



## ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the **FULL COUNCIL** using zoom video conferencing at 2.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

Present: Cllrs J Lefton (Chair), E Samuelson, M Cherry, D Lambert, C Kilhams, A Rubinson, S Khawaja & H Jones.

Officer: P Evans (Parish Council Manager).

There was also one member of the public present who did not wish to give their name.

Cllr B Evans was not present and did not send his apologies.

### **173. Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Wickham & P De Skuba.

### **174. Declarations of interest on any item on the Agenda.**

#### **a) Disclosable pecuniary interests they or their spouse/partner have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting.**

Cllr M Cherry declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7 as the owner of the property.

#### **b) Members must also declare any other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests they have in any matter to be considered at this meeting. – None.**

### **175. To adjourn the meeting for members of the public to address the Council (in accordance with Standing Order 3e)**

Cllr J Lefton suspended standing orders and asked the member of the public if they wished to make any comment. They declined to answer so Cllr J Lefton resumed standing orders.

### **176. To approve and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

These minutes were signed as a true record by Cllr J Lefton, and adopted by the council.

### **177. To receive the Manager's report (for information only).**

This had been previously circulated and is attached for reference purposes.

### **178. Chairman's Announcements.**

Cllr J Lefton congratulated staff, M Robinson and all those involved in the excellent on line showings of the Radlett Remembrance Service and the virtual Winter lights switch on. She added that the council was



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supporting using Paula's Deli in Phillimore Rec for the collection and distribution of food for local residents.

**Cllr M Cherry left the meeting whilst the following item was discussed.**

**179. To receive correspondence from LMHVT asking APC to not proceed with the application for a Community Right to Bid application on the Three Horseshoes Public House.**

Cllr D Lambert introduced this item and gave some background information. It was noted that the Council had been approached by the LMHVT before to apply to place the Three Horseshoes on the HertsmereBC list of Assets of Community Value. This listing had lapsed after five years. In 2019, LMHVT had again asked APC to consider applying as the possibility of the public house being developed was imminent. However, the current owner has shown that the public house will continue, and therefore LMHVT have contacted APC requesting that they suspend the process. HertsmereBC have stated that this must be in the form of a formal minute. There was some discussion before it was;

***Resolved that the PCM informs HertsmereBC that APC wish to suspend the application to place 'The Three Horseshoes Public House' at Letchmore Heath on the 'List of Community Assets'.***

**Cllr M Cherry then joined the meeting.**

**180. To receive the external auditors report and decide any next steps.**

This report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr J Lefton stated that this was a 'clear' report and the PCM and Asst Manager should be congratulated on their input into making this possible. It was then;

***Resolved to note this report.***

**181. To authorise the payment of accounts for November.**

A list of payments had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was then;

***Resolved that all payments appended to these minutes are approved, and that the BACS list is signed by Cllrs M Cherry & J Lefton to authorise the PCM to complete these transactions.***

**182. The Full Council is asked to receive and adopt the minutes and approve publication on the Council website of the following Committees (In accordance with Standing Order 6.4.8).**

***Resolved to adopt the minutes and recommendations from the Planning Committee meetings of 19<sup>th</sup> October & 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.***



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### 183. Items of interest from Minutes of other authorities (for information only)

Cllr E Samuelson reported on the HertsmereBC Planning Committee meeting where 31 Beech Avenue was discussed and approved. She was concerned that the RNP was quoted as being a reason to support the application as these were two smaller properties. Although the RNP states that smaller properties are needed in the area, on this occasion the Policy had been taken out of context. The RNP steering group will be raising this with HertsmereBC. There was also discussion on the general behaviour in the meeting, but it was acknowledged that this was a matter for HertsmereBC not APC. Cllr D Lambert also reported that the process for Cllr 'call into planning committee' had changed. If a Borough Cllr asks for a plan to be 'called in' in order for it to be discussed in the committee rather than being decided by an officer, this will now be referred to the Chairman of the Planning Committee and Head of Planning for them to decide whether this plan should go to committee.

The Chairman then moved the following resolution;

**That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2), the press and public is excluded from the meeting whilst pertaining to employees of the council or tenders are discussed.**

### 184. To receive the tenders for the Allotment Drive reinstatement project.

These tenders had been circulated prior to the meetings. All councillors were concerned that the prices quoted were much higher than expected and allowed for in the budget. Alternatives were then discussed as this was public money that was being allocated. It was agreed by the majority that all options should be considered before a formal decision is made. After a long discussion the following resolution was proposed;

***That the project manager is asked to review the plans that include mitigating options regarding drainage, fencing and footpath improvements, and carries out a cost analysis which will be considered by the council before a final decision is made.***

There was a vote on this proposal which is recorded as 6 in favour, Cllrs D Lambert and E Samuelson abstained. The resolution was therefore carried.

**Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – 2.30pm**

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.50pm**

**Chairman ..... Date .....**