

ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 19 September 2023 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, Councillors Orton and Taylor, PCSO Mark Warren and Clerk

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27/23 Apologies for Absence

None

28/23 Declarations of Members' Interest

Councillor Wordley declared an interest in St Margaret's Hall as the Council's representative and Chair of the Committee. Councillor MacArthur declared an interest in any tree works as a relative is an AVBC officer, Councillor Dickinson declared an interest in the hedge and tree works quotations at the Cemetery and left the room when the item was discussed

29/23 Change in Order of Business

None

30/23 Public Speaking

Councillor Taylor reported that his term as Mayor of Amber Valley had now concluded and he had been elected Leader at AVBC and elected as DCC's Civic Chair. He had sent a letter of support for the speed limit reduction request on a section of Wirksworth Road and that he had also written to Sarah Dines MP regarding Haytop Caravan Park. Councillor Wordley asked him if he had any update on the resurfacing of Higg Lane from the junction of Chapel Hill to Blacksmith's Barn which she was told by a Highways Officer that it was on DCC's schedule of works. He said that he had no information on the works

Councillor Orton introduced herself and was welcomed by Members. She said she had been Chair of Planning in the last administration. She said the Planning Department was very short staffed and that applications were taking longer to process

PCSO Warren reported that there had been 3 recorded crimes in the Parish, a domestic incident at Alport Heights, which ended by the man driving off in the woman's car and crashing into a wall, a van parked off the A6 was broken into and tools taken, a female dog walker on the border of Shottle had seen a naked male dancing in the woods but fled when he saw her. He also said a car had knocked a wall down on Jesses Lane

31/23 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 July 2023

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 July 2023 and they were signed by the Chair as a true record

32/23 Clerk's Report

(a) HMRC Penalty Notice

The Clerk reported that the Council had received a £100 fine for late filing. She said she appealed the fine and the appeal was rejected. She spoke to an HMRC advisor who explained that HMRC required additional data even though the pay frequency is quarterly. The Clerk immediately submitted the requested data and will continue to submit data every month going forward. The advisor told her to complete the review

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of decision form and to send it into HMRC to see if they will quash the fine due to the circumstances. The Clerk said she had carried out this action and will report the outcome back to Council

(b) Planning Advice

The Clerk had contacted AVBC to enquire if Planning Permission was needed for a defibrillator and an interpretation board. Permission is not required for the defibrillator as long as it is freestanding and an interpretation board would require advertisement consent

(c) Response from Councillor Orton regarding the Local Plan

Members had asked the Clerk to contact Cllr Orton and ask for clarification on the current state of the Local Plan. Cllr Orton sent an extract from AVBC's minutes showing the latest decision on the plan. RESOLVED to note the extract

33/23 Items for consideration and decision

(a) Purchase of a defibrillator

Councillor Wordley had carried out some further research and found that the Government intends to launch a £1 million scheme to install defibrillators across the country. She reported that she had expressed an interest leaving her contact details and when the scheme opens she will apply for the grant on behalf of the Council

(b) Gates at St Margaret's Hall

Councillor Wordley said that there had been no reported issues from leaving the gates unlocked and closed. RESOLVED to leave them unlocked and closed indefinitely unless any issues arise and then the Council would reconsider the security arrangements

(c) Purchase of an interpretation board and notice boards in general

Councillor Wordley had inspected all six notice boards. She said the one at the bottom of New Road was propped up against the wall, the village notice board and the one outside of St Margaret's Hall needed sanding down and re-coating and the rest were old and had some rot. The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with the business that was sponsoring a new notice board at Holly Lane and was told they had got the board and they were waiting for a contractor to install it. An interpretation board would need some more research as to the content. RESOLVED to remove the notice board at New Road, a Parishioner has kindly agreed to rub down and re-coat the village and St Margaret's Hall notice boards and to consider an interpretation board in the future

(d) DCC Minor Maintenance Scheme

The Clerk reported that the planned repair under the scheme to FP23 to improve drainage and stoning up of a section of the path had been carried out satisfactorily and the section of the path was now in a better condition. RESOLVED to fill in the work completed form and it was signed by the Chair

(e) Request from Crich P.C. regarding the emerging Amber Valley Local Plan

RESOLVED not to support Crich Parish Council on these issues

(f) Parish Cemetery - Hedge and tree maintenance works

RESOLVED to accept the quotation of £250 plus vat from Ridgewood Farm to reduce the Cemetery Holly hedge road side by 4 feet and to lower the Laurel hedge on the drive at St Margaret's Hall to below the coping stones on the gate post and remove all waste. The tree surgeon is very busy and is unable to attend the site to consider the works required until 20 September 2023. RESOLVED to consider the quotation at the next meeting

(g) Contribution from SMHMC towards the contents insurance

RESOLVED to keep the contribution the same as last year at £150.00

(h) Remembrance Sunday arrangements

RESOLVED that Councillor Wordley will lay a wreath at the village memorial on behalf of the Council

(i) DCC Snow Warden Scheme

DCC are running the scheme again this winter. Councillors Matkin and Oulton agreed to continue to act as Snow Wardens as in previous years. RESOLVED to take part in the scheme and for a tonne of grit to be delivered to Springfield Farm

(i) Removal of dead trees in Kennel Wood

Councillor Wordley reported that she had carried out a visual risk assessment of Kennel Wood and identified two dead trees that require removal. RESOLVED to ask the tree surgeon to provide a quotation to carry out the works

34/23 Finance

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payment

Chq No.	Payee	£
000627	Staff	726.86
000628	A J Gallagher Insurance Brokers	2,100.25
000629	S Procter	250.00
000630	Ridgewood Farm	576.00

(b) RESOLVED To note the bank reconciliation as at 31.8.23 showing reserves of £13,839.59

(c) RESOLVED to note a budget comparison for the period 1.4.23 - 30.6.23

35/23 Consideration of Planning Applications

(a) Planning Appeal hearing 24 August 2023 - APP/TRN/M1005/824 Tree replacement notice at Haytop Farm, Whatstandwell

RESOLVED to note the appeal

(b) Planning Appeal - AVA/2021/0900 Demolition of existing workshop and erection of new workshop at The Smithy, Belper Road, Alderwasley

RESOLVED to note the appeal

(c) AVA/2023/0679 - conversion and change of use from agricultural barns to a single residential dwelling Class C3 at Noton Steer Farm, Belper Road, Alderwasley

RESOLVE to make no comments on this application

(d) TRE/2023/0335 - Take down two small Rowan trees within Beech hedgerow, reduction of two Cherry trees on driveway by 25%, reduction of Sycamore and Walnut tree by 30% to stop the trees growing into each other and towards the house, crown lifting of woodland boundary to 15ft to clear the dry stone wall and create access for maintenance on the grounds, take down of invasive Ash tree on boundary between applicant and neighbour at The Old Farmhouse, Bury Hill, Alderwasley

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RESOLVED to make no comments on this application

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36/23 Dalc

RESOLVED to note the August and September newsletters

37/23 Items for information

RESOLVED to note the following items

(a) Clerks & Councils - September issue

(b) AVBC Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012
(as amended): submission of Ripley Neighbourhood Plan as proposed to be modified

www.ambervalley.gov.uk/ripleyneighbourhoodplan

(c) Ecclesbourne Express Summer Extra

38/23 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 21.11.23, 8pm