

Minutes of the Meeting of Aldercar and Langley Mill Parish Council

Held at 47b Cromford Road, Langley Mill,

On 28 September 2023

PRESENT

Councillors S Brown, Rachel Fernandez, Robert Fernandez, M Fowkes, S Goodrum, E Hamilton, S Fowler and D Palmer.

A Sharpe (Clerk) and D Green (Office Manager).
Councillor A Stevenson, 2 Police and 3 Members of the public.

69/23 Apologies for absence

J Attwood, S Bower, M Brown and C Morrison.

70/23 Declaration of Members Interests

Robert Fernandez and S Fowler declared interests in the Co-option of Councillors and took no part in the appointment process.

71/23 Dispensations

None.

72/23 Public Speaking

The Police attended the meeting and gave a report on their current activities in the area.

73/23 Co-option of Councillors

Council interviewed four candidates for co-option onto the Council.

RESOLVED that Rachel Fernandez and Cathie Hallsworth be co-opted onto the Council with immediate effect.

74/23 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held 24 August 2023 approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

75/23 Chairman's Announcements

Council received a report from the Chairman on the recent bus trips.

76/23 Financial Matters

(a) Accounts for Payment.

RESOLVED that the payments sheet be approved.

(b) Bank Reconciliation.

RESOLVED that the bank reconciliation statement be approved.

(c) Conclusion of Audit of Accounts 2022/23

RESOLVED that the conclusion of Audit of Accounts 2022/23 be approved including noting the External Auditors report requiring the Chairman's Allowance to be paid through PAYE in future and the publishing of the appropriate notices.

77/23 Clerks Report

(a) Grant Applications

Members considered a further request for a grant from the school for the breakfast club.

RESOLVED that no grant be made at this point but further financial information be requested.

(b) Cromford Road Christmas Festival

Councillor A Stevenson attended the meeting and outlined plans for the Cromford Road Christmas Festival on 3 December 2023 including a firework display to end the event.

RESOLVED that the Council agree to fund the Fireworks at a cost of £2500.00.

(c) Hall Road Community Garden

Council considered a complaint from a neighbouring property about anti-social behaviour at the Hall Road Community Garden and requesting that the benches be removed.

RESOLVED that the complainant be informed that anti-social behaviour is a police matter and that the benches will not be removed.

(d) Remembrance Day 2023

RESOLVED that Councillor M Fowkes lay the wreath at St Andrews Church and Councillor Rachel Fernandez lay the wreath at St Johns Church.

(e) Summer Planters

Council was informed of a recent complaint received from a member of the public about the summer planters and how the complaint was resolved.

78/23 Planning

None.

79/23 Date of Next Meeting

26 October 2023.

80/23 Exclusion of press and public

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

81/23 Members Conduct

Further to discussion at the meeting held on 22 June 2023 Councillors discussed the conduct of a Member and the Member responded. The matters raised were resolved.