

Aldford and Saighton Parish Council

<p>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ALDFORD AND SAIGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2019 AT 7.15PM, ALDFORD VILLAGE HALL.</p>
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Present: Cllrs P Cummins, N Goodwin, B Roscoe, J Roscoe, M Davies, D Weaver, A Cotton.

In attendance: PCSO J Hurst, Ward Cllr P Roberts, S Dawson (GE), A Farbon (GE), R Flood (Abbey Gate).

1. OUTGOING CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REVIEW.

Cllr Cummins gave an overview of the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman called for nominations for Chairman. Cllr P Cummins was nominated by Cllr D Weaver, seconded by Cllr M Davies.

No further nominations were put forward.

Resolved: that Cllr P Cummins is appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year. All agreed.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Cllr P Cummins signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office; all new Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed and countersigned by fellow Councillors. All Councillors completed and signed a Notification of Members Interest form.

Resolved: Noted.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Resolved: Cllr M Davies be appointed Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Mr Flood representing Abbey Gate College attended to ask for an update on PC/Village concerns. He recognised the congestion of both school gates and reported that they had tried to improve the situation by encouraging parents to car share, use minibuses / coaches to reduce car traffic. All day traffic was to be accommodated within the school grounds thus freeing up parking space outside the school for pick up. Second stage may be a parking time limit and requesting Highways to direction/sign the school from Saighton Village Hall to avoid traffic going onto residents' land/farms by people unfamiliar to the area.

Cllr Cummins sought confirmation that there were no plans to develop a sports centre. Mr Flood confirmed that there were not.

Mr Flood was thanked by Cllr Cummins for his attendance and update and reassured him that the PC would support the plans regarding traffic management.

7. POLICE UPDATE

Report received from PCSO Hurst.

Resolved: Noted.

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8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Roberts reported:

Concern expressed that no date was yet planned for training on the speed gun.

No 5 bus: concern re inconsistency in times/routes. Would like to pursue a bus stop by bungalows on Sandy Lane.

Requested Cllrs encourage residents to report potholes.

Resolved: Noted.

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of Interest were made.

10. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 5 December 2018 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

All agreed.

11. MATTERS ARISING

Speed Gun: Noted that Farndon Parish Council would be the custodian.

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12. APPROVAL OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS.

Resolved: that Aldford and Saighton Parish Council Standing Orders be approved without amendment. Aldford and Saighton Parish Council Financial Regulations be approved without amendment and that the Risk Assessment be approved without amendment. The current Code of Conduct adopted by CWAC Council be readopted. All agreed.

13. ANNUAL INSURANCE.

Resolved: that insurance will be renewed with BHIB at a premium of £396.49. All agreed.

14. PLANNING.

19/01481/CAT Hedge line Boundary of a Paddock to The Rear of Saighton Church of England Primary School Saighton Lane Saighton Chester CH3 6EG Proposal: Oak (T1) - Fell to ground level due to terminal decline. Oak (T2) - Reduce crown throughout by 2m. Reduce scaffold branch south west by 3m, to reduce loading. Oak (T3) - Remove deadwood throughout.
Resolved: Noted,

19/01057/FUL Rose Farmhouse Chester Lane Saighton Chester CH3 6EE Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling, garage annex and outbuildings and erection of a new dwelling, garage and

swimming pool and associated landscape works. Comment deadline was 3 May 2019. Decision still awaited. Resolved: Noted.

19/00878/FUL Lister Carter Ltd Bank Farm Chester Road Aldford Chester Cheshire CH3 6HJ Proposal: Change of use application for addition of D1 (non-residential institution) to existing B1 (business) use. Comment date was 24 April 2019. Decision still awaited. Resolved: Noted.

15. 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.

Resolved: that it be noted that the Annual internal audit for 2018/19 has been carried out by Hacker Young.

Resolved: that the Annual Statement of Accounts Part 1 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: that the Annual Statement of Accounts Part 2 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: that the Chairman sign the Exemption from external audit form.

Resolved: that Hacker Young be reappointed as internal auditor for 2019/20.

All agreed.

16. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Nothing raised.

17. CORRESPONDENCE.

ChALC Affiliation fee renewal received.

Resolved: noted and agree to renew.

Cllr Roberts raised residents' concerns re traffic/speeding on Chester Road, north of the bridge and Church Lane and asked for them to be prioritised sites for deployment of the speed gun.

Resolved; Noted.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Goodwin reported that Speedaware had been reintroduced.

19. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on 4 September 2019 at 7.15pm at Saighton Village Hall.