

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council

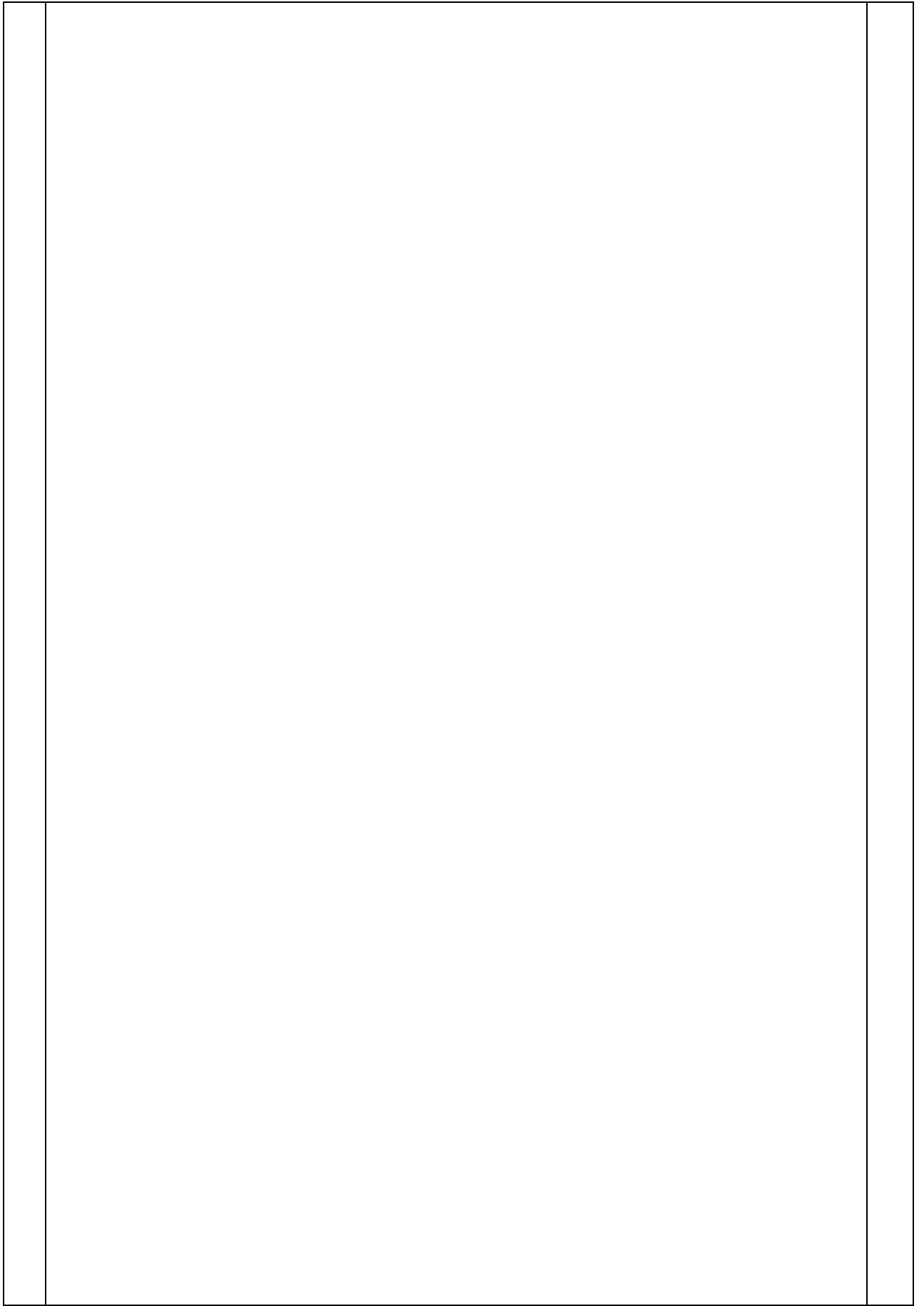
Monday 11th September 2023
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

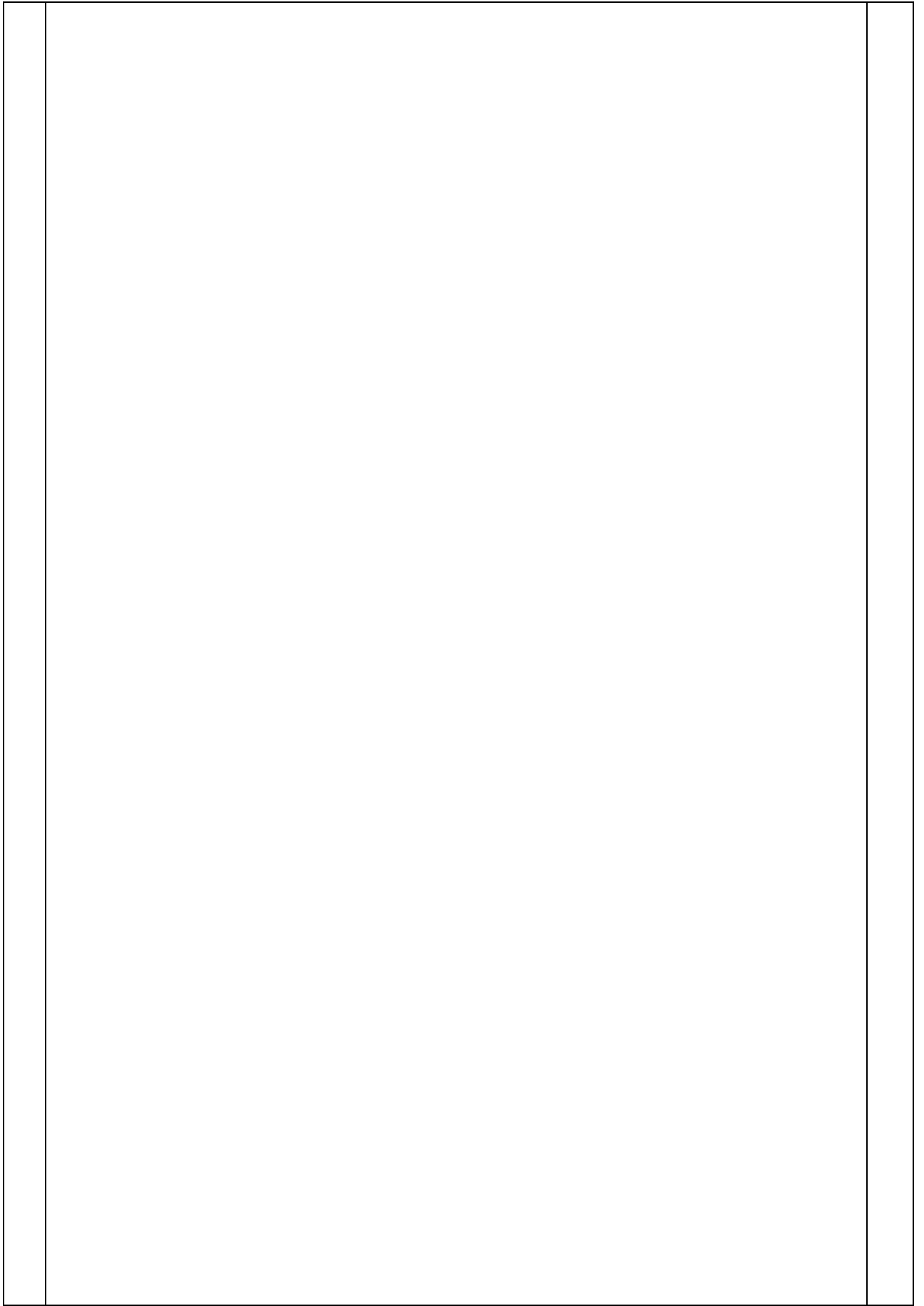
Present: Cllr John Melville
Cllr Mark Meadows
Cllr David Curtis
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: Cllr Izzi Seccombe and six members of the public

1	<p>Cllr David Curtis agreed to chair the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dominic Skinner.</p>
2	<p>Declaration of interests: Cllr Meadows declared an interest in respect of item 11 i).</p>
3	<p>Questions from the public: There were no questions from members of the public.</p>
4	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting of the 10th July 2023 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the acting Chairman.</p>
5	<p>Appointment of new clerk: The appointment of Mrs Laura Callow as clerk to the Parish Council was confirmed.</p>
6	<p>Bank mandate: It was unanimously agreed to authorise Mrs Laura Callow as a) fully empowered to act on behalf of the Council in transactions with the bank, b) fully empowered on behalf of the Council to enter into any agreements for or relating to electronic and/or telephonic banking services and c) was authorised to supply the bank as and when necessary with lists of persons authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council.</p>
7	<p>Remedial work on trees at churchyard: After discussion it was agreed to contribute the sum of £4,000 towards the remedial work on the trees in the churchyard. A member of the Parochial Church Council said that work to repair the steps would begin in October and would be carried out by volunteers. Once the tree work had been completed the riverside path could open again.</p>

8	<p>Garden plots: Councillors considered the offer made by Stratford District Council to transfer ownership of the garden plots behind Scrapers' Row at a nominal cost. Councillors were agreed that they would like more information on the subject and would consider it again at a later meeting.</p>
9	<p>Councillors' reports: Cllr David Curtis said that he had asked for an update from John Careford on the outstanding issues on The Old Stour. Two breach of condition notices had been served on Barwood, one in relation to drainage, the other landscaping. Because the legal process was live, no further details could be given.</p>
10	<p>District and County Councillors' reports: Cllr Seccombe said that the pavement from Alderminster to Newbold was in a very poor state and was breaking up in places. The Highways team had been out to investigate last week and Cllr Seccombe was waiting for their report. The good news was that the broadband pledges had reached their target so the work would now go ahead. Cllr Meadows said that the Highways team had been working on the culvert on the old main road. The Parish Council had not been notified of this and he asked Cllr Seccombe to enquire about it. Cllr Curtis asked about the replacement railings along the old main road, some of which were now very dangerous. Cllr Seccombe confirmed that the order had been placed and allocated against her budget.</p>
11	<p>Planning applications: i) 23/0225/TEL 28 Colmead, Alderminster: to install a 9m light pole. The information was noted.</p>
12	<p>Accounts for payment and finance matters: The following payments were approved and authorised: i) Defibrillator rental - £492.31 ii) Clerk's salary (July) - £** iii) HMRC (income tax) - £** iv) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 v) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00 vi) Clerk's salary (August) - £**</p> <p>The acting Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p>
13	<p>Correspondence: i) South Warwickshire Local Plan – Publication of issues and options consultation. ii) Stakeholder Briefing – Warwickshire Police.</p>
14	<p>Items for future agenda: Further consideration of garden plots. Grant application from Alderminster History Society.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.</p> <p>Next meeting 13th November 2023</p>





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