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

**MOOT HALL ON MONDAY 13TH JUNE 2022 AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr Palmer – Chair Cllr Webster

Cllr Lewis Cllr Fellowes

Cllr Jones  Cllr Lumpkin

Cllr Smith Cllr Piers-Hall

Cllr Rainger (ESC)

No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Dibgy, Howard-Dobson and Fox sent apologies. Apologies also received from Cllr Haworth-Culf (SCC), Cllr Cooper (ESC) and Cllr Daley (ESC).

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

Cllrs Lumpkin and Lewis attended separate Queen’s Platinum Jubilee street parties.

1. **To Approve the Draft Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th May 2022:**

The draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th March 2022 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 report prior to the meeting. If there are any questions, please contact her directly.

1. **ESC Report and Correspondence:**

The ESC report has been circulated in advance.

Cllr Rainger gave his apologies for missing some meetings when he was unwell. Thanked everyone for their supportive messages.

Cllr Rainger reported that it was great to see so many Jubilee activities and well done to the community.

Cllr Rainger advised that ESC had self-reported to the regulator due to incorrect rents charged. More information can be found in the ESC monthly report.

A new Environmental/Climate Change Officer has been appointed to challenge against strategies in place.

ESC is looking at way to contribute to helping with the cost of living crisis. Including money, food, fuel and housing issues. Cllr Lewis asked about food bank and has seen that there is one in Leiston. Cllr Rainger confirmed that this is one area they will be looking at although reported that there are less food items being donated due to the crisis.

Cllr Rainger makes his apologies and leaves as he is also attending a meeting at Friston this evening.

1. **Police Report:**

The Police Report has not been received.

1. **Public Forum**

Cllr Palmer suspended Standing Orders. As no members of the public were in attendance, he then re-instated Standing Orders.

**8a) PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

**Property & Finance report**

Cllr Jones reported that the Internal Audit Review went well with no significant comments. Financial papers have been circulated prior to the meeting and items for approval are to be considered under agenda item 10.

Cllr Jones reported that the football goal mouths have been seeded and taped off to give the area a chance to establish. The Juniors are playing through the summer on the new pitch and train on Monday evenings. The application by the re-formed Saturday team to rejoin the league was declined, they appealed but the decision was upheld. This is a great shame as they were popular and drew a good crowd.

Cllr Jones has finalised the Sports week programme and Sam is organising printing with Leiston Press. Volunteers and the end of day food remain the main outstanding issue.

Cllr Jones has obtained a quote for a new contract for cleaning of the tennis courts which she will bring to next committee meeting.

The toilets at Kings Field were completed by Jubilee weekend, just in time. Snagging issues now need to be reviewed and agreed.

Cllr Jones reported that the ITT has been issued for the Tractor Shed. Cllr Jones and Cllr Lumpkin now to discuss any responses and next steps.

Cllr Jones will chase the contractors regarding the outstanding issue at Kemps Field regarding the path. Also, to check on the condition of the raised beds we planted. It also seems that the stakes have not been put in correctly and Cllr Jones is looking into this.

Cllr Jones has reported a large branch which has split and is hanging on one of the trees bordering Kings field and the marshes and the tree surgeon will come to site to remove.

Grass cutting is again a potential issue, the Rugby club complained that the grass was like a hay meadow when they were at training last week and Kings field is not being cut in the rough area and the grass overall is too long, which will be a problem when football starts training again. The new pitch is perfect where the Juniors teams are playing and the coaches are cutting it themselves. Norse should be cutting weekly and this needs to be chased up urgently.

Cllr Fellowes talked about the likeliness that other Norse services will be stretched over the busy summer period. Cllr Palmer has experiences poor service collecting bins and the reason is thought to be new crews who are not fully trained.

**8b) SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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

1. **Services Working Group meeting**

Cllr Palmer reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th June at 10am via ZOOM.

1. **Drains**

There has been a collapsed drain on Crag Path which has been repaired. There are outstanding drains to clean.

1. **Speed limits**

Given go ahead on basis of outline design – final designs and costings now completed - **£11182.90**

Need to authorise payment for these – Sax Road **£7822.17** and Slaughden Road **£3360.73**

Cllr Palmer reported there has been a request to consider lowering the speed limit on the Thorpeness Road. This is because of a concern for wildlife being killed on the road.

1. **Bus Shelter replacements**

There is no advance on the High Street Shelter.

1. **Leiston Road Parking Scheme**

Cllr Palmer gave an update. Two options have been identified at a stakeholder meeting. Even handed by SCC Highways therefore a choice given to the Fire Brigade to decide based on Fire Engine size. Their choice now being designed up and Cllr Palmer has requested an update.

1. **Other items in Progress!**

Crag Path Fisherman’s Car Park ESDC legal agreement for them to police has arrived. Cllr Palmer is reading through this document.

Peggs of Aldeburgh have been asked to quote to make new Chopping Hill Railings. It is possible that SCC will replace them with a standard design. Services committee will support this.

Cllr Palmer reported on the missing bollards along Crag Path. He had reported the bollards missing to SCC expecting they would replace them. However, SCC took the action of filling in the bollard holes. Cllr Palmer is trying to find out from Highways about this. Cllr Fellowes is concerned because a car can now travel right along Crag Path and this could be a potential accident as visitors see Crag Path as a promenade.

Cllr Fellowes requested the action to replace the bollards be formally approved as a resolution.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** Services Committee to ensure the bollards on Crag Path are replaced.

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

In Favour 5

Against 2

Abstentions 1

**CARRIED BY MAJORITY 5**

Cllr Fellowes asked about a skip and building supplies taking up half of the car park behind 152. This work is taking up valuable places for people wishing to park. Cllr Palmer reported that ESC will have agreed to this and will be collecting a fee. Any further questions would be for ESC.

1. **Large Infrastructure Group – DCOs**
2. **SPR hearings** – Now consented by sec of state
3. **Sizewell “C”**

Some questions between SECoS and developer. Decision now due in early July.

1. Nautilus interconnector in pre-application stage.

8bii) **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** costs associated with the installation of the new 40mph speed limit on Saxmundham Road.

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

In Favour 8

Against 0

Abstentions 0

**CARRIED BY UNANIMOUSLY**

**8biii) RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** costs associated with the extension of the 30mph on Aldeburgh High Street and Slaughden Road.

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

In Favour 8

Against 0

Abstentions 0

**CARRIED BY UNANIMOUSLY**

**8c) PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

Cllr Webster reported there had been a Planning Meeting held on Tuesday 7th June and minutes had been circulated to all. David Walker had attended and talked us through a presentation of his views regarding conservation of the likely Golf Club expansion. There is a copy of the presentation in the Clerk’s office if anyone would like to read it. Committee felt that when the application is submitted it would be beneficial if the case goes to full committee so to give Mr Walker the chance to present to ESC Planning himself. We have now heard from the Golf Club and Mr Walker, we await the application. The Golf Club have promised to meet Mr Walker prior to submission which will nor be before 24th June.

Cllr Webster reported that a further Planning Meeting was held today and the minutes will be circulated.

Cllr Webster reported he had attended a meeting at the Brudenell about possible plans for Brudenell Street. Cllrs Palmer, Lumpkin were present as was the Town Clerk. An application has not yet been submitted. Cllr Palmer would like to have more dialogue with them. Cllr Smith asked about who owns the WCs and small office next-door. These are thought to belong to ESC although plans to develop will possible be on the application.

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

**8di) No report.**

**8dii)** **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the request to fund leavers hoodies for all those in Year 6 of Aldeburgh Primary School.

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

**In Favour 8**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8diii) RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** a donation of £500 to the Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk)

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Smith and **SECONDED** by Cllr Webster

**In Favour 8**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**9) Representatives’ Reports**

Cllr Fellowes attended Community Partnership meeting covering issues of poverty, social isolation and loneliness. Discussing standards that every town and parish should aspire to having. Aims to encourage links between providers and find out what services are available already.

Cllr Fellowes attended the Open Day at the library to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. There were around 150 people there. Thanks to the Mayor and Consort for attending. Cllr Fellowes reported that this really cements the library in the community.

Cllr Lewis reported that all allotments are occupied and there are two people on the waiting list. Cllr Lewis and DTC will visit all allotments next week to sort out the numbering system.

Cllr Jones attended the Aldeburgh Society committee meeting on 16 May and the AGM on 20 May. Much of the committee was on matters for the AGM where they made some minor changes to their constitution, which was approved at the AGM. The Society have a new secretary, Robert Brock, who has taken over from Paul Bongers De Rath. They continue to focus on the Energy projects and reviewing planning applications.

Cllr Jones attended the Tennis Club committee meeting on Weds 18 May. The club are keen to pursue installing a defibrillator on the Bowls pavilion and have investigated options and have identified a Heartsine 500 model. They are looking at funding opportunities and if it goes ahead they are potentially looking to ATC to fund 50%.

Cllr Jones chaired a Trust meeting of the Old Generator Station on 25 May. The focus was on final preparations for the Jubilee fun day. Cllr Jones thanked all those who helped on the day and attended.

**10) Report from the Town Clerk**

The Town Clerk had given Apologies in advance of the meeting and so no report was delivered.

**10a) RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the Annual Governance Statement for the Year Ended March 2022

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

**In Favour 8**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10ai)** **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the Annual Return for the Year Ended March 2022.

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

**In Favour 8**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10aii)** **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the recommendations of the Internal Auditor.

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

**In Favour 8**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8**

10aiii) **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the co-operation of a new member, Cllr T-J Haworth-Culf, to join Aldeburgh Town Council.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Smith and **SECONDED** by Cllr Lumpkin

**In Favour 8**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11) Mayor’s Notes**

Cllr Palmer thanked everyone who helped with all Jubilee events. He has attended the following:

10/5/22 Carnival Committee meeting

25/5 OGS Trustees meeting

29/5 Festival of Suffolk – greeting our Torch bearers

1/6 Judging the decorated windows in the High Street

2/6 RNLI, lighting the beacon, fireworks

3/6 FMEG Car Club at Moot Green

5/6 Jubilee Church Service, OGS Funday and judged the Jubilee Crown competition, Library open day.

12/6 Bury Cathedral Civic Event

**12) Correspondence**

None.

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

None.

**14)** **Items to Pay**

Cllr Fellowes queried why we were paying the first instalment towards a Fireworks Display in November considering ESC are conducting a consultation as to whether there should be a blanket ban on fireworks.

Cllr Smith requested we consider a laser show and would like to have the chance to vote at the Committees meeting. Cllr Smith request a laser show quotation is obtained for discussion.

Cllr Webster believes that there is nothing quite the same as fireworks and sensible pet owners would keep them safely at home. Cllrs Webster and Jones reported that fireworks are very popular as past events have shown by numbers attending. Cllr Webster also believes a laser show would in fact cost more than fireworks.

The November Firework event will be discussed at the next committees meeting.

Details had been previously circulated to all Cllrs. Apart from the 1st deposit for Firework Display in November, all other payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Smith.

**In Favour 8**

**Against 0**

**Abstentions 0**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cllr Smith asked for an update following meeting with Flagship concerning social housing in Aldeburgh. This will be obtained from the TC when she returns to the office.

**There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 8pm.**

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will be held in the Moot Hall on**

**11th July 2022 at 7pm.**