

Ratified at a virtual meeting of the Parish Council held 17 March 2021.

# ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Zoom Meeting of the Council held on **THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.15PM.**

**Present:** Cllr M Davies (Acting Chair), Cllr N Goodwin, Cllr K Jones, Cllr A Cotton, Cllr D Weaver.

**In Attendance:** Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), Cllr P Roberts, S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate).

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## 1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllrs P Cummins, B Roscoe, J Roscoe, A Farbon

Resolved: that the apologies be noted. Cllr Davies to stand as Chair in Cllr Cummins absence for the December 2020 and March 2021 meetings.

In order to avoid casual vacancies occurring to reapprove the extension of the permitted absences from meetings of Cllrs P Cummins, B Roscoe and J Roscoe past the 6-month ruling and until meetings are able to be held in person or arrangements can be made for them to join virtually with the aid of another socially distanced attendee.

## 2. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Nothing raised.

## 3.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests they may have in any item on the agenda, subject to the rules regarding disclosure contained in the current Members' Code of Conduct and as defined by regulations made under section30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

## 4.COMMUNITY SAFETY.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

i)Concern was raised about the suspended use of the community speed gun during Covid.

**Resolved:** Clerk to seek further clarification from the police and CWAC.

## 5.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

i) Footpath at Saughton. **Noted:** CWAC hoped to reinstate before Christmas.

- ii) Adoption of telephone kiosk at Saighton by Village Hall Committee.  
Cllr Roberts advised that the Village Hall Committee had applied to adopt the phone box. Cllr Cummins had expressed concern that it would mean the community losing a vital means of communication in an area of poor mobile signal connectivity. **Resolved:** Noted.
- iii) Bruera: Speed Limit Assessment proposal.  
Cllr Roberts put forward a proposal to ask CWAC to carry out a Speed Level Assessment in Bruera (Platts Lane) and, in particular, between Creamery House and Smithy Farm. He proposed a three-way splitting of the financing between the Parish Council, his Members Budget, and the Estate.  
**Resolved:**  
i) Clerk to clarify with CWAC regarding the section of road from Bruera Church to the A41: It was thought that this section had been assessed and costed in the initial speed level assessments most recently carried out.  
ii) Parish Council to increase their Precept by £1000 in the next financial year in order to contribute.  
iii) Sarah Dawson to put the proposal that the Estate might contribute to the relevant parties.

## **6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**

**Resolved:** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 3 September 2020 be confirmed as a true record.

**Proposed:** Cllr D Weaver      **Seconded:** Cllr K Jones

## **7. MATTERS ARISING.**

i) Dog bin in Aldford: Thanks were extended to Annabel Farbon for her persistence in securing an additional dog bin adjacent to the Church in Aldford and to the Estate for offering to finance it. CWAC had agreed to add the bin to their scheduled emptying regime.

## **8. PLANNING.**

Considered: applications received by the Parish Council since the last meeting.  
Noted: any decisions received.

### **Applications:**

**20/02914/LBC** Thatched Cottage 15 School Lane Aldford Chester CH3 6HZ  
Internal renovation works.

**20/03440/FUL** Land at School Lane Aldford Chester Demolition of wall.

### **Approved:**

**20/03440/FUL** Land at School Lane Aldford Chester Demolition of wall.

**20/02098/FUL** Land adjacent to Saighton Lodge Chester Lane Saighton Chester  
Installation of bollard lights to serve Saighton village/school car park.

**Resolved:** Noted.

## **9. FINANCE.**

**Resolved:** That the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

**Proposed:** Cllr N Goodwin **Seconded:** Cllr A Cotton

#### **10. PRECEPT.**

**Resolved:** A Precept of £4000 was agreed for the Year 2021/2022. This represents an annual increase of £1000.

**Proposed:** Cllr N Goodwin **Seconded:** Cllr A Cotton

#### **11. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.**

Received: correspondence, publications, and invitations.

i)CWAC: Advisory re Community Food Offer. **Resolved:** Noted.

ii)CWAC: Notification of new local Covid testing sites. **Resolved:** Noted.

iii)CWAC: Notification of Avian Flu outbreaks. **Resolved:** Noted

iv)COCH NHS Foundation Trust: Stakeholder Briefing. **Resolved:** Noted

v)Complaint re defibrillator notice being removed at Saughton Village Hall. **Resolved:** Noted that the notice had been reinstated.

vi)Complaint re speed limit through Bruera. **Resolved:** Dealt with Item 5(iii) on the agenda.

vii)Complaint re 20mph signs/adherence in Aldford. **Resolved:** Noted that the signage had been agreed with CWAC and was compliant. The 20mph was legally enforceable but was difficult to police.

#### **12.STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

i) Pavement by the church (by post box) was becoming loose and a trip hazard.

**Resolved:** Clerk to report.

#### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Nothing raised.

#### **14. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

**RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: WEDNESDAY 17 MARCH 2021 AT 7.15PM. THIS MAY BE A VIRTUAL MEETING PENDING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE AT THE TIME (TBC).**