**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

**PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 28TH MARCH 2022 AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Jones took the Chair

**Committee Members Present:**

Cllr Fox Cllr Osben

Cllr Piers-Hall Cllr Lewis

Cllr Palmer Cllr Fellowes

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Smith, Lumpkin and Digby

**2. Approval of previous Minutes**

The draft Minutes of the Property and Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022 were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

**3 Matters for Discussion**

**3.1 Finance and Property**

Cllr Jones confirmed that RBS are visiting on 20th April to complete the end of year accounts.

**3.2 Sports**

Cllrs Jones and Webster met with representatives of the proposed Saturday football team. The team are to submit their application to Suffolk FA and so all being well they will play in Aldeburgh next season. Due to pitch maintenance works which have been approved, the bottom pitch will not be marked out for the juniors this season.

Cllr Jones reported that she has started to plan for Sports week and has written to all the sports coaches. So far she has received a response from 50 percent of contacts.

Cllr Jones reported that the top tennis courts have been pressure washed and are ready for the busy Easter period. The lower courts will be done at the end of April. There are a few areas on the surface where there are small holes and so we are checking with ETC if anything can be done ahead of re-spraying. Cllr Jones reported that the income from the honesty box collected was £4270 for the year. This has all been collected, counted and banked by the tennis club on our behalf for which we have an agreement to pay them 10%.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** paying Aldeburgh Tennis Club £427 for collecting income for the year, as per agreement in place to pay them 10% of takings.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Piers-Hall and **SECONDED** by Cllr Lewis

**In Favour 6**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

Cllr Jones reported that a successful litter pick on Kemps Field took place on Saturday. The Council was represented by Cllrs Palmer, Piers Hall and Jones and the Assistant Town Clerk. There were a number of local residents there to help. Water bags have been purchased and we are currently exploring a water supply to enable the tree watering bags to be topped up. Cllr Jones explained that the trees will need regular watering until established and suggests a rota of volunteers. Providing each volunteer can commit to watering for a period of one week each, this would be enough to cover the summer weeks. Anyone willing to help asked to let either Cllr Jones or Assistant TC know.

Cllr Jones informed Cllrs that a quote has been received of £5870 for replacing the boiler and flue in the Moot Hall. There is a need to progress with this work as we have the scaffold in place. There are a limited number of contractors able to complete the works so Cllr Jones suggest we should progress with this as emergency works.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** proceeding with the works to the boiler and flue in the Moot Hall as emergency work as quote received.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Webster and **SECONDED** by Cllr Howard-Dobson

**In Favour 6**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cllr Jones confirmed that the refurbishment of Kings Field toilets is still progressing.

Cllr Jones and TC have had a meeting with Giles Bloomfield on 6th April to discuss the pump on the marshes and the legislation impacting it.

Cllr Lumpkin has contacted UK Power networks regarding the Electrical supply for the Tractor Shed. Unfortunately, they have twice postponed a meeting. Cllr Lumpkin is still waiting for a response from Essex and Suffolk Water and Anglian Water about the water supply and drainage. The ITT for the floor work has not yet been issued because we are waiting to understand what trench work is required by the water authorities. Three builders have been asked if they would like to participate.

Cllr Jones reported that the tree survey has completed and we are awaiting this report.

The postponed meeting with Flagship housing is now scheduled for 5th April, to include

Cllr Fellowes and the TC. Cllr Lewis offered to participate in this meeting.

**4. New Property and Finance Business**

None

**The Committee meeting ended at 7.25pm**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

**SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 28th MARCH 2022 AT 7.28 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Present: Cllr Palmer took the Chair

 Committee Members Present:

 Cllr Fellowes Cllr Fox

 Cllr Jones Cllr Lewis

 Cllr Webster Cllr Howard-Dobson

 Cllr Piers-Hall

 There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Smith, Lumpkin and Digby

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft minutes of the Services Committee meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022 were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

3. Matters for Discussion

Next SWG meetings – Thursday 7th April at 10 am. By ZOOM

SWG meeting held on 03/03/2022 via zoom. Pretty much routine.

Cllr Palmer reported on current projects:-

1. Speeding

The changes to the Saxmundham Road and Leiston Road speed limits have been put through to the design team. Committee in agreement that proposed changed are proceeded to costings with highways.

2. Leiston Road Parking Scheme

Cllr Palmer has organised a meeting for stakeholders to be held at the Old Generator Station on Thursday 31st March 2022 at 2pm.

3. Surface water drainage

Some work has been announced for Crag Path consisting of a camera survey of blocked/collapsed drain.

4. Choppings Hill Railings

Our County councillor has taken this up on our behalf with the cabinet member. There is no further information as yet but we are hopeful for progress.

6. Linden Road/Leiston Road Bus Shelter

An alternative supplier to SCC may have been found.

 7. High Street Bus Shelter replacement

 Still no progress on the replacement High Street bus Shelter from SCC.

Finance

None.

Police

Cllr Palmer attended a police engagement meeting with the Police Community Liaison Officer and Inspector (the sergeant acting up as inspector on secondment). This was held at the Community Centre in Leiston.

Notes from that meeting as follows:-

Report on Police engagement meeting in Leiston 15/03/2022

The meeting lasted for an hour and a half with representatives from Aldeburgh, Snape, Leiston and Rendham.

1. The extra funding going on more people and faster phone (101) contact service.

2. Many questions regarding the deed of obligation relating to the possible SZC project because it affects policing. Especially with reference to Leiston and the knock on effects on policing for the local area. Why are the local parishes were not being involved because the District Council and County Council cannot know how the parishes would like the money spent without asking!

3. Police response times were queried. Police confirmed the target is 20 mins, with urban areas 15 mins.

4. Police to parish reporting – there is only one engagement officer therefore it is not possible to visit every Parish/Town Council meeting. They aim to provide a monthly report via email to clerks that might cover most questions. Depending on dates and timings they will possibly attend one a year in all areas.

5. CCTV was held up as a great response method but needs to be continuously watched to be proactive.

6. There was a general discussion on speeding.

7. Rural crimes were discussed. These are to be reported through normal routes. Rural crime unit is an umbrella unit.

8. The discussion also covered the, seemingly, increasing remoteness of the police from the community. The retreat from village officers to the towns and then to the centres. Meaning the sighting of an officer is now an “event”.

9. PCSOs and Specials were raised but there seemed to be no clear policy on these or their usefulness.

10. The Concept of community policing was raised in terms of what local people thought and the difference between that and the police view.

Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPS)

SPR Friston hearings: closed on the 6th July – decision delayed 6 weeks.

[For information only – Likely developments on the back of National Grid Substations]

At Friston

EA1N Substation

EA2 Substation

National Grid substation 1

National Grid substation 2

(8-10 acres each)

At Snape behind the church

3 interconnectors,

Nautilis,

Eurolink

Sealink (used to be called SCD1) – this is going to consultation.

(Each bigger than a substation at 24m high. 12 acres each.)

Still to be placed

SCD2

Northfalls

5 Estuaries

Sizewell “C” DCO Hearings: Decision delayed 6 weeks.

Secretary of State has asked for more information.

Possible JLAG meeting to discuss oversight following any Sizewell C approval.

General:

SCC and SCDC are definitely not interested in talking to PCs regarding the use of mitigation monies so it will be interesting to see where the monies goes and what it is spent on.

Cllr Fellowes attended a zoom meeting with National Grid re. SEA-LINK on Friday 11th March 2022. They have promised to hold a public webinar and we await a date. The presentation will also be sent to all Councils once it has been delivered to all parishes and town councils.

Cllr Fellowes reported SASES are preparing to put forward a judicial review and looking to raise £75k. We are being asked to donate towards this, as other organisations have, to show solidarity. Cllr Fellowes suggests we use our fighting fund and requests this be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Cllr Fellowes reported that a decision is due on Thursday 31st March about the project affecting Friston. She asks the Committees permission to write with objections on behalf of ATC. Objections include:-

• The energy is not needed where it is being created, it is energy to be used in Kent.

• The capacity of overhead lines was the reason Friston was first identified, however it is now known that the overhead lines cannot carry this energy.

The Committee unanimously agreed to give permission for Cllr Fellowes to submit this.

Cllr Fellowes reports that SZC may be affected by a re-costing of Hinkley C due to price increases. There are national and international increases in costs. The Government will be releasing a new energy statement next week.

 Meeting ended 7.50pm

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

**GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 28TH MARCH 2022 AT 7.52 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Present: Cllr Webster took the Chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Fellowes Cllr Fox

Cllr Lewis Cllr Jones

Cllr Palmer Cllr Piers-Hall

Cllr Howard-Dobson

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Smith, Lumpkin and Digby

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Grants and Requests Committee meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022 was agreed unanimously by a show of hands and signed by the Chair Cllr Webster.

3. Grants:

3.1 Aldeburgh Primary School have asked ATC to fund a commemorative Queen’s Platinum Jubilee coin to present to each pupil as a memorable keepsake. The cost per gift is £3.17 and to purchase for 100 pupils makes the total cost £371. The school also expressed an interest in planting trees if there is a project the children can be involved. Cllr Jones suggested pupils may like to help planting the raised beds on Kemps Field and could be asked once plants are chosen by residents.

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE** funding the cost of a commemorative Queen’s Platinum Jubilee coin for every pupil attending Aldeburgh Primary School.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer

In Favour 8

Against 0

Abstentions 0

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **Requests:**

4.1 Cllr Fellowes declared an interest in the following request and will not take park in the following discussion.

 Cllr Fellowes / Jubilee Hall requests permission to use ATC land to provide a weekly professional children’s show on the Moot Green on Tuesdays starting at 4pm on the following dates: 26th July, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August.

**RESOLUTION to APPROVE** the request to allow the Jubilee Hall to use ATC land on Moot Green to provide weekly professional children’s shows at 4pm on six dates.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Lewis

In Favour 7

Against 0

Abstentions 1

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **Events:**

5.1 Deputy TC asked that we consider two people to ask to carry the Jubilee torch at the end of May.

 Cllr Fellowes suggested that we offer an opportunity to the eldest person attending the Primary school who lives in the town. All agreed that for the other person we would ask a local man who litter picks around the town every day.

6.

There was no new business to report.

**There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.05pm.**

**MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON MONDAY 28th MARCH 2022 AT 8.07 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL**

Present: Cllr Webster took the Chair

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Fellowes Cllr Fox

Cllr Palmer Cllr Lewis

Cllr Jones Cllr Howard-Dobson

Cllr Osben Cllr Piers-Hall

There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies: Cllrs Digby, Smith and Lumpkin

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 28th February 2022 were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

3. Matters for Discussion:

Cllr Webster reported that we have had no further information about a possible breach at a property in Lee Road and we await a decision.

The application for the property ‘The Lugger’ in Linden Road has been passed. It was noted that this was not recommended for approval by ATC.

Cllr Webster informed the committee that he has received an email from a relation of a resident living near 6a Thellusson Lodge. He objects to the application and asks we withdraw our recent recommendation of approval. A discussion followed as an application for this property was withdrawn in previous years. However, it was noted that ATC had also given recommendation for approval at that time. The timing of the planning committee meeting was considered but agreed to have given plenty of time for public objections, enabling ATC to be aware of. Meetings are advertised on ATC website in good time and displayed on two noticeboards in the town. ATC are consultees in the planning process and the final decision is taken by ESC. In the first instance the email will be answered referring the person to ESC planning to submit his objections on-line and see any further advice from them.

4. New Planning Business:

 None.

**The Planning Committee meeting ended at 8.20pm**