

# ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held at 7.15pm on **THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022** at Aldford Village Hall.

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## **1.PRESENT**

**Present:** Cllr M Davies (Chair), Cllr B Roscoe, Cllr J Roscoe, Cllr D Weaver, Cllr L Humphries, Cllr H Gornall, Cllr A Cotton.

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

## **2.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr N Goodwin, A Farbon (Grosvenor Estate).

**Resolved:** that the apologies be noted.

## **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 section 30(3) of the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations made.

## **4.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Nothing raised.

## **5.POLICE UPDATE.**

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

i) Update on request for police enforcement on Chester Road/B5130 (Brook Cottage).

**Noted:** Clerk and Cllr Roberts had alerted PCSO McKeivitt to the residents' concerns.

## **6.BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Monthly report circulated prior to meeting.

i) Chapel Lane SLA: Members had previously agreed not to pursue a reduced speed limit. Cllr Roberts was of the view that the current 60mph limit was dangerous.

ii) Abbey Gate College proposal for reduced speed limit: Nothing to report.

iii) Members Budget/possible enhanced village signage: Cllr Roberts advised that this should be deferred to subsequent years as it was unlikely that it could be approved out of this year's members budget. If it could be installed in time, which was now unlikely, it could however possibly be funded from the Neighbourhood Pride (NP)

fund. If the bus shelter could be renovated within the timescale this too could be considered under the NP initiative. **Resolved:** Sarah Dawson to ask if any of the estate staff could carry out the bus shelter work and invoice.

iv) Request to remove 50mph road signs on Lower Lane: CWAC Highways had advised that this was not possible.

v) Request to reinstate cobblestones on School Lane: Nothing to report.

vi) Deterioration of Chapel Lane carriageway: Cllr Roberts encouraged the reporting of any defects as soon as they became apparent.

vii) Warm Hubs initiative: Cllr Roberts reported that in response to an application from Aldford Village Hall for financial assistance to purchase cinema equipment he hoped to make a significant contribution of at least £1500.

**Resolved:** Noted.

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

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 September 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

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

## **8. MATTERS ARISING.**

i) Election process 2023: The Clerk reported that CWAC was to hold an online briefing to outline the process later in December. **Resolved:** Noted.

## **9. 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 D Weaver

i) Additional signatory process: **Noted:** Cllr Goodwin had now been able to progress and was an authorised signatory on the bank account.

ii) Marathon payment: Clerk to enquire as to whether this should have been £150 as opposed to £50.

## **10. PRECEPT.**

**Resolved:** The budget be approved and a precept of £3500 be set for 2023/2024.

**Proposed:** Cllr H Gornall      **Seconded:** Cllr M Davies

## **11. PLANNING.**

**22/00852/FUL** Lea Manor Farm Lea Lane Aldford Construction of an Agricultural Anaerobic Digestion Facility at Lea Manor Farm, Underground Pipeline to Grange Farm, Construction of Biomethane Upgrade Hub at Grange Farm and Associated Infrastructure, including surface water balancing pond at Grange Farm.

**22/03633/CAT** 19 School Lane Aldford 2 x Cupressus sp (T1 and T2) – fell due to proximity to drive and poor location for mature dimensions.

**22/03632/CAT** Thatched Cottage 15 School Lane Aldford Prunus sp (T1) fell to abate nuisance due to proximity to building and utility infrastructure causing excessive shading and interference and the poor overall condition of the specimen. Replant with one standard fruit tree in a suitable location within garden boundary.

**Applications decided:**

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

**Resolved:** Noted.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE, PUBLICATIONS, AND INVITATIONS.**

Correspondence, publications, and invitations.

Nothing further to that circulated on email.

**13. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.**

i) Light outside Aldford Church reported as needing repair. **Resolved:** Clerk and Sarah Dawson to make enquiries to ascertain responsibility for the repair.

ii) Drainage on bridge and by bus shelter still unresolved: **Resolved:** Clerk to report to CWAC.

iii) Pavement (kerb stones) outside Aldford Church reported as loose. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to CWAC.

**14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

i) Abbey Gate College: **Resolved:** Clerk to forward contact details to Cllr B Roscoe and ask PCSO McKevitt to attend at pick up and drop off times.

**15. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

**RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: 22 MARCH 2023 AT 7.15PM AT SAIGHTON VILLAGE HALL. TBC**