

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL
SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 26 MARCH 2018 AT 8.10 PM IN THE MOOT HALL**

Present: Cllr Palmer took the chair.

Committee Members Present:

Cllr Bond	Cllr Cox
Cllr Digby	Cllr Harris
Cllr Kiff	Cllr Osben
Cllr Oxby	Cllr Walker

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies: Cllr Fellowes

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the Services Committees meeting held on Monday 26 February 2018 were **APPROVED** by a show of hands. The Minutes were duly signed.

3. Matters for Discussion-SCC, SCDC and Police

Cllr Palmer expressed frustration at the lack of progress by SCC in attending to corroding railings on Choppings Hill. He had reported this problem on numerous occasions but nothing had been done to rectify obvious problems. Cllr Worster described the railings as potentially dangerous and said that all attempts to remedy this situation had failed. Cllr Cox was equally scathing of SCC obfuscation, saying that the Town Council was getting nowhere with a number of long-standing issues. He suggested taking photographs of the railings and handing them to County Councillor Russ Rainger at the next Council meeting.

Cllr Harris complained of police inactivity which had led to parking chaos in the High Street, close to the Co-op. He described the situation as an absolute nightmare, a view echoed by Cllr Bond who recalled that at the recent Town Meeting, a police representative had said that parking was a low-priority. Cllr Digby felt that the congestion problem on the High Street would be eased if parking slots were not occupied all day by business owners and their staff.

3.1 Museum Update

There was nothing to report

3.2 Highways

Cllr Palmer reported on investigations he had been carrying out to reduce the speed limit between Snape and Aldeburgh in conjunction with neighbouring parishes. He produced costings for speed-activated signs and suggested the Committee should, perhaps, address this matter at some point. Cllrs Kiff, Jones and Worster all said more consultation was needed before decisions could be made. Cllrs Bond and Fox thought this was an issue that was specific to Aldeburgh, with particular reference to the speed of traffic passing the entrance to the Sailor's Footpath car park. A 40mph speed limit on this part of Saxmundham Road was important because this was an accident blackspot, they argued, a view supported by Cllr Worster. Further discussion was deferred to the Committees Meeting in April.

4. Committee Finance Business

There was no Committee Finance Business.

5. New Services Committee Business

Cllr Palmer told the Committee that two new defibrillators were about to be installed at the Church Hall and the Brudenell Hotel.

He reminded Cllrs that a grant application for conservation work on the town's War Memorial had been submitted to the War Memorial Trust and a decision was expected shortly. Cllr Jones pointed out that any cost to ATC in respect of this work had not been included in the current year's budget.

Cllr Palmer had also circulated details and costings of providing a number of new litter bins, which would look attractive and could deter seagulls. Cllrs Bond and Harris suggested the cost of the bins could be offset by either sponsorship or a donation from the Aldeburgh Business Association. Cllrs agreed this was a matter which demanded further discussion.

There was nothing further to discuss and the meeting ended at 8.40pm.