

Minutes of a Meeting of Aldercar and Langley Mill Parish Council

Held at Cromford House at 6.30 pm

On Thursday 23 January 2020

PRESENT

Councillors J Attwood, S Bower, S Fowler, M Fowkes (Chairman), J Karpesea-Jones, D Lacey, C Morrison and S Oakes.

ALSO PRESENT

Mr A Sharpe (Clerk/RFO) and Miss J Mellor (Assistant to the Clerk).

1/20 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors D Palmer, E Hamilton, M Brown, S Brown and R Fernandez.

2/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

3/20 **TO DETERMINE WHICH ITEMS IF ANY SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED**

RESOLVED that no items of business should be considered with the public excluded.

4/20 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

None.

POLICE MATTERS

Further to discussion at the November 2019 meeting, Members considered ways to support the Police Urban scheme.

RESOLVED that a S137 grant of £500 be made for each of the next two financial years.

BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORTS

None.

5/20 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

6/20

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on recent events.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

7/20

ORGANISATION OF EVENTS

The Chairman reported that Members of the public had been suggesting that the next trip be to Whitby. This would be considered at a later date.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

8/20

PLANNING MATTERS

<u>AVA- 2019- 1164</u>	DHL Distribution Ltd 26 Business Park, Enterprise Way. - Creation of pallet shed.
<u>AVA 2019- 1151</u>	Boam Joinery, Queen Street. – Erection of paint shop and store.

Council considered the above Planning applications. No objections were raised to the proposals.

RESOLVED that the report be noted

9/20

FINANCIAL REPORT

Council received a report on payments, bank balances and a bank reconciliation.

In addition Council considered a report of the Clerk on the latest financial position and a proposed budget and precept for 2020/21.

RESOLVED that the -

(1) Payments sheet (Appendix 1), bank balances and bank reconciliation as set out below be approved.

(2) Budget report and financial position be noted,

- (3) 2020/21 budget be approved as set out below and that the precept to be raised be set at £89,846.00.

Bank Reconciliation

Bal b/f	£88759.45
Add Receipts	£91747.00
Less Payments	£72051.57

£108845.88

Bal at bank	£108845.88
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Receipts	2018/19	Actual 31 Dec 2019	Expected 2019/20	2020/21
Precept	£ 87,720.00	£87,720.00	£87,720.00	£89,846.00
Interest	£ 24.21	£0.00	£30.00	£30.00
Other income	£ 3,237.50	£1,816.50	£3,200.00	£3,200.00
Cash in hand	£ 300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
VAT	£ 5,860.55	£0.00	£7,040.00	£7,500.00
Payments				
Gen Admin,	£ 16,988.30	£15,907.37	£17,500.00	£18,126.00
Sal, Exps, Tax, NI	£ 21,375.71	£16,750.29	£22,000.00	£24,000.00
Parish Maintenance	£ 5,695.23	£2,857.20	£4,900.00	£5,500.00
Christmas	£ 15,260.60	£10,432.30	£15,500.00	£16,000.00
Planters	£ 4,040.00	£3,901.75	£3,901.75	£4,200.00
Allotments	£ 864.09	£371.20	£600.00	£700.00
Insurance/Admin	£ 4,122.35	£3,161.36	£3,200.00	£2,600.00
Chair/Civic	£ 550.00	£500.00	£500.00	£550.00
Bank charges	£ 138.00	£90.40	£145.00	£150.00
Grants	£ 774.74	£300.00	£800.00	£1,000.00
S137	£ -	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Godkin	£ 2,187.35	£30.20	£500.00	£2,000.00
Newsletter	£ 4,326.00	£3,373.60	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Car Park	£ 4,221.09	£3,327.38	£5000.00	£5200.00
Conting/Misc	£ 2,023.24	£4,000.00	£6,000.00	£9,000.00
Data Protection	£ 209.00	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00
VAT	£ 6,827.90	£4,029.43	£7,000.00	£7,500.00

10/20 REPORT OF THE CLERK

(a) Review of Christmas Lights

Council noted the success of the 2019 Christmas lighting scheme.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(b) Asset Register

Council noted and agreed the following Asset Register –

ALMPC ASSET REGISTER 1 JANUARY 2020

15 I Pads plus cases £5000

2 PCs, Monitors and printer £1500

Two desks and chairs £300

Telephone equipment, routers, modems, Back up drives etc £750

Filing cabinets, storage £500

Tables, Chairs £600

Storage containers (Allotments) £2000

Bins £600

Notice boards £1500

Bus Shelter £3000

Lighting on pottery lane £5000

Land – Nominal £1

Allotments – Nominal £1

Office equipment and stationery £1000

Chain of office £1000

Defibrillator £1000

Total £18652

(c) **Financial Risk assessment**

RESOLVED that the Financial Risk Assessment document now presented be approved.

(d) **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

RESOLVED that Mr B Woodcock be approved as Internal Auditor for the 2019/20 Accounts.

(e) **Review of Standing Orders/Financial Regulations**

RESOLVED that the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be approved.

(f) **DALC Circulars**

RESOLVED that the Dalc circulars and training schedule be noted.

(g) **EMR Consultation**

RESOLVED that the following response be sent to the EMR consultation.

“The proposal is the removal of the intercity service to / from London currently enjoyed by Alfreton and Langley Mill. Aldercar & Langley Mill Parish Council strongly disagree with this proposal. Alfreton and Langley Mill have only one direct service to London in the morning and it is an important North-South East midlands link. The Parish Council are deeply unimpressed at the assertion that passengers can simply change at Nottingham.

The Parish Council is disappointed that this change was buried on page 30 of 32 of the consultation document. It is not appropriate to hide a major service

change under a "General" heading like this when it should form part of the Intercity changes.

Despite recent upgrades, delays are regular at Derby and a service to London over the alternative Erewash Valley route should be retained for service resilience purposes. A single southbound service via the Erewash Valley is appropriate, preferably with a single return in the evening. Given that Leeds is to remain part of EMR network, there is no basis for sending yet another service from/ to Leeds via Derby (which is well served for Leeds with Cross Country) when it would remove the only service from London via the Erewash Valley line. In fact, it will compromise driver route knowledge and as such is likely to cause difficulty in the event of diversion over the Erewash Valley route -for example in the event of flooding (a regular occurrence around Derby) and / or engineering work.

In terms of service, the proposal represents a significant real-terms cut in seats available.

The proposed class 158 replacement train has limited facilities and space for disabled passengers and again, there is no mention in the consultation document of any impact assessment in respect of this protected group of people.

Furthermore, the removal of the Erewash Valley London service will compromise business development. It is well established that towns without a direct service to London suffer disproportionately. This service links the Erewash valley with the Enterprise Zones of Nottingham and Leicester, as well as London. The consultation pays no regard to the economic impact of the withdrawal of this service and again demonstrates how deeply flawed it is".

(h) **Parish Magazine**

Council **NOTED** the latest magazine.

(i) **Summer Planters**

Council **NOTED** and approved the arrangements for the 2020 Summer Planters.

(h) **Meeting dates**

RESOLVED that the following schedule of meetings be approved.

27 February 2020

26 March 2020

23 April 2020

14 May 2020 – (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Meeting of the Parish Council).

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **NOTED** that the next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 26 March 2020 at Cromford House Amber Drive Langley Mill.