

Alderminster Parish Council

Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council

Monday 27th July 2020
Remote Zoom Meeting 6.00 pm

Present: Cllr Karen Jones (Chairman)

Cllr Mark Meadows

Cllr John Melville

Cllr Michael White

Mrs M Norman (Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

1	Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Izzi Seccombe and Cllr Penny-Anne O'Donnell.
2	Declaration of interests Cllr Meadows declared an interest in respect of item 12 (i) planning application 20/01660/FUL & LBC.
3	Questions from the public: There were no questions from members of the public. The clerk had received an email from a resident concerned about speeding in the village.
4	Minutes of the previous meetings: The minutes of the meeting of the 3 rd June 2020 were unanimously agreed as an accurate record. It was agreed that these would be signed by the Chairman the following day.
5	Councillor resignation: The Council noted the resignation of Cllr Sherry McGinn. As no calls for an election had been made, the Council was now free to co-opt a member to fill the casual vacancy.
6	HSBC: It was resolved to add the clerk to the list of authorised signatories on the bank accounts.
7	Grant application: It was resolved to grant the sum of £240 to the Parochial Church Council towards the cost of floodlighting the church.
8	Parish Online: It was resolved to subscribe to the online mapping facility at an annual cost of £60.00

9	<p>District and County Councillors' reports:</p> <p>Neither the District nor the County Councillor had been able to attend the meeting. Both submitted written reports (see Appendix A and Appendix B attached). Cllr O'Donnell's report was also available to view on the Parish Council website.</p>	
10	<p>Chairman's report:</p> <p>The Chairman had no matters to report.</p>	
11	<p>Clerk's updates:</p> <p>In addition to the email referred to in item 3 above, the clerk had received other correspondence from residents concerned about the noticeable increase in speeding since lockdown. As a result of one resident writing to Nadhim Zahawi MP, a police patrol car had been stationed in the village. The policeman on duty allegedly told a resident that if further patrols were required, the Parish Council should persist in requesting the police to carry these out. As the Parish Council had made several requests, both to Warwickshire County Council Highways Department and the Police Commissioner for speed enforcement measures, all of which had been dismissed, the clerk was asked to write to both Mr Zahawi MP and the Police Commissioner.</p> <p>The Gardening Club had been approached to ask if they would be willing to undertake the planting of flowers in the planters to be installed beside the entrance gates to the village. Unfortunately, the Gardening Club did not feel able to take on this project. The Council would now investigate other parties who could carry out the work.</p> <p>The clerk had asked a contractor if he would be willing to clear the debris from the backwash bridge so that the Footpath Team from Warwickshire County Council could build a step down from the bridge. Pressure of work had made him decline. The clerk asked if Councillors could recommend any other contractors she could contact.</p> <p>The request to install a new litter bin beside the footpath to the backwash bridge had been refused by Stratford District Council. Biffa was not willing to park a lorry at the brow of the hill in order to empty the bin.</p>	
12	<p>Planning applications:</p> <p>i) 20/01660/FUL & LBC Tithe Farmhouse: internal and external renovation of the existing dwelling alongside the re pointing of existing brickwork, removal detached chimney, provision of new front porch, replacement of damaged bay windows, replacement of modern aluminium windows and internal alterations and renovations.</p> <p>Cllr Meadows, having previously declared an interest in respect of this application, absented himself from the meeting during discussion of this item, and did not take part in the vote. It was resolved to support the application.</p> <p>ii) 20/01335/FUL Caffeine and Machine: change of use of land and buildings from licensed bar and restaurant, with B7B and living accommodation, to mixed use as a coffee house, licensed bar and restaurant with B&B and living accommodation, and place of assembly and leisure including function, event and display areas, and ancillary retail use; and operational development involving i) erection of tipi to provide bar, eating and function space; ii) formation of additional car parking including overspill parking area; iii) formation of parking and display plinths; iv) formation of new vehicular access; and v) all other associated works. It was resolved to object to this application.</p>	

- iii) 20/01435/FUL Shennington Farm: new oak front entrance gates with brick piers and wall to match main dwelling. It was resolved to make **no representation** with regards to this application.

13 **Accounts for payments and finance matters:**

The following payments were approved and authorised:

- i) B. Gerrard (grass cutting beside the church) - £360.00
- ii) Clerk's salary - £**
- iii) HMRC (income tax) - £**

The supporting documentation would be signed by the Chairman and another Councillor in accordance with the agreed amendments to the Financial Regulations.

14 **Correspondence:**

- i) Stratford District Council: Consultation on the methodology of defining built up area boundaries.
- ii) Stratford District Council: Notification of Planning Policy updates.

15 **Councillors' reports and items for future agenda:**

None.

16 **Close of meeting:** The meeting closed at 7.11 pm

Appendix A Report by District Councillor Penny-Anne O'Donnell:

Summer Holidays.

As we all continue to work together to ensure that the sacrifices made by everybody over the

past few months are not put into jeopardy Summer Holiday plans for many remain uncertain.

Yesterday the Government announced that people returning to the UK from Spain (including

the islands) from midnight on 25 July 2020 will need to self-isolate for two weeks, and are

also advising against all but essential travel to mainland Spain, as the country has been

removed from the travel corridors list – ensuring we can prevent the spread of new

coronavirus cases from abroad.

Health Campaign.

As more is discovered regarding risk factors in relation to recovery from Covid tomorrow the

Government will set out a set out a comprehensive package of measures to help people lose

weight, get active and adopt a healthier lifestyle, as well as launching a new 'Better Health' campaign., and encourage everyone to take simple steps to lose weight, live healthier lives and protect the NHS.

Face Coverings.

Face Coverings are now mandatory as of Friday. Failure to comply potentially results in a fine of £100.

Just a reminder that as of Friday you must wear a face covering by law in the following settings:

·public transport

·indoor transport hubs (airports, rail and tram stations and terminals, maritime ports and terminals, bus and coach stations and terminals)

·Shops and supermarkets (places which are open to the public and that wholly or mainly offer goods or services for retail sale or hire)

·indoor shopping centres

·banks, building societies, and post offices (including credit unions, short-term loan providers, savings clubs and money service businesses)

Please note that some people are exempt from wearing face

coverings and also in some situations you may be asked to remove your face coverings, these are outlined below.

- ☒ young children under the age of 11**

- ☒ not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability**

- ☒ if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress**

- ☒ if you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading to communicate**

- ☒ to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others**

- ☒ to avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and you do not have a face covering with you**

- ☒ to eat or drink, but only if you need to**

- ☒ to take medication**

- ☒ if a police officer or other official requests you remove your face covering**

Additionally, it includes situations where it is appropriate to remove your mask while in a location where their use is usually mandatory:

- ☒ If asked to do so by shop staff for the purpose of age identification**

- ☒ If speaking with people who rely on lip reading, facial expressions and clear sound.**

Some may ask you, either verbally or in writing, to remove a covering to help with communication

For those of us who wear glasses and experience the steaming up effect, some surgical tape across the top prevents the breath to glasses impact.

Local Hero Shoutout!

Throughout Lockdown I have been so impressed by the consistent community solutions to the sudden need for PPE esp face coverings. Within the Ettington Ward The Ettington Stores and Insomnia Coffee Shop have stocked and continue to stock face masks made by talented local Lyndsey and her team with donations raised going to local charities.

COVID-19 Update

The cumulative cases across the county are now 2538 up from 2512 with confirmed cases in Stratford on Avon District at 527 up by one case cases since the previous week with no new cases in the past few days. This is a reduction from last week and these cases now include data from both Pillar 1 (hospitals and NHS settings) and also Pillar 2 (community). Testing is continuing at Stratford College and the Track and Trace initiative is continuing to work well.

Out of the 424 SWFT Hospital Beds there is currently one confirmed case of COVID-19 at present and no patients are in the intensive care unit. The cumulative deaths across Stratford

District remains the same as last week at 167 with the deaths in care home remaining at 82

from a cumulative of 3630 'all cause deaths'. The cumulative total of all COVID-19 deaths in Warwickshire is now 584 (up five over the week) and over the same period there have been 3046 non COVID-19 related deaths in Warwickshire. Across the county there have been a total of 209 COVID-19 deaths in care homes settings (an increase of one in the last week) compared to 1070 'all cause deaths' in care homes over the same period.

The following link will take you to more data regarding cases in Stratford-on-Avon District.

<https://coronavirus-staging.data.gov.uk/cases?areaType=ltla&areaName=Stratford-on-Avon>

The capacity in hospitals remains excellent with no beds occupied by COVID-19 patients but there are 11% beds taken up with suspected COVID-19 patients. There are 45% of beds occupied by Non-COVID-19 patients and a spare capacity of 43% reinforcing that the NHS is getting back to business!

Whilst the cases have flattened there still remains a serious risk of a second wave with the lifting of many lockdown restrictions and so the message from Public Health Warwickshire is that it is absolutely essential to continue to respect social distancing procedures, where possible keep this at two meters apart and implement rigorous hand hygiene measures.

Shielders

Many of us are still shielding and, as the lockdown has continued to relax for others our group are still maintaining strict restrictions.

I have had enquiries from many residents regarding social contact with others who do not live

in their household such as children who live some distance away.

The Government advice is below:

Spending Time with people you do not live with.

You may form a 'support bubble' with one other household if you want to, as long as one of the households in the 'support bubble' is a single adult household (either an adult living alone

or with children under 18 only). You can all spend time together outside and inside each other's homes, including overnight.

Our advice is you can also spend time outside in a group of up to 6 people, including people from other households. If you do this the advice is to:

☑ stay 2 metres away from people from other households (except if they're in your support bubble)

☑ wash your hands regularly with soap and water or hand sanitiser

☑ take particular care to minimise contact with others not in your household or support bubble

☑ do not share or exchange personal belongings (such as cups and water bottles) with others

outside your household or support bubble

☑ avoid going into enclosed spaces and other shops, buildings and households (except the home of the other household in your support bubble)

The government is advising clinically extremely vulnerable people to shield until 31 July.

However from August 1st this changes:

From 1 August, the government will pause shielding unless the transmission of COVID-19 in the community starts to rise significantly.

This means:

☑ the government will no longer be advising you to shield

☑ the support from the National Shielding Service of free food parcels, medicine deliveries and care will stop

☑ NHS Volunteer Responders will carry on delivering the food you buy, prescriptions and essential items to you if you need it

☑ you will still be eligible for priority supermarket slots (if you have registered by 17 July)

You may still be at risk of severe illness if you catch coronavirus, so stay at home as much as you can and continue to take precautions when you do go out. You can do this by washing your hands regularly, avoiding touching your face and keeping 2 metres away from people outside of your household or bubble wherever possible.

From 1 August, you'll be advised you could go out to more places and see more people, for example, the advice is:

☒ you can go to work, as long as the workplace is COVID-secure – but carry on working from home if you can

☒ children who are clinically extremely vulnerable can go back to school (when the rest of their class goes back)

☒ you can go outside to buy food, to places of worship and for exercise – keeping 2 metres away wherever possible.

Stay Alert and have a great week and continue to enjoy the further relaxation of lockdown and try where you can to support our local businesses

Appendix B Report by County Councillor Izzi Seccombe:

The County Council is increasingly opening the services which have been shut through the last few months. Libraries in each District are either open or in the case of Stratford will be open on Monday. The Registration service is also emerging. There has been the ability to register deaths online during all the period of lock down, however we have not been able to do birth registrations and have a large backlog - in the past few months 1500 children have been born and await registration! This will take time to get through.

Warwickshire CC have been awarded Beacon status as a Test and Trace pilot.

We are learning each day from the challenges of the virus. Throughout the county a few small pockets of outbreak have occurred - we had to shut down a car parts warehouse in N. Warwickshire 2 weeks ago as 8 people tested positive. Five of those travelled daily in a car to work from Leicester. The work is however going well and information sharing from Public Health England to us is now as we wanted it to be.

We are operating 4 Recovery Work themes which are now beginning to finalise their efforts. They are around Organisational working - and we may see a changed way of working in the future as staff would like a mixed model of home/office work base.

Community and Volunteers - We are keen to build on the volunteers and communities that have helped through the pandemic. We need to value and reflect on their ability to shape and lead. This will in many cases be Towns and Parish Councils where they want to take on more.

Health and Social Care - we have worked very closely with Health colleagues over this period and they have really valued the support provided. It gives us the basis of developing some strong partnerships for the future. We also want to look at those groups of our society who have suffered badly and see how we can reduce risk in the future.

Place, Economy and Climate change - this is to rebuild our economy / skills and where ever possible retain jobs and when not help to get people back into employment and to help businesses to survive, thrive or start up. We want this to be done with an eye to a greener and cleaner future.

I hope this will be helpful and happy to respond to any questions

