

ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES: of a Parish Council meeting held in Alderton Village Hall, Alderton, on Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors: Keith Page (Chairman), Nicki Broderick, Sarah Hughes, Dennis Rayton, Yasmin Shaik and Mike West

In attendance: Ruth Waller, Locum Clerk
Borough Cllr. David Grey (from 8.30pm)
County Cllr. Jim Mason (from 8.40pm)
County Cllr. John Murphy (from 8.40pm)
Three members of the public

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence and confirm the meeting is quorate.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Kettle. The Clerk confirmed that the meeting was quorate.

2. To receive presentation from Mike Fitton in relation to a concept plan for 4 properties on Dibden Lane

A detailed presentation was provided by Mike Fitton to those present. Plans had also been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

Following lengthy discussion and questions from the floor, the Chairman summarised that the Council and residents of Alderton would not be in favour of any development on this land for the following reasons:

- The Council wishes that this land remains for agricultural use.
- The design of the buildings was considered unsympathetic to land overlooked by an Area of outstanding Natural Beauty
- There is no requirement for additional housing in the Alderton Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Over population of the village following other recent developments resulting in a 35% increase.
- The proposed development is outside the village boundary

3. To receive comments from members of the public

No further matters raised.

4. To receive Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None

5. To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 January 2022

The minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. To receive the Clerk's Report

The Clerk's Report had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and its contents noted.

Using delegated authority between meetings, **COUNCIL AGREED** to purchase the allotment hedging from Gotherington Nurseries at a cost of £400 for the plants and £100 for the protectors.

COUNCIL AGREED no response was required to the Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review.

Thanks were given to Cllrs. Page and Kettle for completing the installation of the notice boards.

7. To receive a report from the Borough Councillor

Borough Cllr. Grey provided a detailed update to those present. The main points included:

- Build Back Better funding opportunities available to community and voluntary groups to help communities recover, rebuild and protect themselves following the impacts of COVID-19.
- Budget meeting to be held on 16 February 2022. A 6% increase to the Precept would be proposed. Half of this would be funded by Central Government.
- The budget included £9 million extra to support vulnerable adults and those living with a disability
- 100 million for our roads also included in the Budget
- 65,000 trees had been planted in the County during 2021/22 The Department of Transport was investigating the improvements to Junction 9 of the M5
- Recycling: Permission had been granted for the Transfer Stations at Stoke Orchard.
- The completion of the Local Plan was expected in early Spring 2022.

8. To receive a report from the County Councillor

Following on from Cllr. Greys report, other matters from a Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) perspective included:

- Improvements to pot-hole repairs
- Funding agreed for 26-mile cycle path to be completed from Stroud to Bishop's Cleeve,
- Investment into our market towns and high streets, and ongoing support and protection of the most vulnerable in our communities
- Digital Strategy created in 2020 is now being implemented
- GCC Planning Application Tracker tool available soon
- UBICO – In cab technology to assist with missed collections, roadworks etc.
- An additional £250,000 budgeted to Community Speedwatch,
- £33,000 to prevent increases to the costs of parking permits
- £100,000 to reserve for traffic regulation orders (TRO)

9. To consider response to concerns raised for children's safety outside the school and agree actions

No response received from the school to the Parish Council's invitation to discuss the matter.

Action: Clerk to contact the school again in relation to the concern for children's safety when waiting for the bus.

10. To agree date for the Annual Parish Meeting:

COUNCIL AGREED a provisional date of 5 April 2022 for the Annual Parish Meeting.

This would be held in the Village Hall as an informal meeting with refreshments.

11. Planning

a) To consider the following Planning Applications: None received.

b) To receive an update on other Planning Matters:

It was noted that incorrect information stating that the road was National Speed Limit was included on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Willowbrook Road.

Action: Clerk to contact the Planning Officer to discuss the inaccuracies.

c) To consider response to the Draft Recommendations of the Tewkesbury Borough Parish Boundary Review

COUNCIL AGREED no response was required to the recommendations of the Boundary Review.

12. To consider a Village Party to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and establish working group

COUNCIL AGREED to support the independent working group set up to organise events leading up to and including the 5 June to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

COUNCIL AGREED to apply for funding, on behalf of the working group, through the Arts Council towards the cost of these events.

Action: Clerk to complete the online application form assisted by Cllr. Broderick.

13. To consider order of a Beacon from 21CC at a cost of £475 plus VAT and agree action

COUNCIL AGREED not to purchase this Beacon.

14. Allotments

a) To consider actions for allotment holders not responding to licence renewal request

Only one holder remained outstanding on their renewal of the allotment licence. This item was therefore deferred until the next Council meeting.

b) To agree renewal of Toilet hire with B + M

COUNCIL AGREED to renew the toilet hire for the allotments with B + M commencing beginning of March 2022.

c) To consider any further matters relating to the Allotments and agree actions

The colour satin for the sheds was discussed and agreed that this would be green. The cost for paint is £22 per can. The allocation and rental costs of the sheds would be agreed at the next Council meeting.

15. To consider the installation of new litter bin by Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) at an additional cost of £100 plus VAT

COUNCIL AGREED the installation cost of the new litter bin.

16. To receive three quotes and agree the grass cutting contract for the Playing Fields

A third quote had been requested from Ubico, but this had been declined.

COUNCIL AGREED to offer the 2022/23 grass cutting contract to Greenfields.

17. To consider renewal of CPRE Membership and agree actions

COUNCIL AGREED renewal of the CPRE Membership for 2022/23.

18. To note any Highways matters raised and agree actions

A further Speed Indication Device (SID) was discussed. Cllr. Page to consult with the Clerk to investigate the outstanding insurance liabilities between the Parish Council and GCC.

19. To consider any matters relating to the Changing Facility and Playing Field and agree actions

No progress with the delivery of the new roller due to COVID. Cheltenham AFC had notified the Clerk informing that they would not be using the pitch for the remainder of this season.

20. To receive update regarding the play inspection volunteers and agree training dates

Cllr. Page would liaise directly with the volunteers to arrange dates.

21. To receive update on Planter for the War Memorial and agree actions

COUNCIL AGREED to purchase a planter the War Memorial.

It was also agreed to approach the Gardening Club to establish if they would maintain upkeep of plants.

The dimensions of the proposed planter were required to enable this to be ordered.

Action: Clerk to investigate further the offer from Plantscape.

22. Finances

a) To approve February 2022 Payment List/those paid since the last meeting and to note receipts.

The following payments were approved:

Payee	Details	Net amount	VAT	Total	Purpose	Authority
Southern Electric	DD	£6.84	£0.34	£7.18	Phone box electricity (Defib) 2.5.2020 - 1.6.2020	PHA 1936, s.234
EDF Energy	DD	£17.00	£0	£17.00	Changing Facility electricity – May payment	LG(MP)A 1976 s.19
Water Plus	FPO	TBC	£0	TBC	Millennium Copse water supply 25.3.20 - 4.6.20	LGA 1972 s.111
BENCE & Sons Ltd	FPO	£19.80	£3.96	£23.76	Allotment Shed Materials	SHAA 1908, ss.23, 25
Greenbarnes Ltd	FPO	£3,432.96	£686.60	£4,119.56	Three noticeboards: Church, Village Hall + Playing Field	LGA 1972, s111
B & M Hire	FPO	£66.00	£13.20	£79.20	Hire of toilet for allotment site	PHA 1936 s.87

A further payment for £5,250 to MGB Sheds was authorised.
 Further invoices from Bence had been received since the publication of the agenda. These payments were for shed materials totalling £195.48, £3.30 and £53.12. These were also authorised for payment.

b) To approve the bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. It was approved and signed by the Chairman. (Appendix A). The balance per Treasurers Account on 31 January 2022 was £130.13 and the Business Account was £26977.26.

23. To review banking arrangements

This item was deferred until the March Council Meeting.

24. To note agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting

- To receive update report on the CALA homes development
- To consider allocation of sheds and cost of rent to allotment holders

The Chairman concluded the meeting at 10.35pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Next Parish Council Meeting: 15 March 2022, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

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 Chairman

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 Date

2022 Meeting Dates: - 15 Mar, 19 Apr, 17 May ,21 Jun,19 Jul, 16 Aug, 20 Sep,18 Oct, 15 Nov, 20 Dec

APPENDIX A

ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

BANK RECONCILIATION

Period to: 31st January 2022

Lloyds TSB Current & Deposit A/cs		£	£
Balance per Treasurers Acc	31st January	130.13	
Balance per Business Acc	31st January	26977.26	
			27107.39

Less:

outstanding/unpresented cheques	0	0.00	
	0	<u>0.00</u>	
			0.00

Reconciled balance **27107.39**

Cash Book Summary

Opening balance 1.4.21		20363.91
Add: receipts to date	26544.90	
Less: payments to date	19801.42	
		27107.39
Cash Book balance		27107.39