

Ratified at meeting of Parish Council 4 May 2022

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 7.15pm on WEDNESDAY 23rd MARCH 2022 at Aldford Village Hall.

1.PRESENT: Cllr M Davies (Chair), Cllr A Cotton, Cllr J Roscoe, Cllr D Weaver, Cllr L Humphries.

In Attendance: Mrs Claire Taylor (Clerk), A Farbon and S Dawson (Grosvenor Estate).

2.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr N Goodwin (Vice Chair), Cllr B Roscoe, Borough Cllr P Roberts.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

3.RESIGNATION AND VACANCY PROCESS.

Cllr K Jones had tendered his resignation. Members regrettably accepted this noting that Karl would be much missed. The Clerk had informed CWAC and the advertisement/recruitment process was underway.

Resolved: Noted. It was agreed, in the absence of individual newsletters, that Parish Council and Village Hall Committee articles in the church monthly magazine would be a good way to engage with residents. Efforts to be made to make submissions in time for the April edition.

4.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 section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made

5.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

Nothing raised.

6.POLICE UPDATE.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting. Police not in attendance.

7.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

- i) Members Budget: A request for help to fund a replacement defibrillator for Aldford Village Hall from the 2022/2023 budget was made by Cllr Humphries on behalf of the

Village Hall Committee. The hall defibrillator was out of date and in need of replacement with parts becoming unavailable. As an interim measure Aldford were now using a defibrillator given to them by Saighton Village Hall as it was now surplus to their requirements following the installation of a new replacement model. Cllr Humphries reported that the pads and battery were in date and that the hall (a) had identified a custodian (Deborah Blakemore) and (b) David Goodwin and Deborah were looking to register it with the emergency services.

Resolved: Noted. There was a need to raise funds for a replacement defibrillator. Clerk to ask Cllr P Roberts if he would donate from his Members Budget. Village Hall Committee and user groups to look to fundraise wherever possible.

- ii) Abbey Gate traffic management: Cllr Davies reported that she and Cllr Roberts had met with school representatives recently. The school would like to see a 20mph speed limit and a crossing. **Noted:** Cllr Roberts was to progress and report back to the Parish Council.
- iii) Kerbing at Chester Lane/Sandy Lane Saighton: CWAC had advised that the cost to carry out the works would be in the region of £2k and that the cost would have to be borne by the Parish Council if they commissioned the works. Cllr Roberts had suggested that the parish Council/Estate/himself might make equal contributions to the full cost.

Resolved: Not to pursue.

8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 2 December 2021 be confirmed as a true record.

Proposed: Cllr L Humphries **Seconded:** Cllr J Roscoe

9. MATTERS ARISING.

i) Defibrillators: discussed further to Item 7(i) above. Cllr Humphries stated that she would write the code to open the cabinet on the cabinet of the Aldford defibrillator. Saighton had recently installed their new updated replacement defibrillator.

Cllr Goodwin and Cllr Humphries to submit articles for the April edition of the church magazine giving all relevant details for each of the defibrillators i.e. location and method/code to access as appropriate/required.

Grosvenor Estate informed that they intended siting an additional defibrillator on the Aldford Village Square. They also intended providing a First Aid Training course for the parish.

Resolved: Noted.

10. ACCOUNTS.

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 M Davies **Seconded:** Cllr L Humphries

i)Additional signatory process: **Noted:** Cllr Goodwin still to progress.

11.PLANNING.

Noted: Applications received by the Parish Council since the last meeting and any decisions received circulated to members as and when received.

Awaiting decision: 21/04183/FUL Shandon Chester Lane Saughton Enlargement of the dwelling consisting of raising the roof height, front dormers, and two storey rear extension, addition of front bay windows.

New application: 22/00115/FUL Oaklea Chester Lane Saughton Chester CH3 6EE Removal of existing conservatory glass roof and erection of replacement roof.

Resolved: Noted.

Aldford stocks: The Estate advised that in carrying out works to preserve the stocks at Aldford they would be removing them with a LBC (Listed Building Consent) application then being made to CWAC Planning Dept for consent to re instate them. Signage would be erected at the site advising of this action.

12. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.

Correspondence, publications, and invitations.

Dealt with on email between meetings as and when received.

13.STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) Water leaks on Chapel Lane: Previously reported to CWAC but not attended to. **Resolved:** Cllr Humphries to re report and send job number to Clerk: Cllr Roberts to escalate.

ii) Potholes on approach to railway bridge Saughton: **Resolved:** Cllr Humphries to re report and send job number to Clerk: Cllr Roberts to escalate.

iii) Bruera church: Chevron sign before church dislodged and in need of repositioning: **Resolved:** Clerk to report.

iv) Outside 1 Church View, School Lane, Aldford: Cobbles at the side of the road have previously been covered over with tarmac following a past pothole repair by CWAC. The Estate and the Parish Council have asked for the cobbles to be reinstated but the tarmac remains. **Resolved:** Clerk to escalate via Cllr Roberts.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Nothing raised.

15. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 2022 AT 7.15PM AT ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL.

THIS WILL BE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

