

**MINUTES OF ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
MOOT HALL ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2021 AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllr Webster – The Mayor took the Chair.  
Cllr Fox Cllr Lewis  
Cllr Jones Cllr Piers-Hall  
Cllr Osben Cllr Smith

Cllr Rainger (ESC) was in attendance.

No members of the public were present.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Blackbourn, Digby, Howard-Dobson and Palmer.

Apologies were received from Cllr Haworth- Culf (SCC.) Cllrs Daly and Cooper (ESC) were not in attendance.

At the beginning of the meeting there was a presentation by Tony Bone as Chair of the Museum Trustees with his proposals for the timeline to be commissioned. He gave Cllrs two sets of artwork he had received. The timeline is to be placed on the wall in the hallway on the ground floor of the Moot Hall.

**2. Councillors' Declaration of Interest:**

None to declare.

**3. To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2021:**

The draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 9th 2021 were approved unanimously by the Council by a show of hands.

**4. SCC Report and Correspondence: Cllr Haworth-Culf**

A report for September had been circulated by email to all Cllrs in advance of the meeting. This will be attached to these minutes.

**5. ESC Report and Correspondence:**

Cllr Rainger provided an update on the activities he was involved with as a District Cllr. These included being a representative on the Alde and Ore Estuary Partnership, the Suffolk Community Partnership covering Leiston, Aldeburgh & Saxmundham district, ESC Licensing Committee. He had participated in the Sizewell C Open Floor Hearings as part of the DCO process and finished his report by confirming that in response to a question posed at last month's meeting, ESC were legally compliant with their bin collections and spoke about the changes to green bin contents which could no longer contain food waste.

Cllr Lewis urged for progress on the drains clearance programme, which Cllr Rainger confirmed was the responsibility of SCC Highways.

#### **6. Police Report:**

The Town Clerk reported that she understood that an arrest has been made following a spate of burglaries in the town.

#### **7. Public Forum**

No members of the public were in attendance.

#### **8a) PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

The latest progress on the toilets at King's Field is that three builders have been contacted to quote for the refurbishment works and one quote has been received to date. Cllr Jones will chase for the other quotes.

Kemp's Field - Progress has been made on the area with the path edged and a delivery of the top gravel surface is awaited. The raised beds are to be within a fenced area. Gravel samples are expected for Cllrs to determine the path surface. Trees can be planted and grass sown when rain is forecast.

Cllr Jones reported that the contractor has responded to the situation on the bottom football pitch regarding concerns about the verge. Evidence has been provided to show that the verge was measured using a laser and it has a fall of 90mm to the Marsh Field and that the pitch in that area is now level. The Contractor is requesting the project receives sign off and the retention released. Cllr Jones supported this and asked for her colleagues' support with was agreed by a unanimous show of hands.

This will enable the pitch to be released for use as the main football pitch. The footballers have confirmed which goals they require and Cllr Jones has contacted the supplier who is to provide a revised price following an increase in the cost of aluminium. Goalposts cannot be delivered until November, which will allow time for pitch marking and any maintenance works.

Cllr Jones has again chased the contractor regarding the pointing and painting works on the Moot Hall having been given a start date which has passed without them turning up.

Cllr Jones will meet with the contractor regarding the damp in the Groundsman's Cottage this week. Depending on the contractor's recommendations, it is hoped to proceed with having the outside of the building painted.

Good progress is being made with hedge cutting, so far without the need to involve Norse. Crescent Lodge Garden Services have been contracted.

Cllr Jones and Cllr Blackburn attended the first Working Group Meeting for the Housing Needs Survey last week.

Finally Cllr Jones suggested another community bulb planting morning in and asked Cllrs to consider suitable locations.

**8bi) SERVICES COMMITTEE**

In Cllr Palmer's absence, Cllr Lewis delivered the Services report. He began by outlining possible options to consider speed reduction in the town. Please see report (attached.)

Cllr Fellowes joined the meeting and gave her apologies. She had attended an on-line briefing about the National Grid Nautilus Interconnector Consultation which begins on 14 September and could potentially have a direct impact on Aldeburgh. She will send her report to Cllrs by email. She was happy to answer any questions relating to the SZC/DCO examination.

**8c PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**8ci** Report from Chairman of Planning Cllr Webster

Cllr Webster reported the re-submission of the planning application for 13 Linden Close, Aldeburgh. He also confirmed that the change of use application for Dial House Garden had been successful with a condition about usage in daylight hours.

**8d GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS**

Cllr Webster reported on events taking place.

Fireworks and Bonfire Night will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Fireworks Display has been booked. Plans are underway following a meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Cllrs Webster and Jones met the fireworks providers for a site meeting. Card readers have been purchased to be able to take donations at events.

A meeting took place with representatives from the church, ATC and the Town Serjeant for this year's arrangements for Remembrance Sunday on 14<sup>th</sup> November and Armistice Day.

Cllr Rainger reminded ATC members that he was willing to support events through his locality budget.

**9i) Representatives' Reports**

Cllr Fellowes provided an update on the DCO for SZC.

ATC is also being asked to comment on mitigation for seabirds being proposed on the coast as part of the Hornsea Project 4 Offshore Windfarm DCO. Local campaign groups (SEAS etc) who were not aware have been notified and asked if their wildlife/habitats experts could provide some comment. This would also have a cumulative impact for both SPR as well as SZC DCO.

**Old Generator Station**

Cllr Jones reported on the success of the fun weekend which took place in August. The weather was good and the event was well attended both during the day and for the evening entertainment. Since that weekend there has been a comedy night which also attracted many people with nearly 60 tickets sold. Jeremy Wagg has taken over the finances from Paul Walkden, who had completed the task for several years. The Trustees are very grateful for all the work he has done over the years. There is another Trust meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

10) **Town Clerk's Report**

DTC has had a training session on the OMEGA finance system. She has also had an hour long lesson with David Gillingwater to learn how to update the website (Word Press). DTC has begun (CilCA) Clerk in Local Council Authority) course provided by (SALC) Suffolk Association of Local Councils.

10a) **RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the co-option of a new member to join Aldeburgh Town Council **PROPOSED** by Cllr Fellowes and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones

<b>In Favour</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>2</b>

**CARRIED**

11) **Mayor's Notes**

Cllr Webster, TC, Cllr Palmer and Mrs Palmer attended the retirement concert for the Vicar, Rev. Mark Lowther held at the church on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Cllr Webster will be attending a meeting with the Aldeburgh Society about the Conservation Area. This will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September in the Moot Hall.

Two car clubs have recently visited the town, The One Hundred Friends Car Club and East Anglian Practical Classics Car Club.

ATC was pleased to welcome The Knots of May and Kemps Morris dancers on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

12) **Correspondence**

There was no additional correspondence for discussion.

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

None.

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 Piers-Hall

<b>In Favour</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>0</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 8.14 pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will be held in The Moot Hall on  
Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**