

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby - The Mayor, took the Chair
Cllr Bond Cllr Fellowes
Cllr Fox Cllr Harris
Cllr Jones Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben Cllr Partel
Cllr Worster

Cllr Richard Smith – SCC was present. Three members of the public were also in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Cllrs TJ Haworth-Culf and M Jones from SCDC in addition to Cllrs Palmer and Walker.
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest
3. **To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 December 2016.**
Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 December 2016 were **APPROVED**. The Minutes were **APPROVED** and duly signed.
4. **SCC report and Correspondence**
Cllr Smith delivered his report on behalf of SCC (see Appendix One.)

Cllr Kiff commented upon proposals to restrict parking on Church Farm Road. Given the volume of traffic parking in this area over the recent holiday period, he felt parking restrictions should be extended beyond the current suggestion to avoid further chaos and congestion. Cllr Smith replied, explaining that the County Council was still consulting about parking restrictions on Church Farm Road but there was some sympathy for Aldeburgh Town Council's view that the restrictions needed toughening up.
5. **SCDC Report and Correspondence**
Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf submitted the monthly report on behalf of SCDC (see Appendix Two.)

In the absence of the District Cllrs, there were no questions this month.
6. **Police Report**
No Police Report had been submitted.
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
The Mayor suspended Standing Orders for the Public Forum.

There were no questions but one resident, Richard Marson addressed the Town Council on the forthcoming centenary celebrations for Elizabeth Garrett Anderson. He outlined a series of events to celebrate her life and confirmed that all funding for these activities was in place. The events include a schools' debate, a promenade play which will be staged in four venues in Aldeburgh and a drama event involving local schoolchildren. He also suggested that Town Council might consider

contributing to an Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Bursary.

The Mayor thanked him for his contribution and as there were no further questions, he reinstated Standing Orders.

Cllr Smith gave his apologies and left to attend another meeting.

COMMITTEES REPORTS:

8a. PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8ai) Report from Chairman of Property & Finance Committee

Cllr Jones reported that work on the Groundsman Cottage had resumed and would be complete by the end of the first week of February. She continues to chase Hogs in respect of exterior and interior work at The Moot Hall and together with the Town Clerk, will be progressing the Sport England requirements to enable dates to be scheduled for work on the drainage at King's Field. It is planned to produce the usual quarterly report on income and expenditure for the next committee meeting.

8b. SERVICES COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Cllr Fox informed the meeting of a successful Heritage Lottery Fund bid in respect of a comprehensive redevelopment of The Moot Hall, working in partnership with Aldeburgh Museum. She told the council that an initial grant of £77,000 would be made to appoint a team to put together a bid for the next stage of the plan. If that stage is successful, a further grant of £824,600 will be made. Cllr Fox commented that the team of Trustees, who had been involved with the bid submission were delighted, but surprised at the decision as it was very unusual to secure a bid at the first attempt. She said that both the Town Council and Museum Trustees would be fully engaged at all levels on this matter. Cllr Fox gave her apologies as she needed to leave the meeting.

The Town Clerk reported that work to repair the car park at Thorpe Road was expected to start on 16 January and may last several weeks. Emergency repair works on Slaughden Road were also anticipated imminently. She confirmed that there are a number of highway matters to be addressed when Cllr Palmer returns from holiday.

8c. PLANNING

8ci) Report from Chairman of Planning.

Cllr Worster complimented Cllr Palmer (in his absence) on the comprehensive response to the second stage Sizewell C consultation. The work to date was excellent and Cllr Worster placed on record his thanks for the report which had been circulated to councillors prior to the visit from Planning Aid England.

Cllr Worster commented that there had been a significant volume of interest from residents and members of the Aldeburgh Society in the proposed development at The Sundial. Cllr Worster also reported that he would be raising the Neighbourhood Plan at the next Committees Meeting for further debate. There was also correspondence relating to the planning application at Port Pleasant on Champion Road, which would be considered at the next Planning Committee meeting on 17 January 2017.

8d. GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS

8di) Report from Chairman of Grants, Requests and Events Committee

Cllr Bond had nothing to report this month.

9. Representatives' Reports.

- Cllr Worster said that he would be attending a meeting of the Jubilee Hall Trustees in the coming week.
- Cllr Fellowes reported her attendance a meeting of the Sizewell A and B Stakeholder Group and reported on a planning application in Leiston linked to development at Sizewell C.
- Cllr Kiff attended a meeting of the Aldeburgh Business Association on 4 January. He reported that trade had been brisk in the run-up to and over Christmas. Next year, the ABA would like the town's Christmas celebrations to be held in December, with an official Christmas Lights switch-on.
- Cllr Harris attended a meeting of the Museum Trustees.

10. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk attended a meeting of the Suffolk SLCC, with speakers from CCLA and the head office of SLCC. She continued by giving an overview of a meeting with the Chairman of the Museum Trustees and Cllr Fox to discuss how the the first phase of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant may be implemented, with some practical implications concerning The Moot Hall and the Museum redevelopment.

The precept request has been submitted for 2017/18 to SCDC, who had also requested a breakdown of monies.

Finally, the Town Clerk was pleased to report that there had been no significant problems over the Christmas and New Year period. Refuse and bottle bins had been emptied both regularly and promptly, ensuring the town was neat and tidy.

11. Mayor's Notes.

The Mayor reported that he had been involved in a variety of events and meetings during the past month. These included;

- 18 December – Attended the Christmas Carol Service and the Parish Church
- 20 December – Attended the Christmas Carols around the tree at the Moot Hall with the children of the Primary School.
- 24 December – Visit to see the residents at Garrett House Residential Home.
- 25 December – Visit to see the patients at the Aldeburgh Hospital.
- 26 December – Boxing Day Swim on the beach.

12. Correspondence

The Town Clerk reported that there had been no response to the piece in the Aldeburgh Gazette, requesting comments and opinions from residents about the second-stage Sizewell C consultation.

13. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors

Cllrs had nothing to declare this month.

14. **Items to pay** – details had been previously circulated to Cllrs.

All payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**
PROPOSED by Cllr Jones. **SECONDED** by Cllr Kiff.

In Favour **10**

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.36pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will take place on Monday 13 February 2017 at
7.00 pm in The Moot Hall.**