



## Aldworth Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, 7pm on Zoom

Minute ref: 007/011222/PCPM

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<b>Members Present:</b>	Cllr. Tim Chapman, Cllr. Donna Roach, Cllr. Nick Williams, Cllr. John Clark
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Cllr. Kate Walters
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Mrs Fenella Woods (Clerk & RFO)
<b>In Attendance:</b>	2 members of public.
<b>Meeting Start Time:</b>	19.03pm
<b>Meeting End Time:</b>	19.35pm

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- 082/22 Cllr. Chapman welcomed all to the online meeting. The meeting was converted to Zoom using our Temporary Scheme of Delegation due to councillor sickness that prevented us from meeting face to face in a public space. Apologies were received from Cllr. Kate Walters and accepted by the Council. Quorum was achieved.
- 083/22 There were no declarations of interest received from any member of the council, nor the Clerk.
- 084/22 A member of the public in attendance advised that their previous comments regarding an alternative access to Bower Farm via the B4009 still stands. There were no representations from any member regarding declarations of interest.
- 085/22 The retrospective planning application at Bower Farm ref 22/02728/FUL was discussed at length. It was noted that the amendments were made after receiving advice on airflow and halting pneumonia with the animals. The additional length would give the animals more room, as opposed to increasing the number of calves. The main access to the farm remains a concern and again, a suggestion was put forward for an alternative access route on the B4009 but the sight lines and speed of that stretch of road near Westridge Green make this very difficult. All members of the council voted with 3 no objections and 1 objection due to the visual impact in an AONB and the size and scale of the buildings. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit the Parish Application Form stating the outcome of the vote and the reasons for the objection.
- 086/22 The Clerk is now in receipt of the new defibrillator, and it is currently awaiting installation on the outside of the Village Hall. There is still ongoing conversations

between the members of the Village Hall Management Committee who do not want two in the village. It was requested that Cllr. Williams and Cllr. Clark help resolve this as swiftly as possible so it can be installed and maintained by guardians of the Parish Council.

087/22 Yattendon Estates have questioned the ownership of the access route along the side of the Village Hall and Bell Lane. The Clerk and Cllr. Williams will seek information from those people involved in the original project and gather the evidence required. Grants to support us with the costs are being sought which we will report on in the new year.

088/22 The Clerk advised the Council that she is finding it increasingly difficult to do anything in the village without the involvement of non-council members which is hindering progress. The Clerk commented that she is a proactive and energetic person who wants to work on projects that will make Aldworth and Westridge Green a great place to be but at every turn there seems to be negativity. The Clerk wondered if there might be someone more suitable for the role as levels of frustration are currently high.

Unfortunately, as we used a free Zoom account, limited to 40 minutes we were unable to continue the conversation from item 088/22. The remaining member of public in attendance did not have any further questions. Cllr. Chapman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended abruptly at 19:35pm.

Signed: .....

Position: .....

Date: .....

<b>Actions from the Meeting:</b>			
	<b>Description</b>	<b>Assigned to</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1	Send Parish Observation Form to the Planning Team for Bower Farm	Clerk	✓
2	Install the Defibrillator	NW / JC	
3	Gather evidence for the ownership of the access route	NW / Clerk	✓