

Alderminster Parish Council
Minutes for
Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council
Held on
Tuesday 23rd July 2024
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

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

Also present: 2 members of the public

1	Apologies: DC Cllr Dominic Skinner and WCC Cllr Izzi Seccombe sent apologies.
2	Declaration of interests: none received.
3	Questions from the public: No questions from the public but a couple of comments about the public open space. The developer has tried to rectify the complaints they have received by the residents but some residents are still not happy with the outcome. A resident isn't happy with the drainage and when he asked for the drainage survey he was refused.
4	Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes from the previous meeting of the 13 th May 2024 were unanimously agreed with and were signed by the Chairman.
5	Maintenance of Jubilee Bench: A member raised concerns to Cllr Melville about the condition of this bench. Cllr Meadows went and had a look at the condition of the bench and reported that it has a crack which would need repairing and also needs a general clean/oil but as it's 47 years old it is more financially beneficial to replace it. Clerk will get a couple of quotes for a new bench for the next meeting.
6	Councillors' reports: Cllr Meadows mentions the concerns for the new bus timetable that has a few hours of the day where there are no buses. Clerk will email this concern to Cllr Izzi Seccombe. Cllr Curtis mentioned the UBUS and asked the Parish council to promote this service via website and noticeboard. Cllr Meadows mentioned overgrown hedges in the village and he will speak to the owners to ask if they can trim them so they aren't blocking public pathways. Cllrs thanked Tony Callow for fitting the new noticeboard free of charge.
7	District and County Councillors' reports: DC Cllr Dominic Skinner emailed a report. This was read out by the chairman. It is also attached to the minutes. (Appendix A)
8	Planning applications: none received

9	<p>Accounts for payment and finance matters:</p> <p>The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. DCK Payroll May - £36.00 ii. HMRC - £** iii. Clerks salary May - £** iv. Laura Callow (reimbursement for assembly expenses) - £40.00 v. CJOAM Meadows (assembly expenses) - £20.00 vi. SDC (bin emptying) - £171.00 vii. Bank Charges - £8.00 viii. ICO - £35.00 ix. DCK Payroll April/end of year - £72.00 x. Zurich Insurance - £300.00 xi. DCK Payroll June - £36.00 xii. Laura Callow – (reimbursement for noticeboard fixings) - £6.33 xiii. Clerks salary June- £** xiv. Bank Charges - £8.00 xv. Lawns2mow - £384.00 xvi. Greenbarnes Ltd (noticeboard) - £388.53 xvii. Defib Machines Ltd - £512.03 xviii. DCK Payroll July - £36.00 xix. Clerks Salary July - £** <p>The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p>	
10	<p>Correspondence: none</p>	
11	<p>Items for future agenda: Quotes for Jubilee Bench</p>	
12	<p>Meeting closed at 8.07pm. The Chair apologised again for his lateness.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting Monday 9th September 2024</p>	
	<p>Signed.....</p>	

Appendix A

Q2 2024 District Councillor Report

CLlr Dominic Skinner – Quinton Ward

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First Phase of the Community Climate Change Fund (CCCF).

In November 2023, Stratford-on-Avon's Community Climate Change Fund was established to aid initiatives from community groups, charities and Town and Parish Councils that address climate change in their communities. The first phase of successful projects has been announced. These projects range from a project from Great Alne PC to do community flood prevention work to air source heat pumps for a village hall and cycling projects. The full details of the projects can be found on the district council website.

Later in the year there will another funding round. If you are interested in putting forward a scheme, please let me know and we can meet to discuss how I can support any application.

Newsletter

The district council has started a regular digital newsletter for residents. Details of how to sign up to the newsletter are on the district council website.

Peer Challenge Review

The feedback report on the LGA Peer Review on the work of the district council have been published. The results recognised that there had been a smooth transition to the new administration. An Action Plan to take forward some recommendations is to be considered at the next Cabinet meeting.

Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund

These grants are given to support local businesses, skills development and employment support, town centre improvements and community projects. The list of successful projects has been published with the Cabinet papers.

Active Communities Strategy

A new active communities' strategy has been developed to encourage and support sports and physical activities across the district for all ages.

Swimming Pool Support Fund

The council was successful in an application to Sport England for £283,000 to fund solar panels on the leisure centre in Stratford to reduce carbon emissions and energy costs. Other projects to cut energy costs in other leisure centres and public buildings are under development.

District Council's 50th Anniversary

It is 50 years since the District Council was formed after the Local Government Act of 1972 came into force in April 1974. This anniversary was marked at the recent Annual Council.