

**MINUTES OF ALDEBURGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE
CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 15TH MAY AT 7PM**

Present: Cllr Webster Cllr Fellowes
 Cllr Haworth Cllr Langley
 Cllr Bond Cllr Haworth-Culf
 Cllr Jones
 Cllr Daly (ESC) Cllr Graham (ESC)

There were 3 members of the public in attendance including Peter Palmer (Chair).

1. Election of Mayor for 2023-2024

The TC confirmed that nominations had been received for Cllr Webster.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE the election of Cllr Webster to become Mayor for 2023-2024.

PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL by Cllr Haworth-Culf and **SECONDED** by Cllr Jones.

In Favour 5

Against 0

Abstentions 0

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Ratification of Appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2023-2024

The TC informed that nominations had been submitted for Cllr Haworth-Culf.

RESOLUTION to APPROVE Cllr Haworth-Culf being appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2023-2024.

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

In Favour 5

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3. Nominations of Office 2023/2024

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

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

4. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Fox, Howard-Dobson and Lumpkin.

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5. Prayer

The Bishop Sandy Millar, on behalf of St Peter and St Paul Church in Aldeburgh, led the Council in Prayer.

Mayor Webster thanked the Bishop following the prayer.

6. To Approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th May 2022

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Town Council held on 9th May 2022 were approved by a show of hands. The minutes were duly signed.

7. To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th April 2023

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14th April 2023 were approved by a show of hands. The minutes were duly signed.

8. Persons Authorised to Sign Town Council cheques for 2023-2024

Cllrs Fox, Jones and Digby are currently authorised to sign cheques for which two signatures are required per cheque.

The committee unanimously agreed that Cllrs Fox, Jones and Webster should be authorised to sign cheques for 2023-2024.

9) Retiring Mayor's Report

Cllr Palmer gave his speech in which he talked about enjoying the nine years and thanked Cllrs, TC, DTC and his wife for supporting him. He has met some inspirational people working hard for the good of the County. He has tried to give something back over the years and hoped to have improved the lives of residents in the town.

10) Vote of Thanks for the Retiring Mayor

Cllr Haworth-Culf addressed Peter Palmer. On behalf of everyone, thank you for your dedication. You have acted in a confident manner and have tackled problems, championing all and working within the many layers of government, tackling infrastructure and other important items, including some rubbish items like adding new bins.

An eventful year, including unveiling our new town map, handing out Jubilee medals to the RNLI, judging competitions, and inputting towards the many energy projects. You have had the ability to connect with people, enriching the town and tackling problems wherever you could, implementing a way forward.

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You led the town in mourning regarding the death of our monarch and proudly read out the proclamation, only a few days ago represented the town in coronation events where the word 'volunteer' and volunteering became even more important. May we all thank you for the work that you and Catherine have undertaken during your term, you have both been in your ELEMENT (excuse the chemist pun), undertaking, attending and representing Aldeburgh. Thank you for the money raised for charity, not forgetting the work you both continue to do for the carnival.

11) Mayor's Address

The newly appointed Mayor, Cllr Webster, addressed the committee.

12) SCC Annual Report

Cllr Haworth-Culf gave congratulations to Cllr Webster for his appointment as Mayor.

Cllr Haworth-Culf that the monthly report for SCC has been circulated. She emphasised that there has been a spate of thefts relating to white vans in the area. Please always report to the police before putting it on social media.

13) ESC Annual Report

Cllr Daly introduced Cllr Katie Graham and thanked all who voted, now three Green party Cllrs appointed. Cllr Daley confirmed that another ESC report will be circulated shortly. He will send through a link to the Annual Report KPI Statistics. Cllr Daley made council aware that there is a prosperity fund to help businesses both new and established and people should contact ESC Start Up Support Services.

14) Police Annual Reports

Report by Cllr Haworth-Culf has previously been circulated. She highlighted that people are being stopped and searched, need a future discussion of how to protect people going forward. We have a duty to discuss this.

15) Public Question and Comments

Cllr Webster suspended standing orders and invited questions from the public. Catherine Palmer passed on her best wishes to the Council Membership for 2023-2024 and has enjoyed being Mayoress. Cllr Webster re-instated standing orders.

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16) PROPERTY AND FINANCE

16i) Report by Chairman

Cllr Jones reported that TC and DTC successfully completed the end of year accounts with Rialtas last week. Well done to both as it was their first year-end. We have the Internal audit on 24th May.

Cllr Jones reported the damage to the Kings field toilets is now repaired. Building control have been on site last week to sign off the refurbishment.

All the works identified in the electrical surveys of our rented properties have been completed.

Cllr Jones reported that she hopes to bring recommendations for the supply of water and removal of wastewater to next committee for the Tractor Shed.

Good progress is being made with the new contractor regarding play equipment maintenance. There have been several issues although none of high risk.

A recommendation following the invitation to tender for the external redecoration of the Bowls Pavilion will come to committee.

The honesty box at the tennis courts has been made more secure following the recent attempt to force it open.

Reps Reports

OGS – Cllr Jones will chair a Trust meeting next week on Wednesday.

Cllr Jones will attend the Aldeburgh Society committee meeting on 22nd May.

17) SERVICES COMMITTEE

17i) Report from Chairman of Services

Peter Palmer handed over as Chair of the Services Committee. He has put together a remit of everything that the committee has investigated and become responsible for. This will be circulated to all Cllrs.

Cllr Haworth-Culf suggested that through the Mayor, that the TC invites Louis Boudville(ESC) to a Services Committee meeting to discuss the issues we are having with parking in Aldeburgh.

Cllr Fellowes gave an update regarding the East Anglia ONE North Project.

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18) PLANNING COMMITTEE

18ii) Report from Chairman of Planning

Cllr Webster reported that there are 2 applications not yet decided relating to Fishing Hut 3. ESC Enforcement officers have visited Hut 3 and spoken to the owner.

Cllr Fellowes suggests we write to find out what happens if the infringements continue at Hut 3.

19) GRANTS, REQUESTS AND EVENTS

19i) Report from Chairman of Grants, Requests and Events

Cllr Webster reported that the Morgan Car Club recently visited Aldeburgh and will be donating £150 to ATC for the Mayor's Charity. The Club did play music which was not expected and so we will have to make people aware of the need for a temporary events licence in future. There are details of the information needed on ESC website.

The Fun Day was a complete success and thanks to Cllr Jones for organising and for everyone else who helped. It was a brilliant fun day for the whole family and very well supported by the community.

20) Town Clerk's Report

TC thanked the retiring mayor and Cllr for his dedication in particularly with his work on the Services Committee.

TC congratulated the new Mayor and Mayoress.

TC welcomed new and returning Cllrs and is looking forward to working with them.

The SALC internal audit will take place on 24th May.

21) Items to Pay

RESOLUTION to APPROVE Details had been previously circulated to all Cllrs. All other payments were **PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL** by Cllr Haworth-Culf and **SECONDED** by Cllr Fellowes.

In Favour **5**

Against **0**

Abstentions **0**

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There being nothing further to discuss the meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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