

## ALDERWASLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 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 and Clerk

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**39/23 Apologies for Absence**

None

**40/23 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

**41/23 Change in Order of Business**

None

**42/23 Public Speaking**

None

**43/23 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 September 2023**

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 September 2023 and to include the following amendment to minute 30/23 "Councillor Taylor reported that his term as Mayor of Amber Valley had now concluded and he had been elected Leader of the opposition at AVBC and elected as DCC's Civic Chair" The minutes were signed by the Chair as a true record

**44/23 Clerk's Report**

**(a) HMRC Penalty Notice Decision**

The Clerk reported that HMRC had carried out a decision review and had cancelled the £100 fine for late filing

**45/23 Items for consideration and decision**

**(a) Purchase of a defibrillator**

Councillor Wordley reported that the grant fund opened at the beginning of October and the Clerk had made an application for funding. The Clerk said that the application had been unsuccessful but had been invited to apply for a match funded defibrillator. Proposed by Councillor MacArthur and seconded by Councillor Matkin to apply to the fund. RESOLVED to make an application and if successful to vire £750 from reserves to cover the match funding and to include a heading in the 2024-25 budget for defibrillator sundries

**(b) Letter from Crich PC regarding the emerging Amber Valley Local Plan**

Members considered the letter. RESOLVED to send a letter to the Head of Planning at AVBC and copy to Crich PC as follows:

We are concerned about the proposed new local plan in that it appears that housing development could occur at the edge of all villages and settlements and this neither protects the local landscape or that villages can support the housing with schools and medical services

**(c) Parish Cemetery Hedge and Tree Maintenance works**

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from AA Tree Services of £375 plus vat to cut back the Beech hedge and remove a hanging branch in the Cedar of Lebanon

**(d) Kennel Wood Tree works**

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from AA Tree Services of £375 plus vat to remove 2 dead Sycamore trees and stack on the woodland floor

**(e) CPRE Membership 2024**

RESOLVED to continue membership for 2024 at a cost of £40

Date .....

Signed .....

**(f) NJC salary awards for 2023 - 24**

RESOLVED to adopt the salary awards back dated from 1 April 2023

**(g) Grounds Maintenance 2024**

The Clerk reported that the current Contractor had told her that he could not continue to carry out the grounds maintenance for 2024 at the Cemetery and the Hall. He said it was a big job and he was very busy and had other commitments. The Council were saddened by the news as he had been making an excellent job of the grounds works. RESOLVED to ask him if he would consider just mowing the bank and St Margaret's Hall and to contact an alternative Contractor for a quotation to carry out the Cemetery grounds maintenance

**(h) TRE/2023/0362 - Laurel (T1) fell. T1 has grown too large for its position, so felling will allow replacement with a more aesthetically mixture of trees and shrubs. Laurels (T2) and (T3) reduce to 1m stems to create smaller bushes that can be hedge trimmed to maintain size at Hillside, Higg Lane, Alderwasley**

RESOLVED to make no comments on this tree works application

**46/23 Finance**

(a) RESOLVED to approve the following payments

Chq no	Payee	£
000631	Staff	685.15
000632	S Smith	865.00
000633	SMHMC	300.00
000634	RBL poppy appeal	23.00
000635	CPRE	40.00

(b) RESOLVED to note the bank reconciliation showing reserves of £14,420.49 as at 31.10.23

(c) RESOLVED to note a budget proposal for 2024-25 prepared on a 5% increase, St Margaret's Hall Management Committee grant to be increased to £315 for 2024

**47/23 Consideration of Planning Applications**

**(a) Cond/2023/0151 - AVA/2023/0492 - Discharge of conditions 3 (material) and 5 (landscaping scheme) at Spencer Barn, Palerow Lane, Alderwasley**

RESOLVED to make no comments on this application

**(b) AVA/2023/0828 - Redevelopment of a petrol station site for commercial purposes (use class B8 storage and distribution) including provision of a new workshop building at Fountain Garage, Derby Road, Whatstandwell**

RESOLVED to make no comments on this application

**(c) AVA/2023/0732 - Demolition of existing building and replacement agricultural building for livestock housing (this may affect the setting of a listed building and Conservation Area) at Willetts Farm, Pendleton Lane, Alderwasley**

RESOLVED to make the following comment

We are concerned that there are no public notifications displayed in the neighbourhood

**(d) AVA/2022/0318 - change of use of the land for the siting of 1 x Eco-pod for holiday accommodation including associated excavation works at Whitewells Farm, Whitewells Lane, Belper**

RESOLVED to make no comments on this application

**48/23 Dalc**

RESOLVED to note September and October0 newsletters

**49/23 Items for Information**

RESOLVED to note the following items

- (a) Clerks & Councils - November issue
- (b) Countryside Voice - Autumn/Winter
- (c) Ecclesbourne Express - Autumn

**50/23 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 16.1.24