

**MINUTES OF ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY JUNE 21st 2021 AT 7.00 pm**

Present: Cllr Webster – The Mayor took the Chair.

Cllr Blackburn	Cllr Fox
Cllr Harris	Cllr Howard-Dobson
Cllr Jones	Cllr Lewis
Cllr Palmer	Cllr Smith

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Haworth-Culf (SCC), Cllr Cooper (ESC), Cllrs Digby, Fellowes, Osben and Piers-Hall (ATC)
2. **Councillors' Declaration of Interest:**
There were no declarations of interest.
3. **To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 May 2021:**
The draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 4th 2021 were approved by the Council on June 21st 2021.
4. **SCC report and Correspondence:**
Cllr Haworth-Culf's report had previously been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Jones suggested a briefer report focussing on matters pertaining to Aldeburgh would be helpful.
5. **ESC Report and Correspondence:**
A ward report had been submitted by Cllr Cooper, but several Cllrs expressed concern that it made no reference to the energy projects.
6. **Police Report:**
There was no Police Report this month.
7. **Public Forum:**
Cllr Webster suspended Standing Orders for the Public Forum.

One member of the public was in attendance, but in the absence of any questions, the Mayor reinstated Standing Orders.
8. **COMMITTEES REPORTS:**
 - 8a. **PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
 - 8ai) **Report from the Chairman of Property and Finance Committee**

water from the top of the tennis courts could make its down to the bottom and flood the allotments.

8aiii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE in principle to contribute towards the costs of the proposed drainage works organised by PRAM to a maximum value of £2k was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Blackburn.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Old Generator Station is now open on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday and has been doing exceptionally well. With Cllr Jones, Cllrs Fox, Webster and Piers-Hall have attended several Trust meetings leading up to the reopening of the King's Bar. A programme of events is being worked on, including a funfair on King's Field carpark on what would be the Saturday and Sunday of the postponed Aldeburgh Carnival. On the Saturday evening, the Old Generator Station would host live entertainment.

8bi) SERVICES COMMITTEE

8bi) Report from Chairman of Services

Cllr Palmer reported on two previous meetings of the Whole Town Parking Scheme. The group is currently working on a street-by-street guide, which would take into account Blue Badges and Disabled Bays. Cllr Palmer indicated that he would be seeking authorisation for one speed limit change and a speed survey, both previously mentioned at Council.

8bii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE the estimate received from SCC Highways for the introduction of a 40-mph buffer zone on Saxmundham Road, which includes a gateway treatment was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Palmer and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8biii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE expenditure as indicated by SCC Highways (approximately £1k) to undertake a speed survey along Thorpeness Road was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Howard-Dobson and **SECONDED** by Cllr Lewis.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The new bus shelter at Linden Road was going to be installed by a private contractor, reported Cllr Palmer. The shelter on the High Street will be carried out in the autumn as planned by SCC.

SCC's safety team, who turned down the proposals to introduce yellow lines along part of Leiston Road have still not replied to ATC to discuss the merits of a revised scheme, particularly in the light of difficulties faced by the fire engine recently due to the inconsiderate parking in Leiston Road.

Crag Path signage is still waiting to be done, as is the Slaughden Road resurfacing. Five off-street signs are now with ESC and should be put up soon.

Hanging baskets are now installed, but the lights are going to have be checked for Christmas decorations. It will be an expensive job, but it will have to be done.

Cllr Palmer reminded the Council that the Thorpe Road car park had flooded once again, an issue picked up by Cllr Digby.

NSIPs:

SPR:

In a pre-prepared report (see attached) submitted by Cllr Fellowes, the Council was told there had been further changes to the proposals. The Applicant is facing further questions, with a deadline for responses on June 28th, the final deadline is on July 5th and the examination closes on July 6th. Significant flooding occurred in the area recently and an accident happened on Gypsy Lane, alongside Aldringham Road.

SEAS is attempting to raise money to commission a hydrological survey. It has pledged to raise £2500 for this survey. To commission further research into the impact these projects will have on the local tourist industry, air pollution and traffic forecasts will cost £8000.

SIZEWELL:

In her absence, Cllr Lewis delivered Cllr Fellowes' report confirming that Open Floor hearings took place in May, with over 140 individuals, organisations and 21 Parish/ Town councils making representation. PINS have issued 3000 questions to the Applicant and interested parties. A new consultation runs on these until July 12th. A tour of the area, sometimes accompanied, sometimes not, was conducted between June 7th to the 10th and the Planning Inspectorate will go to Hinkley Point C on June 22nd.

Seven Specific Hearings are being conducted between the June 23rd and July 16th on various topics, including traffic, community issues, visual impact, coastal geomorphology and biodiversity.

Councillors agreed to this request by a show of hands.

- 8dv) Car club visit:** The Figaro Car Club would like to visit Aldeburgh on the July 12th.
Councillors agreed to this request by a show of hands.

9. Representatives' Reports:

Cllr Jones attended a Zoom meeting of the Aldeburgh Society on May 21st. They continue to be involved with energy projects and has submitted a statement opposing Sizewell C. The AS is likely to approach ATC about the use of the noticeboard outside Baggotts when they have finalised the plan for an illustrated heritage town map.

10. Town Clerk's Report:

The Town Clerk will assume responsibility for submitting the documents (**10a,10b** and **10c**) to the External Auditor by the end of this week. The period of public rights which allows members of the public to examine Council finances commences tomorrow. A change of use application in respect of Dial House Garden will be presented to ESC. It will change the use of the garden from residential to one of public space.

The ownership of Church Farm Open Space still needs to be transferred to ATC. With the closure of Fieldens, the land will pass onto ESC and then to ATC, together with a commuted sum for maintenance works.

- 10a) RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ended March 2021 was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 10ai) RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the Annual Return for the Year Ended March 2021 was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Harris and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- 10aii) RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the recommendations of the Internal Auditor was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Harris.

In favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Mayor's Notes:

Cllr Webster attended:

May 23 – A meet-and-greet with East Anglian Practical Classics Car Club; a retirement

party for Vaughn Thompson at the Old Generator Station.

May 28 – Flag raising ceremony at Aldeburgh Golf Club.

May 31 – A meet-and-greet with Hundred Friends car club.

June 6 – Watched the Service from Bury Cathedral.

12. Correspondence:

Cllr Harris wrote a beautifully-composed letter to the Council explaining why he could not continue in his role as Town Cllr. He talked of many things, but said the time is right for him to leave this difficult role. His health problems were the main focus of his attention. Cllr Webster gave a formal vote of thanks, supported unanimously, with applause to Cllr Harris and to Roger Collier who was leaving ATC at the end of the month.

13. Gifts and/or Hospitality Received by Councillors:

There was nothing to report.

14. Items to Pay:

Details had been previously circulated to all Cllrs. All payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer.

In Favour 9

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 8.19pm.

There was a short meeting In-Camera to discuss commercially sensitive issues and HR matters.

The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will be held in the Church Hall on Monday July 12th 2021 at 7.00 pm