**MINUTES OF ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE**

**MOOT HALL ON MONDAY 9TH MAY AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr Webster Cllr Fellowes

 Cllr Fox Cllr Digby

 Cllr Howard-Dobson Cllr Palmer

 Cllr Jones  Cllr Lumpkin

 Cllr Smith Cllr Piers-Hall

 Cllr Lewis Cllr Haworth-Culf SCC

Two members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Election of Mayor for 2022-2023**

The TC confirmed that one nomination had been received for Cllr Palmer.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** the election of Cllr Palmer to become Mayor for 2022-2023.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Digby and **SECONDED** by Cllr Lumpkin.

In Favour 10

Against 0

Abstentions 0

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Ratification of Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2022-2023**

The TC informed that 2 nominations had been submitted, Cllr Lewis and Cllr Webster. Cllr Webster was successful in this nomination for the role of Deputy Mayor.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** Cllr Webster being appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2022-2023.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Piers-Hall and **SECONDED** by Cllr Palmer.

In Favour 10

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1. **Nominations of Office 2022/2023**

Declarationsof Acceptance of Office for both Mayor and Deputy Mayor were signed by the individuals and the Town Clerk.

TC escorted Cllrs Palmer and Webster to the ground floor where they robed to fit their new roles.

Mayor Palmer then presented his consort with her Chain of Office.

1. **Apologies:**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs T Daley and Rainger ESC.

1. **Prayer:**

The Rev. James Marston led the Council in Prayer.

Mayor Palmer thanked Rev. James following the prayer.

1. **To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th**

 **May 2019:**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th May 2019 were approved by a show of hands. The minutes were duly signed.

1. **To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th April 2022:**

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 13th May 2019 were approved by a show of hands. The minutes were duly signed.

1. **Persons Authorised to Sign Cheques for 2022-2023:**

Cllrs Jones, Digby and Fox were approved by a show of hands to remain persons authorised to sign cheques for 2022-2023.

1. **Retiring Mayor’s Report**

Cllr Webster gave a speech and thanked everyone for his time in office which he has grately enjoyed. He wished Cllr Palmer all the best for his coming year as Mayor.

1. Cllr Digby thanked Cllr Webster for his time as Mayor on behalf of the committee.
2. **Mayor’s Address**

Cllr Palmer thanked the committee and is looking forward to the year ahead as Mayor.

1. Cllr Haworth-Culf SCC congratulated the new Mayor and his consort on behalf of SCC, also thanks to Cllr Webster for his service. The SCC report has previously been circulated. She re-iterated her disappointment with the energy consultation. SZB has not yet been given the go-ahead. Yet there are compulsory purchase orders springing up. Cllr Haworth-Culf confirmed she will be contributing £500 to Jubilee celebrations.
2. ESC report has been circulated in advance.
3. No Police Annual Report has been received.
4. Cllr Palmer suspended Standing Orders. He then re-instated Standing Orders.
5. **PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**16i.**  Cllr Jones reported that Rialtas will complete their annual finance internal audit tomorrow.

Cllr Jones reported that as the football season has finished she has asked for the goal mouth areas and any bare patches to be seeded. Turf is not a good option as it will require watering every day. When the seeding has been completed, we will need to tape off the areas to give it a chance to establish. Sports week programme is finalised and Cllr Jones will go through it with DTC later this week to get the printing works completed. Volunteers and the end of day food are the main outstanding issue.

Cllr Jones has been approached by a local resident to commend how good the area at Kemps Field is now looking since Norse have cut the grass.

Cllr Jones confirmed that the contractors carrying out the refurbishment of Kings Field toilets are fully aware that the works must be complete before the jubilee weekend.

Cllr Jones reported that the ITT has been issued for the Tractor Shed. So far we have not had any positive response and we have issued to a number of additional builders. One has written to explain the reason they have not quoted and the difficulties in quoting because of the uncertainty regarding the utility providers. Cllr Jones will reconsider our approach.

1. **SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**17i.Cllr Palmer reported as follows:-**

1. **Services Working Group meeting**

The last meeting was held on Thursday 5th May and the next meeting is planned for Thursday 2nd June at 10 AM via ZOOM.

2. **Drains**

There has been no further action as yet.

1. **Speed limits**

Cllr Palmer has found suitable flashing speed signs. He has final designs and costings approx £11200.

Cllr Palmer reported that with the other costs involved this is within the £20-25K originally quoted, but this is being checked just in case there is anything else.

4. **Bus Shelter replacements**

On-going investigations for various suppliers for provision and installation of the Linden/Leiston Road shelter.

Cllr Palmer has chased SCC for the supply of the Bus Shelter in the High Street, but nothing has progressed in the interim since 03/2021.

5. **Leiston Road Parking Scheme**

Two options were identified at the stakeholder meeting. Even handed by SCC Highways and so choice given to Fire Brigade to decide based on Fire Engine size. Their choice is now being designed up.

6. **Other items in Progress**.

Cllr Palmer has received from ESC the legal agreement for them to police the Fisherman’s Car Park. This needs reading through thoroughly.

It is possible that SCC will replace the Chopping’s Hill Railings with standard railings. This is something that Services Committee would support.

7. **Large Infrastructure Group – DCOs**

a) **SPR hearings**

Now consented by secretary of state.

b) **Sizewell “C”**

With the SECoS Statements by Boris and Business Secretary indicates Government are prejudging the outcome. Does not seem to be legal.

c) **Sea Link Project**

Cllr Palmer reported that further webinars will be happening.

d) **Nautilus interconnector in pre-application stage**

8. **Representative Reports**

Cllr Fellowes reported there is a Zoom meeting Friday evening to discuss what responses we can make to the Inspectorate. All Cllrs are invited. Please let Cllr Fellowes know if you can attend.

Cllr Fellowes that’s all who have helped on energy issues.

1. **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**18ii) Report from Cllr Webster**

Minutes of Planning Meetings have already been circulated to all Cllrs.

The ESC enforcement team have visited 1 Kennilworth House to determine a possible breach of planning. They have been given one month to submit a planning application. We have received and email from the enforcement team to inform us of this.

19i) **GRANTS, REQUESTS & EVENTS**

19ii) The TC reported on Jubilee plans. Posters and banners are going up this week. If anyone can volunteer please see TC.

19iii) **RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** a contribution of £350 to children’s activities taking place at the OGS Family Fun Jubilee Celebrations Day on Sunday 5th June 2022.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Fellowes and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

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**20)** **TOWN CLERK’S REPORT**

The TC confirmed arrangements for Mayor’s Sunday. Request for extra pairs of hands to clear the hall at the end.

SALC have notified TC that there is a national change to the code of conduct. This will be circulated to everyone.

TC reported that the Internal Auditors will visit the office on 31st May. This is to be signed off at the June Council meeting and to be submitted by end of June 2022.

TC reported that EDF are keen to talk to us to explain the Deed of Obligation. They will visit us at the Committees Meeting on Monday 23rd May. It will be about an hour into our meeting (approx. 8pm) because they are attending another council meeting beforehand. TC urges all Cllrs to attend.

TC has received a resignation from Cllr Osben have served for 6 years. Cllr Osben has been an integral part of the energy sub-group and TC thanked her for this. Cllr Osben will continue to be an advocate for the town.

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** supporting the Alde & Ore Community Partnership letter aiming to work in partnership to deliver improved flood defences.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Piers-Hall and **SECONDED** by Cllr Catherine Howard-Dobson.

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**21) ITEMS TO PAY**

**RESOLUTION** to **APPROVE** Items to Pay for June 2022.

**PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Jones and **SECONDED** by Cllr Webster**.**

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There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 8.25pm.

**The next meeting of Aldeburgh Town Council will be held in the Moot Hall on**

**13th May 2022 at 7pm**