

ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 at St Margaret's Hall

Present: Mrs H Wordley in the Chair, Mr D Deaville, Mr W Dickinson, Mr K MacArthur, Mr K Matkin, Mr M Oulton and Clerk

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51/23 Apologies for Absence None

52/23 Declarations of Members' Interest Councillor Wordley declared an interest in St Margaret's Hall as the Council's representative and Chair of the Committee.

52/23 Change in Order of Business None

53/23 Public Speaking PCSO Ella Shaw reported that there had been no major incidents in the last two months. She said the only reported minor incidents were a house alarm call, two reports of dog on dog attacks in Shining Cliff woods, parking on a narrow blind bend at Peat Pits on Higg Lane, a dead badger found on Higg Lane that was thought to have been shot which has been reported to the Badger Trust and a safeguarding issue of a child that had run away from school and was found by Police and taken to hospital

54/23 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 November 2023

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21 November 2023 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

55/23 Clerk's Report

(a) Update on the purchase of a Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the Council had been successful with the match funding application and had paid the £750.00 fee. The defibrillator had been delivered and Councillor Wordley has been overseeing the installation process and she had managed to engage an electrician as part of the funding criteria requires the equipment to be installed within 4 weeks of receipt and photographic evidence must be sent to the fund provider and the defibrillator must be registered on the EMAS circuit. She reported that her husband had very kindly dug a trench for a new cable as the defibrillator needs a separate electrical supply. It was also found that the electrical supply to the light at the gates had been damaged when the mains water supply was installed and needed a new cable. RESOLVED to approve the cost of the associated works. She said that when the defibrillator was installed in the cabinet a red light kept flashing, she had contacted London Hearts for support and they suggested removing the battery and putting it in a warm place for over half an hour which she did and the equipment was still showing an error. It is now thought that the equipment is faulty and she said she would be contacting London Hearts the following day for an exchange. She will inform the Clerk when it is up and running and asked members to put the word out in the village that there was now a defibrillator available. She has requested a training session for Parishioners from EMAS and will add the information to the village hall newsletter and put a link for a youtube video on the village whatsapp. Members thanked Councillor Wordley and her husband for their hard work

56/23 Items for consideration and decision

(a) Grounds Maintenance

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the contractor and he had agreed to continue to cut the grass at St Margaret's Hall and the road side bank. After a further discussion he agreed to continue with the maintenance at the Cemetery but said that the grass needed cutting twice in the months of May and June. RESOLVED to accept the contractor's terms and for him to cut the grass at his discretion

(b) Hedgehogs R Us - request to purchase a sign

Members considered the request. RESOLVED to not purchase a sign for hedgehogs crossing

(c) Notice of discontinuation of the Website

The Council had received a notice from the website provider informing them that they would no longer be able to provide the website after 31 March 2024 and the Council would need to find a new website provider. After considering the information circulated by Dalc regarding an alternative supplier offering free migration to Parish online and providing a Gov.uk domain at no cost and to match the current provider's annual cost. RESOLVED to sign up to Parish Online websites

(d) Condition of Kennel Wood

Councillor Wordley reported on the condition of Kennel Wood due to the recent storm. She said that one of the trees earmarked for removal at the end of the month had broken away and no longer required removal but she had identified another dangerous tree up from the bridge and she had contacted the tree surgeon for advice and the tree would now be removed at the end of the month with the rest of the tree works. She also said that during the storm two other trees had come down, one across the path

and the other one went into the stream and as she was already having some tree work done at her own property, she asked the tree surgeon to deal with it at her own cost

57/23 Finance

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payments

Chq no	Payee	£
000636	London Hearts	750.00
000637	AA Tree Surgeons Ltd	900.00

(b) RESOLVED to note the bank reconciliation showing reserves of £12,268.92 as at 29.12.23

(c) RESOLVED to agree a budget with an increase of 5% for 2024-25

(d) RESOLVED to set the precept figure at £8,505.00 for 2024-25

58/23 Consideration of Planning Applications

(a) Planning Appeal APP/M1005/W/23/3318394 The Smithy, Belper Road, Alderwasley

RESOLVED to note the appeal is allowed

59/23 Dalc

RESOLVED to note December and January newsletters

60/23 Items for Information

RESOLVED to note the following items

(a) Clerks & Councils - January issue

61/23 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19.3.24 8pm Annual Parish Meeting, the Council meeting will follow immediately afterwards