

ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on **THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2025**
AT 7.15PM at Saughton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr M Davies, Cllr D Weaver, Cllr B Roscoe, Cllr P Cummins, Cllr A Cotton, Cllr H Gornall, Cllr D Walker.

In Attendance: Borough Cllr A Waddelove, C Taylor (Clerk).

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None received. **Resolved:** Noted.

2.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.

Resolved: No declarations made.

3.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. Nothing raised.

4.POLICE UPDATE.

Police report not received to circulate prior to the meeting. **Resolved:** Noted and clerk to circulate on email as and when reports received.

5. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr Waddelove reported.

i)Annual Budget Council had been held 20 February: Council Tax was to increase by 4.99% from 1 April. The Council would have to make £74m of cuts over the next 4 years.

ii)Chapel Lane was to be resurfaced in March.

iii)Abbey Gate: A constructive meeting had been held a few weeks previously but the anticipated 20mph advertisement had not happened due to some National restrictions. A blanket 20mph outside schools had however now been passed through Council which CWAC would fund. Timescale not yet known.

iv)Speed watch in Saughton: the speed watch group would not be continuing if advisory letters could not be sent out. Cllr Waddelove would be writing to the police regarding this and if there was no change in response the speed watch group activities would cease.

v)Sandy Lane: Regarding a request for a bus stop at the edge of the parish: CWAC had initially been supportive but not financially but with a planning application at that end of the parish it could yet potentially still be funded. Greenbelt: With housing need increasing to 1114 from circa 500 extending Saughton Camp development was a potential possibility.

Resolved: Noted.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the Meeting of 5 December 2024 were approved as a correct record.

Proposed: Cllr D Walker **Seconded:** Cllr M Davies

7. MATTERS ARISING.

i)Boundary sign (Aldford) at Chapel Lane. A replacement sign had been purchased and installed but had been removed by persons unknown almost immediately after installation. The theft had been reported to the police and a crime reference had been issued. **Resolved:** Clerk to purchase another sign and Cllr Roscoe to reinstall.

8.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 (£3354.41 as at 5 January 2025) be noted.

Proposed: Cllr M Davies **Seconded:** Cllr A Cotton.

i)Online banking: **Resolved:** Clerk to progress with either Nat West Bank (as a current account holder) or Unity Trust Bank (as a new account holder) whichever is most accommodating. Clerk to be named on the account to manage transactions with at least two other signatories to authorise transactions.

9. PLANNING.

Noted that all planning applications were circulated to members between meetings.

Existing Applications:

24/00008/LBC Village Stocks Chester Road Aldford Replacement of the timber stocks which are placed within stone supports.

24/00657/FUL Porter Heath Holdings 2 Ridges Lane Saughton Conversion of 2 no. traditional red brick barns into 3 no. residential dwellings, the demolition of other agricultural buildings and the construction of detached garaging and associated landscaping.

New Applications:

24/03779/DIS Lea Mosses Farm Lea Lane Aldford Discharge of condition 4 (Habitat management and monitoring plan) of planning application **24/01661/FUL**.

24/03603/FUL Porter Heath Farm Ridges Lane Saughton Chester Change of use and conversion of former agricultural barn to one residential dwelling (C3). Single storey front extension, first floor dormer, raising existing roof height of garage, Installation for Juliette balcony, rooflights and alterations of windows and doors.

Decided:

Approved: 24/01661/FUL Lea Mosses Farm Lea Lane Aldford Construction of new silage clamp.

Prior approval not required: 24/03419/P14 Hatton Heath Mill Hatton Heath Farm Platts Lane Golborne David Chester Installation of 175 DAS 445W Solar PV Modules on the roof of the south west facing elevations with all other PV Generator equipment (i.e. inverters) being installed at ground level.

10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED.

i) Notification of Proposed Telecommunications Installation at Aldford Farm Mill Lane Aldford CH3 6HU received from WHP Telecoms Ltd. **Resolved:** No objections raised and noted that any progression would be via a formal planning submission.

ii) Deva Triathlon to be held 1 June 2025. **Resolved:** Noted.

11. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

i) TTRO18831 Chapel Lane Aldford: Road closure 17-28 March 2025 (8am to 5pm) for carriageway repairs.

ii) White lines on Greenlake/Rushmere Lanes and give way markings either side of Middle Lane need replacing. **Resolved:** Clerk to log with CWAC Highways.

iii) Hedge by the first bus stop on Platts Lane (opposite NFU building) in need of cutting back. **Resolved:** Clerk to request of Grosvenor estate.

iv) Layby by first house on A41 exiting Platts Lane being used by individual to run a business from. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to police.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

i) Request for 5 lamppost poppies to be purchased for Aldford village. **Resolved:** Clerk to order.

ii) Payphone: BT had posted a notice in the Saighton Village phone box advising that they were planning to remove the payphone as it was not used enough for them to continue running it. Invitation was given to make representations within 90 days should anyone be of the opinion that it should stay. **Resolved:** Clerk to advise BT that the Parish Council wished the phone to stay as it was a valuable/crucial resource in an area that had poor mobile phone signal/connectivity.

iii) Defibrillator at Saighton Village Hall: Concern was raised that the current positioning by the back door of the hall meant that the defibrillator was not as visible as it might be were it repositioned in a more prominent position. It was suggested that not everyone was aware that the defibrillator was there and that there had been a previous incident where someone needing access to a defibrillator had gone to a neighbouring village to get one. **Resolved:** Clerk to write to Saighton Village Hall Committee to advise of the concerns raised at the Parish Council meeting.

ii) Complaint received regarding a property at Bruera. **Resolved:** Clerk to report to Sanctuary housing.

13. RESOLVED: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL: THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025 AT ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL. This will be the Annual General Meeting.