

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 25 2018 AT 7.44PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Palmer took the chair.

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Digby Cllr Fellowes
Cllr Harris Cllr Kiff
Cllr Osben Cllr Oxby

There were two members of the public present.

1.Apologies: Cllr Bond and Walker

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Services Committees meeting held on 29 May 2018 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion-SCC, SCDC and Police

The Town Clerk reported she had attended a quarterly meeting with the police to which more than 50 town and parish council representatives had been invited. It was extremely disappointing, she said, when only two council representatives turned up. There were more police personnel than Cllrs. Towns and parishes frequently complain about a poor police presence in their area, she added, but when an opportunity arose to discuss this and other matters, the vast majority of local authorities failed to show up.

She told the Committee that the Police had promised greater resources for the town during the summer months and that a Community Engagement Officer had been appointed to coordinate police activity. Investigations into minor incidents at the tennis courts, the caravan park and the Rugby Club were continuing, she added, and, in an attempt to discourage unruly behaviour, street lights on Crag Path would be illuminated all night. The Town Clerk confirmed that the police would continue to monitor High Street parking, with particular emphasis on traders who leave vehicles all day.

3.1 Museum Update

The Town Clerk said this matter would be raised in-camera at the end of the meeting.

3.2 Highways

Cllr Palmer told the Committee that a meeting with Denise Mortimer of SCC Highways department had been organised for July 12 2018. He called on all Cllrs to submit topics for discussion. He reported that he had met the Operations Manager for cleaning contractors Norse to discuss litter in the town created by trade waste. He said the meeting had been constructive, with plans already in place to change collection times for trade waste - a move welcomed and encouraged by a member of the public. Cllr Palmer believed that seagull-proof hessian bags for trade waste could be supplied which would further reduce litter problems.

4. Committee Finance Business

There was no Committee Finance Business.

5. New Services Committee Business

Cllr Palmer reported on a number of issues with which he was dealing:

1. He was awaiting a date from contractors to start work on the War Memorial conservation project. A grant towards the cost of the work had been approved by the War Memorial Trust.
2. The first tranche of new litter bins was about to be ordered, now, with input from Norse.
3. He would begin discussions soon on the cost and viability of providing speed sensor signs for Saxmundham and Linden Roads.

He announced to Cllrs his intention of inaugurating a regular monthly meeting of the Services Committee to formulate policies to take before the Council for approval, an idea supported by Cllrs Fox and Harris. The date of the first meeting would be Thursday July 5, said Cllr Palmer.

He also called for a special meeting of all councillors to discuss a flood defence strategy in the light of proposals put forward by the Alde and Ore Estuarine Partnership. He said it was essential the Town Council adopted a coherent policy for dealing with flood defence issues. Although local authorities in the AOEP had agreed a partnership funding plan, it was clear, said Cllr Palmer, that many issues were still to be resolved. He believed ATC should meet in special session to discuss the ramifications of AOEP proposals, which went far beyond river and sea defences. He would circulate a suggested date for this meeting.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 7.53pm.

