**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

**PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Jones took the Chair

**Committee Members Present:**

Cllr Blackbourn Cllr Fox

Cllr Piers-Hall Cllr Smith

Cllr Palmer Cllr Webster

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Digby

**2. Approval of previous Minutes**

The draft Minutes of the Property and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 25th October 2021 were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

**3 Matters for Discussion**

**3.1 Finance and Property**

Cllr Jones and TC have started work on the budget for 2022-2023. It is hoped that a first draft can be circulated in early December.

**3.2 Sports**

Cllr Jones reported that the Under 11 and under 8 football teams have started to play on the pitch at King’s Field and decisively won both their first games.

The Rugby club has started training again this season post covid restrictions. They have a home game later this month.

**3.3 Management/Maintenance of Council Property and Land**

Cllr Jones reported that the grass has been sown on Kemp’s field and has started to come through. Whilst preparing the ground for seeding, a lot of old plastic has come to the surface, where the area was historically used as a bit of a dumping ground. With the grass at this early stage, it is probably not a good idea to walk over it to litter pick. Cllr Jones has talked with a local resident last week who is happy to help with a working party to litter pick at a suitable time. An update on when trees can be planted and if this will be before the end of the year is awaited. Cllr Jones is also waiting for an onsite meeting about the path, which is looking lovely, but the stones are too loose.

The contractor appointed to complete grounds maintenance on the three pitches on King’s and Queen’s Field was on site last week, slitting the ground and applying fertilisers. He has seeded the bonfire area and the bottom pitch has been cleared of the card caps debris from the fireworks.

Cllr Jones updated the committee on progress in Dial House Garden. The fencing has been replaced and looks good as does the garden where Norse have been looking after it. The TC is arranging to pick up the plaque from Mrs Harrison and to organise another sign advising that the area is a quiet space for the public to enjoy. This will show the opening hours.

The bulb planting has been completed by Cllrs Jones, Blackbourn and Lewis. All 3000 bulbs were planted on the wide bank opposite the allotments.

Cllr Jones has had a request from the tennis club. They have asked if they can, at their expense, put up a summer house on the green area in the tennis/bowls club carpark. No water or electricity required. They have use of the Bowls Pavilion and do use it for tournaments. The proposed land is not flat and is often used, particularly in the summer for car parking. There is no path through from the car park to the courts and users would still have to go down the footpath. Cllr Jones requested views on this. Committee decided that the tennis club would need to submit a plan of what they are asking for as it is not clear. Cllr Jones will liaise with the tennis club.

The tennis courts security light by the floodlights meter is not working and a local electrician has been asked to repair/ replace.

Cozens will be asked to repair the broken street light on King’s Field. It should be possible for this to be repaired when Cozens are in town for fixing Christmas lights on the Moot Hall later this week.

Cllrs Howard-Dobson and Jones are meeting with the roofing contractor later this week to get a second opinion on the damp in the toilet in the Groundsman’s Cottage.

Cllr Jones is in correspondence with Suffolk Rights of Way Team about replacing the stile on the footpath crossing the marshes with a gate. This is to enable access by people of all abilities.

**4. New Property and Finance Business**

There was nothing to report this month.

**The Committee meeting ended at 7.18 pm**