

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

Present: Cllr Bond - The Mayor, took the Chair

Cllr Cox	Cllr Digby
Cllr Fellowes	Cllr Fox
Cllr Harris	Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben	Cllr Oxby
Cllr Palmer	Cllr Partel
Cllr Walker	Cllr Worster

Four members of the public were in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllrs T.J.Haworth-Culf and M.Jones (SCDC) and Cllr S Jones (ATC).

2. Councillors' Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on January 8 2018

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 January 2018 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands and duly signed.

4. SCC report and Correspondence

Cllr Rainger drew attention to the home-to-school transport consultation which ends on February 28. He assured the meeting that he was heavily involved in talks with schools to assess the impact of any changes. He reported on a recent meeting with the Aldeburgh Society and would be meeting ATC Cllrs imminently to discuss outstanding highways issues. He confirmed that a donation of £500 to the Church car park appeal had been made out of his Locality Budget. His report in full can be found at <https://russrainger.wordpress.com/>

5. SCDC Report and Correspondence

In the absence of both District Cllrs, the Town Clerk highlighted a number of items in Cllr T.J.Haworth-Culf's report. She said she would be circulating details of ward boundary changes which could reduce the number of SCDC and Waveney District Councillors. The revised garden waste disposal scheme was due to start in May, she added, but details would be available in March with online registration. Cllr Worster asked if provision could be made for those townspeople who did not use computers, particularly the elderly. Cllr Rainger said he would clarify that question.

6. Police Report

There was no report this month, but the Town Clerk circulated a Police SNT newsletter covering a multiplicity of towns and parishes throughout East Suffolk. She also noted that, following a spate of burglaries in the town, there had been an enhanced police presence to deter further larcenous behaviour.

Cllr Fellowes reported there had been a recent meeting in Woodbridge between the Town Council, the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss policing issues in the town. She called for a similar meeting in Aldeburgh. The Town Clerk pointed out that the Police and Crime Commissioner's solution for extra resources seemed to rely solely on community volunteers.

7. Public Forum

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders for the Public Forum.

A local resident thanked those concerned for rehangng photographs of past Mayors, temporarily displaced by the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson exposition in the Council Chamber.

The Mayor then reinstated Standing Orders.

8. COMMITTEES REPORTS:

8a. PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

8ai) Report from Chairman of Property & Finance Committee

In the absence of Cllr Jones, there was no report this month from the Property and Finance Committee.

8aii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE expenditure as quoted, to carry out renovation works on two tennis courts; to include filling cracks, cleaning, moss spraying and repainting was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Digby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Cox.

In favour 13

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8b. SERVICES COMMITTEE

8bi) Report from the Chair of the Services Committee

Cllr Palmer had nothing to report this month

8bii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE the installation of a seasoned oak handrail for the external staircase of The Moot Hall was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Fox and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In favour 13

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8biii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE the provision of five identical tables and matching chairs for the Council Chamber and the Public Gallery was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Cox.

In favour 12

Against 0

Abstentions 1

CARRIED

8biv) **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the installation, as illustrated previously, of two external signs indicating The Moot Hall on Moot Green was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Kiff and **SECONDED** by Cllr Fox.

In favour 9
Against 0
Abstentions 4
CARRIED

8bv) **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** in principle, the wording of a revised lease between ATC and Aldeburgh Museum, subject to further discussions was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Kiff.

In favour 10
Against 0
Abstentions 3
CARRIED

Cllr Fox asked the Town Clerk if there had been any progress in plans to improve drainage at King's Field. A recent dog walk on the field had proved a wet and muddy affair, she declared. The Town Clerk confirmed that a meeting with contractors was planned for the near future.

Cllr Bond called for an overhaul of local by-laws which had now been replaced by Public Space Protection Orders. She felt the time was right to review this situation. The Town Clerk suggested this was a matter which could, initially, be taken up by a small sub-committee of Cllrs.

Cllr Fellowes asked for better car park signs on the approach to the town, particularly at the bottom of Victoria Road. She pointed out that spaces in the town's car parks were unoccupied at a time when the High Street was congested. Improved signage would ease this problem, she said.

Cllr Worster asked when yellow lines on the High Street would be repainted to make enforcement easier. The Town Clerk suggested this was an issue which would be resolved when the District Council took over civil parking enforcement.

8c) PLANNING

8ci) Report from Chairman of Planning

Cllr Worster said he was extremely concerned with proposed changes to Church Farm Holiday Park. He felt that if these plans went ahead, there would be a substantial increase in unauthorised parking in and around the town. The Town Clerk told the meeting that objections from the Town Council, the Aldeburgh Society and the Aldeburgh Business Association, together with 30-40 residents, had been lodged on the SCDC Planning Portal.

8d. GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS

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

Cllr Digby congratulated the Aldeburgh Carnival Committee on winning the best Family Tourism Event of the Year in Norfolk and Suffolk, beating off stiff opposition from the Suffolk Show and the Lord Mayor of Norwich's celebrations. This was a magnificent achievement, he declared, and thanked the organisers of the Carnival for their hard work. He assured Cllrs that plans for the Music by the Sea event on King's Field were proceeding smoothly.

9. Representatives' Reports.

- Cllr Worster attended a meeting of the Jubilee Hall Development Committee to discuss future plans.
- Cllr Palmer attended meetings of the Sizewell Stakeholders Group and the Alde and Ore Partnership.
- Cllr Walker will be meeting with architects at the Library to discuss plans for improving facilities for customers
- Cllr Osben, with Cllr Digby, attended a Music by the Sea meeting.
- Cllr Fox attended a meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund in her capacity as a Museum Trustee.
- Cllr Harris attended a meeting of the Museum Trustees.

10. Town Clerk's Report

The Town Clerk told the meeting that she was preparing for the visit from the internal auditors (LCPAS) on 20 February. With Cllr Digby, she had reviewed the Asset Register, was chasing outstanding payments and working on leases for a number of ATC-owned premises and land. She said that a draft Code of Conduct would be discussed at the March Committees Meeting. She also confirmed that some ATC-owned premises were in the process of being revalued for insurance purposes after improvements had been made by tenants.

She reminded Cllrs that the Annual Town Meeting would be held on March 7 at 7pm in the Community Centre and encouraged everyone to attend.

11. Mayor's Notes.

The Mayor had nothing to report

12. Correspondence

The Town Clerk confirmed there had been considerable correspondence on a number of planning issues. She congratulated two residents, sitting in the Public Gallery, for their efforts in securing funding from the AONB/Suffolk Secrets Fund for an oak nature board to be sited, subject to discussions, close to the Moot Hall. This was a matter to be discussed at the Committees Meeting in March.

13. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors

No gifts or hospitality had been received by Cllrs this month.

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 Digby

In Favour 13

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.45pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will take place on
Monday March 12 2018 at 7.00 pm in The Moot Hall.**