

Alderminster Parish Council

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Wednesday 20th March 2019
Alderminster Village Hall 7.30 pm

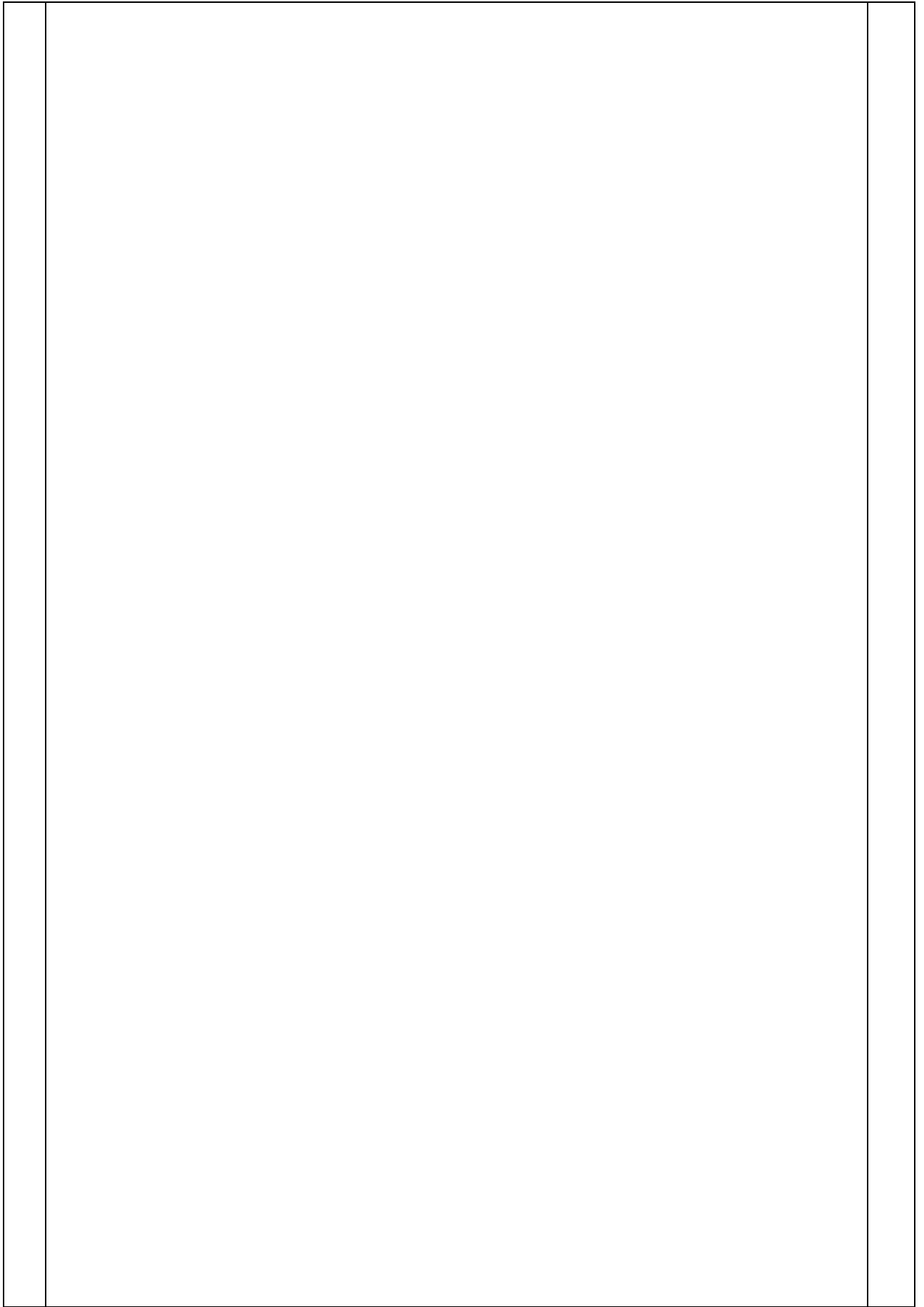
Present: Cllr Karen Jones
Cllr Geoff Smith
Cllr Mark Meadows
Cllr John Melville
Cllr Sherry McGinn
Cllr James Dignan
Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

Also present: 6 members of the public

	With the agreement of all Councillors, Cllr Jones chaired the meeting.	
1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe and Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell.	
2	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interests.	
3	Questions from the public: A member of the public explained plans for a proposed timber framed park home to be placed on the plot of land beside Bridge House, Alderminster. An outline planning application had been submitted for this development (see item 17 iii).	
4	Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting of the 16 th January were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the acting Chairman.	
5	Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting: There were no matters arising.	
6	Co-option: It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Michael White to fill the vacant seat on the Parish Council. Mr White signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the clerk.	
7	Caffeine and Machine: Representatives from the Management team at Caffeine and Machine informed the meeting of the steps they were taking to ensure that the success of their business did not cause any disruption to neighbouring properties. They had experienced one weekend when the volume of traffic was such that cars were parked on the grass verges alongside the main road. In consultation with the police and Traffic Management, the business is now employing	

	marshals to prevent any recurrence. In addition, the management will no longer allow entry to any visitors who arrive on foot, as this is an indication that the premises are full to capacity. The management is keen to ensure that they maintain a responsible public profile at all events hosted and are actively engaged in establishing ties with the local community.	
8	District and County Councillors' reports: There were no reports to be made.	
9	Alderminster Speedwatch signs: After discussion, it was resolved to defer this item till a later meeting.	
10	Speed reduction campaign: It was agreed to request that the speed limit on New Road be reduced from 60 mph to 50 mph. Residents would be asked to sign a petition to this effect to be presented to Warwickshire County Council.	
11	Clerk's updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A meeting had taken place with a member of the Footpaths team from Warwickshire County Council who agreed that the erosion on the far side of the backwash bridge was caused by flood water being unable to flow through the drainage pipes underneath. Maintenance of the flood channel was the responsibility of the riparian landowner(s). Once the debris blocking the flow of water was removed, and the water flowing freely again, Warwickshire County Council would undertake to build a step down from the bridge for safer access. ii) The Council had been awarded the sum of £150 towards the repair of the VAS sign on the main road. As the Council had now been informed that this sign was due to be removed, the clerk had applied to vary the purpose of the grant. This application had been approved and the sum of £150 was now available to assist in developing a volunteer recruitment programme. iii) Notices concerning the Parish and District Council elections would be posted on the notice board and website on the relevant dates. 	
12	Working party for clearing of flood channel at backwash bridge: Cllr Jones said that most of the debris blocking the flood channel consisted of light grasses and weeds which could be easily removed. She suggested organising a working party to accomplish this work, which was agreed to by the Council. The clerk was asked to approach the Alscot Estate to ask for their permission to burn the debris on their land.	
13	Nationally agreed pay scales: The Council noted the revised nationally agreed pay scales effective from April 2019 and the clerk's reduction in hours effective from the same date.	
14	Additional gritting routes: Warwickshire County Council was identifying parishes who were prepared to pay for the cost of gritting currently untreated roads within their parishes. The Parish Council expressed an interest in having New Road gritted, and the clerk was asked to ascertain the likely costs involved.	

15	<p>Milestone Society: The Parish Council had received a request from the Warwickshire Milestone Society to pay for the reinstallation of the three milestones marking the boundaries of the village, at a cost of £1008. After discussion, the Council decided not to proceed with this request.</p>	
16	<p>Maintenance issues: The Council deferred a decision on replacing the missing grit bin, pending a decision on the future gritting of New Road. The clerk had been in contact with Stratford District Council concerning the use of weedkiller on some areas of the grass verges. This had been the practice for the last two or three years at the start of the mowing season, but strimming would take place as normal throughout the rest of the season.</p>	
17	<p>Planning applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 19/0047/FUL Horsehoe Cottage, Alderminster: proposed erection of a timber shed. No representation was made to this application. ii) 19/00612/LBC Alderminster Lodge, Alderminster: proposed erection of a single storey two and a half bay garage and garden store. It was resolved to make no representation with regards to this application. iii) 18/03539/OUT plot beside Bridge House, Alderminster: application to site a pre fabricated single storey bungalow style home. It was resolved to object to this application. <p>The following planning decisions were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 18/03665/VARY Shenning Farm, Alderminster: permission granted for variation of Condition 2 and Condition 3 of planning permission 18/00822/FUL. 	
18	<p>Accounts for payments and finance matters: The following payments were approved and authorised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Clerk's salary - £** ii) HMRC (income tax) - £** iii) Village Hall (hire of hall) - £99.00 iv) Village Hall Committee (improvement grant) - £1,265.00 <p>The acting Chairman and Cllr White signed the supporting documents.</p>	
19	<p>Correspondence: A letter of thanks had been received from the Parochial Church Council for the grant towards the church lighting.</p>	
20	<p>Councillors' reports and items for future agenda: Volunteer recruitment grant project.</p>	
21	<p>Dates of Annual Meetings: The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the 15th May at 7.00 pm, followed at 7.30 pm by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.</p>	
22	<p>Close of meeting: The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting Wednesday 20th March 2019</p>		



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