**MINUTES OF ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE**

**MOOT HALL ON MONDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00PM**

Present: Cllr Webster – The Mayor took the Chair.

 Cllr Digby Cllr Fellowes

Cllr Fox Cllr Howard-Dobson

 Cllr Jones Cllr Lewis

 Cllr Lumpkin Cllr Osben

 Cllr Palmer Cllr Piers-Hall

 Cllr Smith

Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf representing SCC was in attendance at the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Blackbourn, Cllrs Rainger, Cooper and Daly (ESC)

**2. To Receive Councillors’ Declarations of Interest**

None to declare.

1. **To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th October 2021:**

The draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th October 2021 were approved unanimously by the Council members by a show of hands.

1. **SCC Report and Correspondence:**

Cllr Haworth-Culf’s report had been circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting. In the absence of specific questions arising from that report, she continued by offering a contribution of £500 towards the purchase of new trees as part of the Queen’s Green Canopy scheme. Cllr Haworth-Culf was pleased to have participated in the Services Working Group and updated Cllrs on the strong position that SCC had adopted regarding the Nautilus Interconnector consultation.

A brief discussion took place about the possibility of introducing a permanent Christmas Tree on Moot Green.

1. **ESC Report and Correspondence:**

Nothing to report.

1. **Police Report:**

Nothing to report.

1. **Public Forum**

No members of the public present.

**8a) PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

Cllr Jones reported that the streetlight located on Kings Field near the refuse area is not working. TC will arrange for Cozens to attend and repair.

Cllr Jones reported on the refurbishment of the toilets located at King’s Field. The preferred contractor has been contacted to confirm we do not want slippage on the timescale given.

On Kemp’s Field the grass seed has been sown. Trees to be procured. Cllr Jones will be arranging a meeting on site to discuss the path when DFW returns from overseas.

Following on from a discussion at the previous meeting about youth football, Cllr Jones has spoken to the manager of the Veterans team. He is happy to move to the bottom pitch. Last week the Mayor and Cllr Jones were contacted because the move of the youth teams had become more urgent as someone had driven over their current pitches making them unusable. They would therefore like to move sooner and can make their own arrangements to mark out the new pitch. The Veterans do not have another home game until January. Cllr Jones asked whether Cllrs are happy to proceed on that basis and together with the Mayor, she will meet with them to agree the detail.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE** that Youth Football be allowed to start using the pitches in Kings Field immediately.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Smith and **SECONDED** by Cllr Piers-Hall**.**

**In Favour 12**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The roofing contractor was on site this morning at the Groundsman’s Cottage. He has stripped the tiles back in the problem area and cannot find any sign of water ingress. He wanted to check inside but no key was available. Arrangements will be made for him to look inside as soon as possible. Cllrs Jones and Howard-Dobson were of the view that a second opinion inside would be sensible.

Bulb planting has been disappointing as it was wet on the advertised date at 11am. Therefore, only four people turned up to plant. Cllr Blackbourn was there with a similar number the following Saturday. Cllrs Jones and Blackbourn will plant the remaining bulbs on Thursday and would appreciate any help Cllrs can give. Last year there was a really good turnout to help and those that did appeared to enjoy it.

On behalf of ATC’s tenant, a leak on the marshes has been reported to the water company in the first field beyond the allotments. Mr Haste will liaise with them on site.

Cllr Jones has arranged for the replacement fencing in Dial House Garden and will soon have a date for the works to be carried out.

No further progress with marketing The Tractor Shed has yet been made as the TC has been away. She will confirm in writing to Fenn Wright ATC’s intention and organise the energy certificate. Cllr Jones will contact Maljon regarding the damp and investigate the installation of a water supply.

**8b) SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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

Cllr Palmer’s report had been circulated previously to all Cllrs and can be found as an Appendix to these minutes.

In addition, it was requested that the humps on the approach to King’s Field car park are painted with white flashes to improve visibility.

Cllr Palmer expressed his frustration at the lack of progress regarding the Leiston Road Parking Scheme.

**8c) PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

Cllr Webster confirmed that the minutes from the most recent meeting had been sent to Cllrs and invited questions. No points were raised.

**8di) GRANTS, REQUESTS AND EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**8dii)** Request received from the Fairfield Centre for £400 to support the cost of CAT minibus hire to provide transport to elderly people to the Lunch Club each week.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Palmer and **SECONDED** by Cllr Fox.

 **In Favour 12**

 **Against 0**

 **Abstentions 0**

 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8di****ii) RESOLUTION TO APPROVE** the cost associated with Christmas Lights to include structural lamppost testing, the SCC Highways license fee, decoration of the Moot Hall and to donate the cost of the two large Christmas trees tothe ABA.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Digby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

**In Favour 9**

**Against 1**

**Abstentions 2**

**CARRIED**

TC talked about bonfire/fireworks evening. Cllr Fellowes noted that there was no sanitiser in the toilets on King’s Field and requested that this be fed back to Norse. There seemed to be a record number of people attending and enjoying themselves. Thanks were given to all helpers, but specifically to Nico de Villiers who helped by taking significant donations using one of the new SumUp card readers.

**9) Representatives’ Reports**

Cllr Palmer confirmed his attendance at an AOEP meeting back in September.

Cllr Fellowes had attended a SALC area meeting and participated in the energy meeting hosted by Snape Parish Council.

Cllr Lewis reported all was progressing smoothly with the allotments.

Cllr Jones reported that there is an OGS Trust meeting on Weds 24th November. There is a full agenda focusing on the budget forecast for next year.

Cllr Jones reported that their AGM was on 17th of this month. They have had a good season with very well attended club sessions and tournaments. The new honesty box appears to be working well, takings are certainly higher than last year. They thanked ATC for their continued support.

Cllr Jones will be attending the Park Road (Aldeburgh) Maintenance Ltd (PRAM) AGM on the 20th November.

**10) Report from the Town Clerk**

 The TC gave an update on the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, explaining that our usual bugler had a dislocated shoulder and was unable to participate. Britten Pears Arts had been approached and Cllr Fellowes suggested speaking to Pro-Corda at Leiston Abbey who she hoped would be able to help.

She had participated in a Town Clerk’s meeting hosted by ESC earlier that day, where it had been agreed that another session for Clerks to raise Highways issues would be organised with representatives from SCC in attendance.

Together with Cllr Fox, she hoped to meet with the organisers of the proposed First Light company to explore the possibility of a market style event to be held off season in Aldeburgh during 2022.

A discussion took place about Kemp’s Field and whether it would make a good location for a Community Orchard that is being thought about to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**.**

**11) Mayor’s Notes**

**11i)** Cllr Webster reported that he had attend the Rugby Club lunch which was most enjoyable and well attended. He thanked everyone who helped to make the Bonfire/Fireworks evening such a successful event.

**12) Correspondence**

None to report.

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 Digby.

 **In Favour 12**

 **Against 0**

 **Abstentions 0**

 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 8.22 pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will be held in The Avocet Room at The Brudenell Hotel on Monday December 13th at 7pm.**