

**Alderminster Parish Council**  
Minutes for  
Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council  
Held on  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
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: 5 members of the public

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Statement: Alderminster Parish Council Statement</b></p> <p>It has been brought to the attention of your Parish Council (APC) that some parishioners have expressed dissatisfaction with the current circumstances surrounding the Old Stour (OS) open space and enforcement of the S106 agreement between Barwood/Cora and SDC. Additionally, concerns have been raised regarding the possibility of alleged fraudulent activity involving the Parish Council and previous Clerk.</p> <p>APC would like to take this opportunity to address these matters and provide clarification:</p> <p><b>POS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In 2016 APC resolved to accept an initial offer of £50,000; however, Barwood did not proceed to finalise or execute a formal signed agreement with APC</li><li>• Subsequently, it was resolved to reject Barwood's offer to adopt the public open space on The Old Stour at a Parish Council meeting that took place on 27th April 2022.</li><li>• To date, no signed legal agreement exists between APC and either Barwood or Cora</li></ul> <p><b>S106</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the avoidance of doubt, APC holds no authority in relation to the Section 106 (S106) agreement. This can only be resolved between the developer and SDC</li></ul> <p><b>Historical fraud or tampering of records</b></p> <p>If you are concerned about historical fraud or the tampering of records, and you hold evidence to support such concerns, you should report the matter to the Police at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>The Parish Council is seeking independent legal advice to ensure it is compliant with its statutory obligations.</p> <p>It will not enter into further discussion regarding the Section 106 agreement, the adoption of public open space, accusations of historic fraud or any other issues which fall outside the remit of the Parish Council and over which it holds no authority.</p>
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2	<b>Apologies:</b> None Received
3	<b>Declaration of interests:</b> Cllr Meadows has a non-pecuniary interest in 12.2.
4	<b>Questions from the public:</b> Members of the public used this time to ask questions and express their opinions.
5	<b>Minutes of the previous meetings:</b> The minutes from the previous meeting of the 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 were unanimously agreed after a change of an incorrect planning response was noted and were signed by the Chairman.
6	<b>Representation for village hall committee:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Cllr Meadows will continue to be the representative from the Parish Council for the village hall committee.
7	<b>Hedges Along Public paths:</b> Clerk will gather all the locations of the overgrown hedges and email a list to the Warwickshire County councillor to chase.
8	<b>Website:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to move the current website over to Parish Online who will also set up gov.uk emails for all councillors and clerk.
9	<b>Bank Mandate:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to update the bank mandate, clerk and chair will be added to current mandate.
10	<b>Councillors' reports:</b> Cllr Meadows mentioned ragwort and how it need removing before it starts to seed.
11	<p><b>District and County Councillors' reports:</b> County Councillor Curtis gave a report. District Council is now publishing an email newsletter The Online View. This is available to anyone who has signed up for it on <a href="https://www.stratford.gov.uk/communications/email-newsletter.cfm">https://www.stratford.gov.uk/communications/email-newsletter.cfm</a>. These are now being published each week. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee next meets on 27 August and South Warwickshire Foundation NHS Trust will be attending to describe the future use of the Ellen Badger Hospital. In the meantime, a site visit is being provided by SWFT on 8th August, to Ellen Badger, for members of SDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Manuela Perteghella, MP for Stratford on Avon has requested the Secretary of State to call in the decision of the Interim Care Board not to allocate any inpatient beds to Shipston. This call in was supported by SDC on 14th July.</p> <p>Local Government Reorganisation: At SDC's meeting on 14th July, it was agreed that the best proposal for a unitary authority was for Warwick and Stratford Districts, to take on County Council responsibilities by combining to create one South Warwickshire Unitary Authority.</p> <p>The submissions on the South Warwickshire Local Plan are under consideration.</p> <p>Round 3 of the Climate Change Community fund is now open <a href="https://www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-fund.cfm">https://www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change-fund.cfm</a> Criteria for the Community Grant fund are still to be confirmed</p> <p>Free summer activities for children at local leisure centre   Stratford-on-Avon District Council <a href="https://www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/1/item/138560">https://www.stratford.gov.uk/news/press.cfm/current/1/item/138560</a> As part of the national</p>

12	<p>Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, Stratford Leisure Centre and The Greig Leisure Centre in Alcester - managed by Everyone Active in partnership with Stratford-on-Avon District Council - will host an array of free activities, all accompanied by free lunches. Family swimming sessions at Stratford Leisure Centre, Studley Leisure Centre, Southam Leisure Centre and Shipston Leisure Centre will also be on offer as part of the programme.</p> <p>Prostate, diabetes and cholesterol screening for men and women aged 18 and over - tests on offer cost £14 each, subsidised by the District Council and are:  For men over 40 - PSA (Prostate Screening)  For men and women aged 18 and over - diabetes and cholesterol  The events are taking place at:  Saturday 2 August at The Greig Leisure Centre, Kinwarton Road, Alcester, B49 6AD  Saturday 13 September at Stratford Leisure Centre  Saturday 11 October at Shipston Scout Hut, New Street, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4EW</p> <p>10am until 2pm at each location and people can book at a discounted rate of £14 for each test. Spaces are limited and need to be booked in advanced at:  <a href="https://sdc.mypsatests.org.uk/">https://sdc.mypsatests.org.uk/</a></p> <p>The Reform UK Leader of County, elected in his absence and then on holiday for 4 weeks has stood down due to ill-health. Reform UK has chosen as their Group Leader his Deputy, George Finch.  Full Council meets on Tuesday to elect the new County Leader and it's not known whether the County Conservative Group will continue to support Reform UK under the leadership of such an inexperienced Leader, especially after his, and Reform UK's, very public and personal attacks on the CEO at County. The personal attacks on the CEO have not gone well with the officers at County but from my experience that are acting with great professionalism.</p> <p>Attendance by Reform Portfolio holders at OSC has been poor with those attending unable or unwilling to answer questions. OSC are the Public Fora in which the Administration should be held to account.  DOGE. Reform UK is keen to bring in a DOGE team but at the same time is wasting officer time by not turning up to meetings and now they plan to spend £190K on Political Assistants.</p> <p>SEND deficit. The Government has extended the 'Statutory Over-ride for a further 2 years, meaning the circa £90m deficit is essentially 'off the books.' This is not as a result of bad financial management at County, it is the result of government's refusal to fund SEND provision properly.</p> <p><b>Planning applications:</b> to note the following planning application and to consider any others that may be received prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>25/00189/FUL Hill Farm</b> - Extensions and alterations forming dining room, kitchen, sunroom, utility, cloaks, pantry, study &amp; home office to ground floor along with two additional bedrooms to the first floor – NO REPRESENTATION</li> <li>ii. <b>25/00966/REM Land Off Shipston Road</b> - Reserved Matters application for the Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, and Scale for the Public Open Space, Site Infrastructure, Lighting and Drainage pursuant to conditions 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11 and</li> </ul>	
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13	<p>i) Clerks Salary (May) - £**</p> <p>ii) HMRC - £**</p> <p>iii) Laura Callow (meeting expenditure)- £1.60</p> <p>iv) Kenneth Dunn (Internal Audit) - £200.00</p> <p>v) HSBC (bank charges) -£8.00</p> <p>vi) ICO- £47.00</p> <p>vii) Zurich Town Insurance - £300.00</p> <p>viii) DCK Payroll - £37.80</p> <p>ix) HMRC - £**</p> <p>x) Clerks Salary (June) - £**</p> <p>xi) Village Fete grant -£300.00</p> <p>xii) SC Plus (website) - £336.00</p> <p>xiii) HSBC (bank charges) - £8.00</p> <p>The Chairman signed the supporting documentation.</p>	
14	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red phone kiosk- BT have decided to leave the kiosk as a working phone box.</li> </ul>	
15	<p><b>Items for future agenda: Speeding</b></p>	
16	<p><b>Meeting closed at 8.13pm</b></p>	
	<p>Next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025</p>	
	<p>Signed.....</p>	