

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018  
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby- The Mayor, took the Chair

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Fellowes	Cllr Harris
Cllr Kiff	Cllr Osben
Cllr Oxby	Cllr Palmer
Cllr Partel	Cllr Walker

Also present: Cllr Russ Rainger – SCC and Cllr Maureen Jones – SCDC.

Two members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr T.J. Haworth-Culf– SCDC and Cllrs Fox, Jones 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 10 September 2018**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 September 2018 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands and duly signed. (Cllrs Cox and Palmer abstained because they were absent from the meeting).

4. **SCC report and Correspondence**

Cllr Rainger confirmed that following road resurfacing, cats’ eyes had now been replaced. More highways matters would be discussed at a meeting between Denise Mortimer of SCC and the Services Committee working party on October 11. He drew attention to the latest ScottishPower consultation and encouraged everyone to attend the public sessions and respond to the onshore development plans. He pointed out that this was not an information exercise but a consultation which needed a response.

Cllr Cox asked why a section of white lines on Leiston Road had not been completed and mused that SCC Highways might have run out of paint. He was assured by Cllr Rainger that the lines would be finished once all the remedial work on the road had been completed.

Cllr Fellowes said it was important that parents of pupils at Alde Valley Academy were kept fully-informed about developments involving possible renovations to the school orchestrated by BrightTribe. She reminded Cllrs that BrightTribe was under investigation for alleged malpractice. Cllr Rainger promised to update the Council when he had news.

Cllr Rainger’s report can be read in full at: <https://russrainger.wordpress.com/>

5. **SCDC Report and Correspondence**

Cllr M Jones highlighted a number of issues in her report, including CIL payments to local authorities, the roll-out of the larger garden waste bins, the reopening of the Deben Leisure Centre and support for Universal Credit applicants. She, too, urged all Cllrs to respond to the ScottishPower consultation and expressed delight that a grant from the Enabling Communities Fund would ensure that a There but Not There Tommy would be part of the Remembrance Day events in Aldeburgh.

Cllr Fellowes raised a number of matters concerning CIL payments and asked for this issue to be an agenda item for the November Committees Meeting.

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**

In the absence of Cllr Jones, Cllr Cox advised the meeting that Norse had now assumed responsibility for a substantial programme of groundworks, including hedge cutting along Jubilee Walk, allotment clearance, tidying up the perimeter of King's Field and work on fir trees adjacent to the rugby pitch. Work would start within days, he said.

**8b. SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**8bi) Report from Chairman of Services**

Cllr Palmer told the Council that, with other members of the Services Committee working party group, he would be meeting Denise Mortimer of SCC Highways on October 11 to discuss a number of issues. He also pointed out that Alistair Turk, the Civil Parking Enforcement Manager for SCDC, would be attending the meeting to brief Cllrs on future parking plans for Aldeburgh. Cllr Palmer encouraged as many Cllrs as possible to attend.

**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 confirmed that a decision on the Brickfields Public Inquiry would be known on or before November 12, at least a month earlier than anticipated.

Cllr Bond drew attention to public consultation events organised by ScottishPower in respect of onshore developments relating to offshore wind farms. She urged all Cllrs to attend these sessions to enable an intelligent and informed response to the SP proposals. This was a vitally-important matter, she added, which required a robust response by ATC.

She also confirmed that ATC's response to the First Draft Local Plan had been submitted on schedule.

**8d. GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS**

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

Cllr Partel told the meeting that arrangements for the annual bonfire and fireworks party on November 4 were well advanced. Many raffle prizes had already been donated with more promised. She called for volunteers to help sell raffle tickets on two weekends. Cllrs Fellowes and Oxby promised to help.

**8dii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE** a donation of £1,000 to help fund the work of the CATS organisation was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Bond and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

**In favour 11**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8diii) **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** a donation of £300 to Jubilee Opera to help stage a production of The Happy Prince was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Oxby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Partel.

**In favour 11**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **9. Representatives' Reports.**

- Cllr Bond, with Cllrs Digby, Fellowes, Fox, Harris, Jones, Kiff, Osben and Oxby, attended the Brickdock Inquiry; with the Mayoress, watched The Little Cabaret of Suffragette at the Jubilee Hall; with Cllr Worster attended a Jubilee Hall Trustees meeting and, with Cllr Digby, attended a Carnival Committee meeting.
- Cllr Cox attended a Museum Project Board meeting.
- Cllr Harris attended a meeting of the Museum Trustees.

#### **10. Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk was not in attendance, but Cllrs were told that restoration work on the War Memorial was now complete and the autumn/winter floral display would be planted imminently. Plans for Remembrance Sunday were well-advanced.

#### **11. Mayor's Notes**

Cllr Digby attended the following events:

September 11 - High Tide Launch event at the Jubilee Hall.

September 16 - Aldeburgh Triathlon.

September 17 - Triathlon drinks reception at the Regatta restaurant.

September 22 - First game of the season Rugby lunch at the Community Centre.

September 23 - Hadleigh Civic Service.

September 25 - Chaired Carnival meeting.

September 30 - Sudbury Civic Service.

October 7 - East Anglian Practical Classics rally on the Moot Green.

#### **12. Correspondence**

A letter had been received from the Aldeburgh Business Association complaining about a mobile catering unit on the High Street. Cllrs were told a response would be sent to the ABA explaining the Town Council's position on this matter.

A copy of correspondence sent to Therese Coffey MP by a resident concerned about the business rates of holiday homes was noted by the Council.

#### **13. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors**

There were no gifts or hospitality declared by Cllrs other than those declared by Cllr Digby (See 11 - Mayor's Notes)

#### **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 11**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.40pm.

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