

**Alderminster Parish Council**

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr John Melville (Chairman)  
Cllr Geoff Smith (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr James Dignan  
Cllr Mark Meadows  
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

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

1	<b>Apologies:</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Karen Jones and accepted by the Council
2	<b>Declaration of interests</b> There were no declarations of interest.
3	<b>Questions from the public:</b> A member of the public presented a letter from the Chairman of the Gardening Club, requesting a grant from the Parish Council to cover the cost of guest speakers at the club. The Chairman said that the request would be considered at the next Council meeting.
4	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting of the 21st September 2016</b> The minutes of the meeting on the 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
5	<b>Matters arising</b> from the minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.
6	<b>Report from the District Councillor or County Councillor:</b> Cllr Izzi Seccombe reported that Stratford Library was closed for essential repairs. A temporary library was being established in the Arts House.  She also asked the Council to consider participating with other villages in purchasing, or calibrating speed guns to monitor traffic travelling through local villages. She advised Alderminster to apply for funding to cover its share of calibration costs. It may also be possible to obtain funding for purchasing high visibility jackets for volunteers' use.  The County Council has been offered a four year budget settlement by the Government. Although this will mean a reduction of 67 million pounds in the County Council's budget, all Council members felt it was prudent to accept this offer. Lacking an overall majority in the County Council, Conservative proposals for budget spending will have to be approved by the whole Council. These proposals include a tax base which will give 2% growth; this growth will

	<p>be used as an investment fund, which it is hoped will realise 25 million pounds. Funding priorities include Highways, Adult Social Care and an increase in the number of child social workers.</p> <p>Council taxes will be increased as a result of the reduction in grant from central government. It is estimated that Council Tax will rise by 4%.</p> <p>Cllr Phillip Seccombe reported that he recommended a freeze on police costs. A bill is currently being discussed in Parliament regarding fire and ambulance service provision. Once the bill has gone through, Cllr Seccombe will be able to discuss its impact on local police, fire and ambulance services.</p> <p>In response to a question from the Chairman regarding Planning Committee meetings, Cllr Seccombe sympathised with the frustration experienced by Parish Councils who were unable to rebut inaccurate statements made by planning officers to the Committee.</p> <p>Councillors also asked about the future of Wellesbourne airfield. Cllr Seccombe said that the Core Strategy, recently adopted by Stratford District Council, protected the airfield. If it became necessary, Stratford District Council would compulsorily purchase the airfield to ensure its survival.</p> <p>Cllr Seccombe announced that he would be retiring as District Councillor at the end of the month. The Council expressed its thanks to him for his help during his period in office.</p>	
7	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Cllr Smith reported that the questionnaire to be issued to residents was now complete. He anticipated that the results would be available by the end of March, for presentation in April.</p>	
8	<p><b>Traffic calming measures:</b> It was agreed to defer consideration of this issue till the next meeting.</p>	
9	<p><b>Church Clock:</b> The Treasurer of the Parochial Council had submitted a request for a contribution towards the cost of repairing the Church clock. After discussion, it was resolved to donate the sum of £1,000 to the Parochial Council for this purpose.</p>	
10	<p><b>Website:</b> Cllr Jones was currently discussing Alderminster's requirements with a website designer. It was agreed to defer consideration until Cllr Jones was in a position to report her findings to the Council.</p>	
11	<p><b>Co-option of new Councillor(s):</b> The Vice Chairman informed the Council that he had received an expression of interest from a member of the public. Cllr Smith agreed to ask the individual to make a formal application to the whole Council.</p>	
12	<p><b>Precept:</b> After discussion, it was resolved to request the sum of £10,033 as Parish Council precept.</p>	

13	<p><b>Maintenance issues:</b> All issues on the list had been reported to the relevant authorities. A fresh issue to be considered was the reinstallation of the cats' eyes on the main road. It was agreed that more discussion needed to take place on this.</p>
14	<p><b>Planning applications</b></p> <p>a) 16/04093/FUL 4 Sutcliffe Avenue: Proposed first floor side extension and two storey rear extension. It was resolved to make <b>no objection</b> to this application.</p> <p>b) 16/004001/Vary Mulberry House, New Road. V1192/FUL for the "proposed two storey side and rear extensions. New access point onto New Road." This is to alter the entrance gates and access surfacing materials. It was resolved to <b>object</b> to this application.</p> <p>c) 16/02478/FUL The Old Rectory: proposed erection of single and two storey rear extensions. <b>No objections</b> were made to this application.</p> <p><b>To receive any results of planning applications:</b></p> <p>a) 16/02508/FUL The Old Schoolhouse, Goldicote: noted <b>for information only</b>, annotations added to show proposed location of balustrade and small increase in seating area.</p> <p>b) 16/02478/FUL The Old Rectory: <b>permission granted</b> for erection of single and two storey rear extensions.</p>
15	<p><b>Accounts for payments and finance matters:</b> The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Village Voices (contribution to printing costs) £100.00</li> <li>ii) Alderminster Tots (grant to community group) £300.00</li> <li>iii) Clerk's salary November £**</li> <li>iv) HMRC (income tax on clerk's salary) £**</li> <li>v) AED Locators (defibrillator pads) £118.00</li> <li>vi) Clerk's salary December £**</li> <li>vii) HMRC (income tax on clerk's salary) £**</li> <li>viii) Admington Parish Council (contribution to clerk course) £15.00</li> </ul>
16	<p><b>Correspondence:</b> Notification of Community Forum meeting to be held in Shipston on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Notification of WALC Stratford Area Committee Meeting. Invitation by the Astronomical Society to attend a meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Consultation on school terms and holidays.</p>
17	<p><b>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:</b> Items to include request for grant from the Gardening Club, traffic calming measures and website provision</p>
18	<p><b>Close of meeting:</b> The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.</p> <p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017</p> <p>Appendix A</p>

**MAINTENANCE LIST FOR 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

1. Potholes on Campden Lawns/New Road – notified
2. Erosion at backwash bridge – reported to WCC
3. Maintenance of trees planted by PC at bottom of church car park – in hand
4. New Road sign by Hill Farm missing – reported to Stratford District Council
5. HGV traffic on New Road – ongoing
6. Cats' eyes on Main Road.

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