no more could be done. The licensees were doing all in their power to mitigate residents' concerns. Cllr O'Donnell also referred to the new Council plan due for publication in December. Parish Councils would be invited to submit their opinion.

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Any matters from the Chairman:

The Chairman said that residents had experienced two serious failures of the on-site drainage system at The Old Stour in the last three weeks. The most recent was on Thursday 14th November when many of the houses were at severe risk of surface water run-off coming into their homes. The Chairman had contacted Warwickshire County Council and was advised that as the development had not been adopted it was the developer's responsibility to take action.

The Chairman had stayed on site to help with the flood response and to observe the actions of the developer. In her opinion, the response from the developer was unsatisfactory and no one of seniority had visited the site until the following day. During the day of the flooding, Barwood fielded a site manager and eventually two diggers arrived to build trenches to help manage the water levels. Residents on the development are understandably angry and are not at all confident in the developer's proposed remedial action. Residents are in direct contact with the developer. The Chairman added that the Parish Council should support residents where it can, especially helping with engaging local authorities. The Parish Council must also consider the needs of residents adjoining the development to ensure their interests are also represented.

The Council believed that Planning Enforcement should be contacted and the clerk was asked to do this. The clerk was also requested to contact the local flood group as the Parish Council had not been invited to the most recent SAFAG meeting.

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Clerk's updates:

- a) The clerk had informed Stratford District Council that the new litter bin recently installed in the lay by on Blue Lane had been vandalised. She had also informed SDC that the Parish Council did not intend to buy a replacement bin as it was likely to meet the same fate. The missing dog litter bin near Bridge House had not been removed by SDC. They did however confirm that a large litter bin would be put in its place and the bin currently attached to the bus stop would be removed.
- b) There had been a very pleasing response to the green garden waste survey, with over a quarter of households in the village responding. Half of the respondents would continue to use the garden waste service if it became chargeable, though the majority of these felt the charge of £40 was too high and that £20 per bin would be more appropriate. Those who would not participate in the service would dispose of their garden waste either by burning, composting or taking it to the local recycling centre. There was a strong feeling amongst respondents that taking waste to the recycling centre was defeating the object of promoting a greener society. Several residents queried why Stratford District Council did not profit from the disposal of green garden waste by sending it for commercial composting. There was also a high degree of concern that introducing a charge for the service would result in increased fly tipping.
- c) The clerk had been contacted by a resident concerned about the overgrown footpaths between Alderminster and Stratford. These were the responsibility of Warwickshire County Council and Cllr Seccombe had confirmed that the work was scheduled.

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Grant application:

It was resolved to grant the sum of £100.00 towards the publication costs of Village Voices.

10 **First aid/defibrillator training:**
After discussion it was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a course in first aid, to include use of the defibrillator. The clerk was asked to contact Ettington First Responders regarding first aid training.

Planning applications:
11 The following result was noted:
i) 19/02680/LDP 1 Minster View: proposed ground floor single storey extension to rear elevation is lawful proposed use or development.

Accounts for payments and finance matters:
12 The following payments were approved and authorised:
i) Clerk's salary - £**
ii) B. Gerrard (grass cutting to side of church) - £360.00

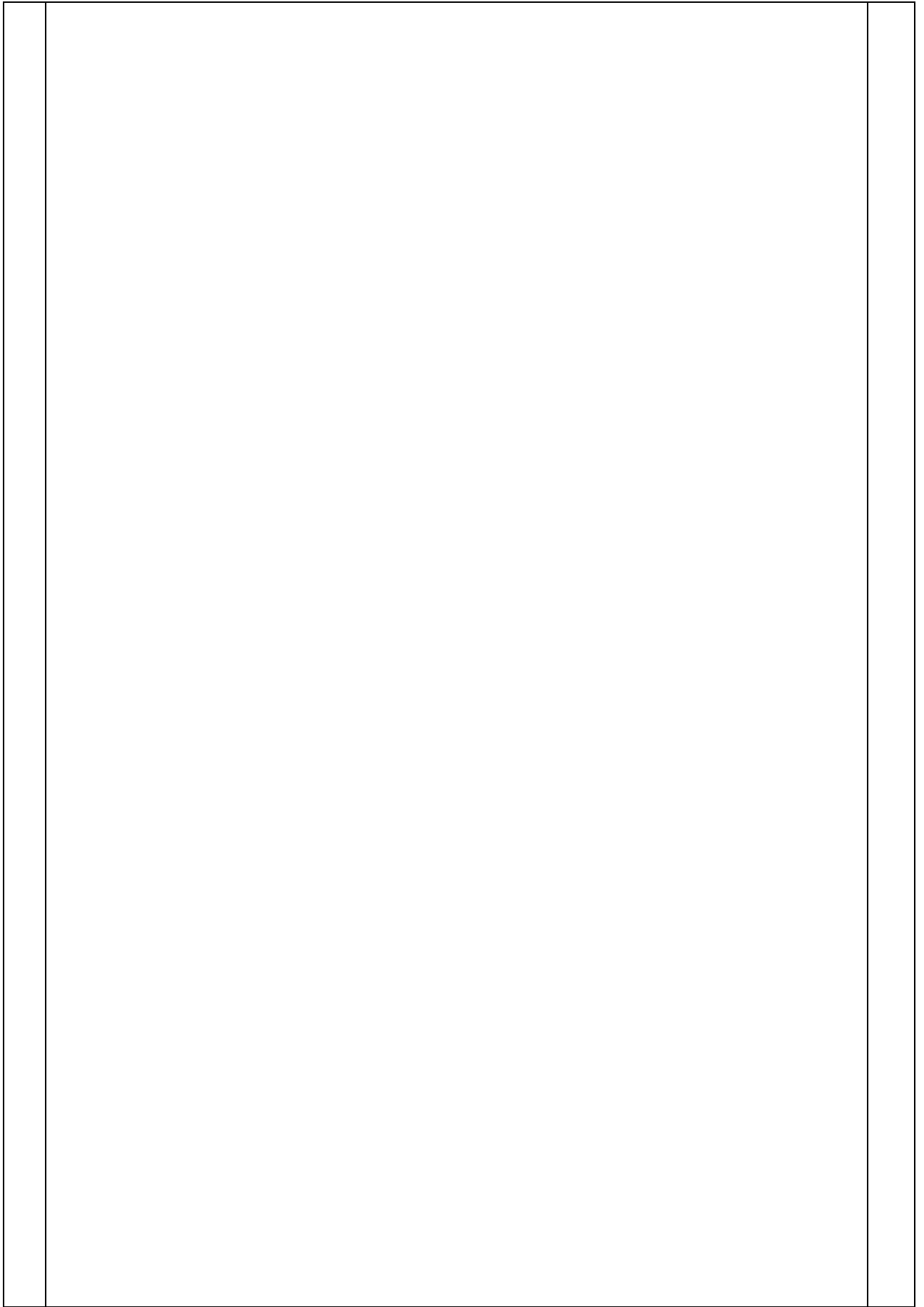
The Chairman and Cllr Melville signed the supporting documents.

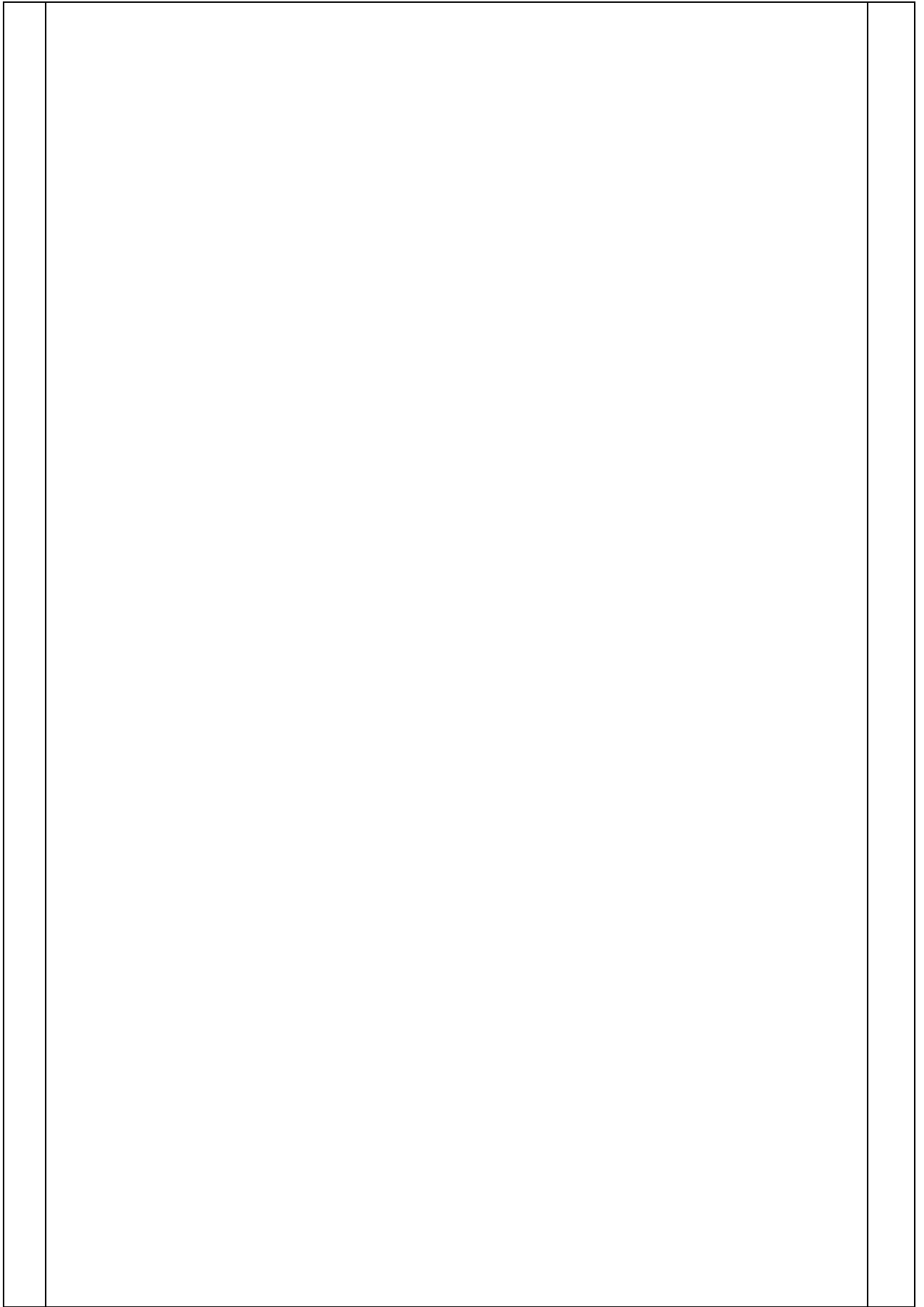
Correspondence:
13 There was no correspondence other than that noted under previous items.

Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:
14 Finalisation of the precept.

Close of meeting:
15 The meeting closed at 9.31 pm.

Date of next meeting January 15th 2020





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