

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2018
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby- The Mayor, took the Chair

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Fellowes	Cllr Fox
Cllr Harris	Cllr Jones
Cllr Kiff	Cllr Osben
Cllr Palmer	Cllr Walker
Cllr Worster	

Also present: Cllr Russ Rainger – SCC.

Four members of the public were in attendance.

Before the start of the meeting, the Mayor, Cllr John Digby, thanked all those involved in making the previous day's Remembrance Day commemoration events so successful. He singled out the Town Clerk and her staff, Cllr Harris for his marshalling expertise, Cllr Fox for providing refreshments, Cllr Worster for a magnificent floral display and 653 Squadron for supporting the town so well. Cllr Digby said the service at the War Memorial had been attended by hundreds of people and had been a moving and poignant occasion. The town should take great pride in the way it had honoured The Fallen, he said.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllrs T.J. Haworth-Culf and Maureen Jones – SCDC and Cllrs Oxby and Partel (ATC).
- 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 10 September 2018**
Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 8 2018 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands and duly signed after a minor amendment was agreed.
- 4. SCC report and Correspondence**
Cllr Rainger, who had attended Remembrance Day events in Aldeburgh, congratulated everyone who had contributed to a memorable occasion.
He confirmed that following meetings with the ATC Services Committee working party, a number of Highways issues were being progressed. He told Cllrs he was monitoring social media concerning traffic chaos on Leiston Road and that this issue was under discussion. He highlighted a forthcoming meeting with town Cllrs, SCC Highways and residents to discuss parking concerns on Church Farm Road.
He pointed out that the closing date for responses to the ScottishPower Renewables 3.5 consultation was November 12. He said there was a lot of public interest in this issue, with comments from people living outside the immediate area. A principal concern was the potential loss of an AONB site.
Cllr Rainger's report can be read in full at: <https://russrainger.wordpress.com/>

5. SCDC Report and Correspondence

The Town Clerk undertook to circulate the November SCDC report to all councillors and to any member of the public on request.

Full SCDC report: **See Appendix 1**

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 from members of the public.

The Mayor reinstated Standing Orders

8. COMMITTEES REPORTS:

8a. PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8ai) Report from Chairman of Property & Finance Committee

Cllr Jones confirmed that the Income and Expenditure account for six months, together with a report explaining the variances, a draft budget and earmarked funds had been circulated to all Cllrs. These matters, she said, would be discussed at the November Committees meeting but she encouraged Cllrs to raise any questions with the Town Clerk as soon as possible.

Work on the Museum Office and the slope adjacent to the rugby field was being progressed, she declared, with Norse heavily involved in agreed programme of tasks.

8aii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE the purchase of a new set of Christmas lights to decorate the exterior of The Moot Hall was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Kiff.

In favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8b. SERVICES COMMITTEE

8bi) Report from Chairman of Services

Cllr Palmer described a recent Committee working party meeting with Denise Mortimer of SCC Highways as extremely positive and welcomed the improved level of communication between ATC and Highways. He, with Cllrs Cox and Harris, had visited the SCC Highways depot at Halesworth, a visit that had proved informative and illuminating.

8c. PLANNING

8ci) Report from Chairman of Planning

Cllr Worster began his report by congratulating Cllr Palmer on persevering with a grant for restoration work on the town's War Memorial which, he said, looked wonderful for Remembrance Day.

He confirmed a delay in the result of the Brickfields Inquiry, which should now be known within the next 10 days.

Cllr Worster told the meeting the Planning Committee would be requesting a meeting with SCDC to seek clarification on a number of planning issues.

8d. GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS

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

Cllr Digby congratulated the absent Cllr Partel, for her excellent work in ensuring the success of the annual Bonfire and Firework display. Helped by Cllrs Jones and Fox, and those Cllrs who had sold

raffle tickets, the event had been brilliant, said Cllr Digby. He particularly praised the efforts of Assistant Town Clerk Lori Hill.

8dii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE a donation of £400 to the Headway (Suffolk) organisation was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Cox and **SECONDED** by Cllr Bond.

In favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Representatives' Reports.

- Cllr Bond presented prizes for Fishing for the Blind competition; attended a Destination Management Organisation conference on tourism; as Aldeburgh Jubilee Hall Trustee, met with David Mackie and Claire Bruce Clayton, the latter in connection with the new season launch currently to be held on December 1; and with Cllr Harris, Charles Walker, the Town Clerk, and my husband, attended the annual 653 Squadron Panther Dinner.
- Cllr Harris reported on an initiative by the Ipswich Building Society to support Aldeburgh United Charities fund raising efforts; with others, attended the 653 Squadron Panther dinner; and, with others, visited the Halesworth Depot of SCC Highways.
- Cllr Jones, with Cllr Cox, attended the Tennis Club AGM and reported that the Club now had 99 adult members but honesty box takings were reduced; and a meeting of the Community Centre Trust.
- Cllr Fox attended a Museum Trustees meeting to discuss redevelopment plans and, with Cllr Cox, met to start work on a document to present to the November Committees meeting concerning the regeneration of the Council Chamber.
- Cllr Kiff was present at a meeting of the Aldeburgh Business Association which discussed pop-up shops, A-boards and Christmas lights.
- Cllr Cox attended a meeting of the Service working party group and Highways; a Museum project board meeting; AGM of the tennis and bowls clubs and a visit, with others, to the SCC Highways depot in Halesworth.
- Cllr Walker reported on a meeting of the Aldeburgh Library Foundation to discuss future developments.
- Cllr Palmer, with others, visited the SCC Highways Depot at Halesworth which, he said, was extremely useful.
- Cllr Worster, with Cllr Bond, attended a meeting of the Jubilee Hall Trustees to discuss communication issues and, as the Church representative, confirmed that a large illuminated star would be displayed on the tower during the festive period.

10. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk praised everyone who had helped make the Remembrance Day commemorations run so smoothly. She told Cllrs that a great deal of effort had been expended on preparations to ensure the poignant event was conducted in an appropriate fashion.

She thanked Cllr Jones and Assistant Town Clerk Lori Hill for spending considerable time counting collection box money from the hugely-successful bonfire event.

She told the meeting she had attended a briefing by ScreenSuffolk at The Cut in Halesworth to explore new opportunities for filming in East Anglia.

The Town Clerk invite Cllrs to look closely at draft budget documents which she had circulated. Any questions or queries would need to be raised before the November Committees meeting.

She pointed out to Cllrs that since mid-August, responses had been sent to eight different consultations which had absorbed a great deal of time in the Town Clerk's office. A further consultation on the siting of Aldeburgh's Polling Station was pending.

Flagship Housing would be attending the Planning Committee meeting on November 20th to give a progress report on developments at the Old Police Station site, she confirmed. She warned Cllrs that

the November Committees Meeting was likely to be lengthy. The Chairman of the Museum Trustees would be briefing Cllrs on the Moot Hall redevelopment project, there would be a discussion about CIL payments and budgets for the next financial year, she added.

She announced that she would be addressing the next meeting of the Aldeburgh WI on her work as Town Clerk. She extended an invitation to those qualified by gender – but there were no takers.

- 10a) RESOLUTION to APPROVE** and accept the annual return for 2017/18, now the opinion of the external auditor has been received was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In favour **12**

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Mayor's Notes

Cllr Digby attended the following events:

October:

14th – Needham Market Civic Service.

20th – DeQuincy family reunion to see the DeQuincy Cup on its return to Aldeburgh.

November:

4th – Aldeburgh Fireworks and Bonfire.

7th – Eve of Peace Service at Bury Cathedral.

11th – Armistice Day commemorations in Aldeburgh.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted concerning defective street lights on Crabbe Street, a proposal to re-site the Polling Station from the Church Hall to the Community Centre and an appeal from SCDC for new councillors when the East Suffolk Council comes to fruition next April.

13. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors

Cllrs Bond and Harris attended the 653 Squadron Panther Dinner.

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

All payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**

PROPOSED by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Fox.

In Favour **12**

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.29pm.

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

