

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016  
AT 7:00 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Digby - The Mayor, took the Chair  
Cllr Bond Cllr Fox  
Cllr Harris Cllr Jones  
Cllr Kiff Cllr Walker  
Cllr Worster

There was one member of the public present, in addition to Cllrs Richard Smith – SCC and M Jones - SCDC.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Cllrs Fellowes, Osben and Palmer, in addition to Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf – SCDC.

2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 July 2016.**

Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 July 2016 were **APPROVED**. The Minutes were **APPROVED** and duly signed. Cllr Worster pointed out that comments made in the minutes often referred to broader discussion, rather than being taken out of context.

4. **SCC report and Correspondence**

Cllr Smith delivered his report and invited questions. (see Appendix One).

Cllr Kiff enquired about the consultation for the devolution consultation and Cllr Smith explained that it was aimed at members of public, rather than parish councils. There is also an online and MORI telephone poll.

Cllr Walker talked at length about problems associated with traffic and parking congestion on Leiston Road. Cllr Smith assured him he would investigate this in detail.

5. **SCDC Report and Correspondence**

Cllr M Jones delivered the report on behalf of SCDC (see Appendix Two).

She also encouraged Cllrs to attend a consultation event hosted by Thorpeness and Aldringham Parish Council regarding their Neighbourhood Plan. This was scheduled for 23 August between 1 and 7 pm at the Country Club in Thorpeness.

There were no questions.

6. **Police Report**

A short report had been supplied by PCSO Kevin Mann, detailing the issue of fifteen parking tickets and four cautions, together with speeding enforcement against the drivers of twenty-three vehicles.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Mayor suspended Standing Orders to invite questions from the public gallery.

There were no questions from the Public Gallery this month and so the Mayor reinstated Standing Orders.

**COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

8a. **PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

8ai) **Report from Chairman of Property & Finance Committee**

Cllr Jones began by thanking all those who had supported the Children's Sports Week this year, particularly the very generous donations received from a number of local businesses. Work on the Groundsman's Cottage has been slightly delayed due to holidays and other work commitments, but the builder will return at the beginning of October to complete the outstanding works. Ventilation grilles have also been installed. Cllr Jones reported that the Rugby Club had now gutted the Scout Hut and replaced all the windows and doors. It will soon be painted.

8b. **SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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

Cllr Harris commented that he was disappointed to see bicycles for hire chained to Moot Green railings and on other areas of land owned by ATC. The Town Clerk explained that she was already addressing this matter.

8c. **PLANNING**

8ci) **Report from Chairman of Planning**

Cllr Worster reported that together with Cllr Bond, they had met with the residents adjacent to the Brick Field site and both had also attended a World of Planning event hosted by SCDC.

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

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

Cllr Bond had nothing to report at this meeting.

8dii) **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** that ATC donates £500 to the Elizabeth Garrett-Anderson Centenary Group to support the children's events over the centenary weekend.

**PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones. **SECONDED** by Cllr Worster.

**8 In Favour**

**0 Against**

**0 Abstentions**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. **Representatives' Reports.**

- Cllr Harris chaired a meeting of Aldeburgh United Charities on 20 July.
- Cllr Jones attended a meeting of the Aldeburgh Society, where a number of issues were discussed including the Conservation Area report and Neighbourhood Plan progress.
- Cllr Worster had attended a meeting of the Jubilee Hall Trustees and the Jubilee Opera Trust AGM.

**10. Town Clerk's Report**

The Town Clerk commented that the town was busy in the run-up to Carnival and her time had been spent dealing with a much-increased presence from members of the public, who had a wide variety of questions and comment about the town.

**11. Mayor's Notes.**

The Mayor reported that he had been involved in a variety of events and meetings during the past month. These included;

- 17 July – Opened League of Friends Summer Garden Party, Aldeburgh Hospital
- 20 July – Aldeburgh United Charities Meeting
- 21 July – Opening night of the Summer Theatre Jubilee Hall
- 28 July – Beating the Retreat Ceremony, Wattisham
- 2 August – Chaired Carnival Committee Meeting
- 5 August – Presented prizes at Aldeburgh Town Council Summer Sports Week

**12. Correspondence**

There was nothing to report, although the Town Clerk had received a letter from the developer about the compound on The Terrace, confirming its removal on 11 August. This letter had also been sent to residents who had raised concerns.

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

Cllrs Bond, Digby, Harris, Worster and Walker had attended the opening night of the Summer Theatre and Cllrs Digby and Kiff had received complimentary tickets for one of the performances at the Proms in Snape as guests of Aldeburgh Music.

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

All payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL**  
**PROPOSED** by Cllr Kiff. **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

**8 In Favour**

**0 Against**

**0 Abstentions**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 7.48 pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will take place on Monday 12 September 2016 at 7.00 pm in The Moot Hall.**