

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2018
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 Oxby

Also present: Cllr Russ Rainger – SCC and Cllr T.J. Haworth-Culf– SCDC.

Three members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Cox, Palmer, Partel, Walker and Worster
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
3. **To approve the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 August 2018**
Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 August 2018 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands and duly signed. Minutes of an in-camera Council Meeting held on August 28 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands (with one abstention) and duly signed.
4. **SCC report and Correspondence**
Cllr Rainger told Cllrs he had attended the AGM of the Leiston and Saxmundham Citizens Advice Bureau which he had found illuminating. He confirmed that he and others would be meeting the Chief Executive of ScottishPower on September 18 to press for a co-ordinated approach to large infrastructure projects. He warned that SCC had overspent by £8.6m and that discussions were taking place on how to remedy this situation. He alluded to a BBC documentary which had highlighted alleged misuse of funds in a schools' renovation scheme run by BrightTribe. This company had been involved in school improvement projects in Suffolk, said Cllr Rainger, with Cllr T.J.Howarth-Culf confirming that one of the schools that could be affected is the Alde Valley Academy.
Cllr Kiff asked when 'cats' eyes' would be replaced in recently-resurfaced roads. Cllr Rainger confirmed they would be re-installed soon, now that the main holiday season was over.
Cllr Rainger's report can be read in full at: <https://russrainger.wordpress.com/>
5. **SCDC Report and Correspondence**
Cllr Haworth-Culf highlighted a number of issues in her report, including a call by local authorities in Suffolk for energy companies engaged in major projects to co-ordinate the work to minimise disruption to affected communities. Plans by ScottishPower Renewables had come under fierce attack because of the piecemeal approach to planning major infrastructure projects, she commented. She revealed that work was about to start on revamping Leiston Leisure Centre and encouraged everyone to complete the annual voter registration forms. Cllr Haworth-Culf also drew attention to a fun Honour Run in October, organised jointly by SCDC and Suffolk British Legion, in aid of this year's Poppy Appeal.
Full SCDC report: **See Appendix 1**
6. **Police Report**
No Police report had been submitted, but the Town Clerk told Cllrs that the Carnival had passed off without incident and that there had been a marginal increase in parking enforcement on the High Street

in August. She drew Cllrs attention to graffiti which had been daubed on the shelter at the top of the Town Steps.

7. Public Forum

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders for the Public Forum

A resident asked when pothole repair work would start and Cllr Rainger promised to investigate. The same resident complained about bicycles advertising a cycle hire business being chained to street furniture throughout the town. The Town Clerk advised him that ATC had no powers to address this problem and asked for help from Cllr Rainger. He, too, said this was a thorny issue with no easy solution. Cllr Oxby observed that on one occasion the Town Steps had been obstructed by three bicycles which, she felt, constituted a hazard.

The Mayor reinstated Standing Orders

8. COMMITTEES REPORTS:

8a. PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8ai) Report from Chairman of Property & Finance Committee

Cllr Jones advised the meeting that work to renew the tiled roof at Pet Perfection was more involved than first thought and that additional measures were now required which would result in a revised estimate. She confirmed that talks would take place with the contractor who had installed the slope between the rugby pitch and King's Field for the Music by the Sea event. The work was unsatisfactory, she said, and a site meeting with the contractor was now required.

8b. SERVICES COMMITTEE

8bi) Report from Chairman of Services

In the absence of Cllrs Palmer and Cox, the Town Clerk said she would deal with Services Committee matters in her report.

8c. PLANNING

8ci) Report from Chairman of Planning

In the absence of Cllr Worster, Cllr Bond briefed the meeting on a number of planning issues. She also urged all Cllrs to attend the Brickfields Inquiry when it opened on September 11. She believed the Inquiry was the most important planning event to be held in the town for decades.

8d. GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS

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

In the absence of Cllr Partel, there was nothing to report this month.

9. Representatives' Reports.

- Cllr Kiff participated in an Aldeburgh Business Association meeting on September 5.
- Cllr Jones was present at a meeting of the Aldeburgh Society which considered a number of planning issues, the draft Local Plan and the Brickfields Inquiry. She confirmed the funding target of £15k for the Inquiry had been reached.
- Cllr Harris attended a Museum Trustees meeting.
- Cllrs Bond and Oxby attended the SCDC Planning Committee meeting which deliberated on the Bank House application; and Cllr Bond, with the Town Clerk, met with ATC Planning Consultant Neil Ward to discuss strategy for the Brickfields Inquiry.

10. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk told the meeting that since August 17, consultations concerning ward boundary changes, parking, ScottishPower and the draft Local Plan had been submitted on behalf of ATC. This represented a considerable body of work, she said, and thanked those Cllrs who had contributed to the process.

She reminded Cllrs that the Brickfields Inquiry was due to open on September 11 and asked that as many as possible attend the sessions. She said she was expecting a large public presence and that

additional car parking measures were in place at King's Field. The Community Centre car park would be reserved for legal representatives.

In the absence of both the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Services Committee, the Town Clerk apprised the meeting of a number of issues:

1. ATC had been sent an information pack from the Civil Parking Enforcement authorities which seemed to indicate that yellow lines throughout the town would be renovated. Residents of Church Farm Road would be free to make representations about any alterations or additions to the lines there. The documents did not address the problem of potholes, she added.
2. Renovation work on the War Memorial was due to start on October 1.
3. A number of silhouettes to commemorate Armistice Day would soon be erected in significant locations in the town. Detailed discussions with 653 Squadron were planned to finalise arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.
4. The HighTide theatre festival was about to start and the Triathlon would be held on Sunday September 16.
5. Discussions involving allotments and badgers would recommence when the Deputy Chair returned from holiday.

11. Mayor's Notes.

Cllr Digby attended the following events:

August:

19 – Songs of Praise Service at Moot Green on Carnival Sunday.

20 – Crowned Carnival Queen and attended other Carnival Day functions.

25 – Opened Lifeboat Summer Fete outside RNLI Station.

26 – Welcomed Cobra car rally to Aldeburgh

27 – Bank Holiday - Welcomed rally of 60 cars (100 Friends Enthusiasts Group).

31 – High Sheriff of Suffolk Reception at Great Thurlow Hall.

September:

7 – Birketts reception at Aldeburgh Yacht Club.

9 – Veteran car rally outside the Moot Hall (am), then Woodbridge Civic Service (pm)

12. Correspondence

The Town Clerk advised Cllrs that the only correspondence of note was from a group of residents who lived adjacent to Crag Path and were concerned about plans to change the Lifeboat Station.

13. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors

Cllrs Digby and Harris attended a reception hosted by the High Sheriff.

Cllrs Digby and Jones attended a reception at Aldeburgh Yacht Club hosted by Birketts Solicitors.

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

All payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

PROPOSED by Cllr Kiff and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In Favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.37pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will take place on Monday
8 October 2018 at 7.00 pm in The Moot Hall.**