

Aldwick Parish Council

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Minutes of the MEETING (441) OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Held on **Monday, 4th April 2022 at 7pm**

In the Aldwick Parish Council Office.

Those present: Cllr Mr A Smith (Chairman); Cllr Mr J Bass (vice-Chairman); Cllr Mrs J Rufey;
Cllr Mrs G Edom; Mrs C Birch; Cllr Mr R Gotheridge & Cllr Mr L Garner.

In attendance: The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and District Cllr Mr H Coster & District Councillor Mr T Dixon.

Apologies: Cllr Mr Patel – holidays
Apologies accepted and approved.

The meeting opened at: 7pm

107.21c Declarations of Interest – None

108.21c To co-opt a councillor to Aldwick Parish Council.

Mr Lee Gardner gave some background information and stated his reasons for wanting to serve on the council.

Mr Gardner was proposed, seconded and unanimously voted on to the council.

109.21c Any matters that the Chairman may wish to bring to the notice of the Council for information.

The Chairman brought Members' attentions to the continuing anti-social behaviour issues at West Meads and informed members that he attended a residents coffee morning last week and that the residents believed that not enough was being done by the police.

He also went on to say that he has been contacted that morning by the West Meads residents to report that youths had been got onto the roof of the changing rooms and had been throwing bottle, some glass down onto passers-by and that the public toilets had been vandalised and one the benches had been ripped out.

The police were called and told the youths to get down from the roof but did nothing else. Also, residents have been threatened by these youths. The Chairman will attend a further meeting with residents tomorrow.

The Clerk was asked to write to Nick Gibb MP to ask for his assistance in this matter and D. Cllr Coster and Dixon will escalate to District level. D. Cllr Dixon suggested requesting a dispersal order as this worked well when these issues happened about 18mths ago.

110.21c To receive:

Questions from members of the public

and **representations from any Councillor** who has a prejudicial interest in any of the following agenda items: None for this issue.

111.21c To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting (440) held on Monday, 21st February 2022

Resolved, that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st February 2022, having been circulated in advance and read be adopted, as a true record.

112.21c Clerk's Report and Actions

- 075.21c** Update report regarding the progress of the Avisford Park toilets refurbishment project has been sent to members. The project is still on target for completion - prior to the Jubilee Celebration weekend.
- 076.21c** Work to refurbish the Basketball pitch started on the 14th March 2002 and is now almost complete. Arun will do an opening ceremony week beginning Tuesday 19th April.
- 077.21c** The B2166 meeting with the WSCC Cabinet Member for Highways is still ongoing. Cllr Mr Gotheridge informed Members that a meeting had been arranged for him to meet with the WSCC Cabinet member on 6th May 2022 and that he would report back to Council.
- 103.21c** The planting of the birch tree to remember Lilian Richardson is complete. The steel protection and plaque are still ongoing.

113.21c To consider reports from the following: District Councillors and County Councillors representing Aldwick.

D. Cllr Mr Dixon reported that:

A proposal is forthcoming regarding Bid money to invest into the Regis Centre.

Cllr Mr Coster reported that:

There is no further information regarding the Chalcroft Lane development, there have been no advisory meetings and that still no health centre is planned for the site.

114.21c To Receive the minutes from the following Committees:

- a) **Planning** Dated: 28th February, 14th March & 28th March 2022 – received.
- b) **Finance** Dated: 14th March 2022 – received.
- c) **Amenities** Dated: 7th March 2022 – received.

115.21c The Planning Committee has proposed the following recommendations:

	None for this meeting.	
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116.21c The Amenities Committee has proposed the following recommendations:

050.21a	<p>To agree that the Millennium Gardens planting is renovated and enhanced by replanting and reshaping. The current shrubs and plants have been in position for some time and have become large and unruly thereby impairing the overall design and appearance of the garden. To also agree that this project is delegated to the Amenities Committee and that the cost of £1834.00 (ex VAT) is approved, and submit recommendation to Council,</p> <p>Members felt that more discussion was needed before a decision could be taken and more detail regarding the types of plants was needed. Therefore, it was agreed by Members to delegate the item to the Amenities Committee for further investigations and resubmitted to Council on completion.</p> <p>Having received additional information regarding types of plants members agreed that the re-submitted proposal should go ahead and agreed to propose this to Council.</p>	Proposed, seconded and carried.
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117.21c The Finance Committee has proposed the following recommendations.

	None for this meeting	
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118.21c To discuss the current antisocial behaviour issues affecting Aldwick and to receive a report from the clerk.

The Clerk reported that the numerous traveller's vehicles parked in Silverstone Avenue had now gone in response to WSCC issuing a Criminal Justice & Public Order notice to the vehicles. Nick Gibb MP was kept informed and members thanked him as he was very helpful. Cllr Mrs Rufey wished it to be put on record that Silverstone Residents expressed their thanks to the Clerk for her work on this matter.

119.21c To consider reports from Councillors who are Council Representatives on outside bodies.
None for this issue.

120.21c Questions to the Chairman or Clerk previously submitted in writing.
None for this issue.

121.21c Correspondence for Council.

The Clerk informed Members that it is hoped to bring back Play Rangers this year, but the dates and costings yet to be confirmed and a extraordinary meeting will be called to approve this.

Cllr Mrs Birch informed Members of the Litter Pick which will take place from Aldwick Parish Council on April 16th.

Date and time of next meeting:

Monday, 16th May (AGM) 2022 7pm

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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