



The Mission Hall
Forge Hill
Aldington
Kent
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TO MEMBERS ALDINGTON AND BONNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the **PARISH COUNCIL** to be held on **Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30 pm** in Aldington Village Hall, Roman Road, Aldington.

Peter Setterfield

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Parish Clerk.

AGENDA

- 1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.**
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.**
Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.
- 3. Public Participation Session**
This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda. Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person).
- 4. To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 19th July 2021.**

5. Chairman's Report:

6. Planning:

The Parish Council is asked to receive and adopt the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 2nd and 25th August 2021.

7. Finance:

The Parish Council is asked to note the payment of the cheques since the last meeting of the Parish Council and to approve the schedule of payments attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **To receive and note the items of expenditure.**
2. **To authorise the transfer of £4,000 from deposit account to current account**

8. Notice of Conclusion of audit:

The Parish Council's External Auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP have issued their report in respect of the financial year 2020/21 which states:

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

There are no other matters affecting our opinion to be drawn to the attention of the authority.

9. Insurance:

Report ABPC/21/12 brings to the Parish Council details for the renewal of its insurance policy which is due to expire on 30th September.

10. Quarry Field, Quarry Wood and Pond:

An update will be given at the meeting.

11. Community Garden:

An update will be given at the meeting

12. Play equipment:

An update will be given at the meeting

13. Tree Survey:

A Quantified Tree Risk Assessment has been carried out on behalf of the Parish Council by Treeventures Limited a company specialising in this field of work. The survey has identified there are a number of trees that require some action as soon as possible as well as others that need attention when finances allow.

The survey has highlighted that there are a number of Ash trees on our land which, in

all likelihood, will need attention in the future. It is suggested therefore that a sum is set aside in future budgets for tree maintenance work.

It is recommended that the Parish Council seeks quotations for the undertaking of the priority works.

14. Village Event:

An update will be given at the meeting.

15. Neighbourhood Plan:

An update will be given at the meeting.

16. Football on Quarry Field:

Now that the football season has started the annual issue of footballs penetrating the hedge behind the goal and landing in the gardens of Goldwell Close has commenced. A dialogue has commenced with the football club to find ways of alleviating the issue which will benefit them as well as the residents.

Previously the idea of installing a temporary netting system behind the goal has been explored but this is reliant upon availability and willingness of people to put in place and remove after games. A permanent netting system could be a solution but would need to be somewhere in the region of 25 feet high to stop the majority of the balls. Quotations have been sought by the football club and these vary between £3,000 and £4,000 which is not affordable by the football club.

The Parish Council is asked to consider how it wishes to proceed with matters as there is no provision within its budget for the current financial year to fund the project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Parish Clerk be requested to ascertain if there is any grant funding available for the project and to report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting. In the meantime request the football club to rotate the pitch by 90 degrees taking the goals away from the boundary fence.

17. Public Rights of Way:

Over the last two years there has been a marked increase in the number of people using public rights of way as a means of exercise and being outside. Aldington and Bonnington have numerous Public Rights of Way which have to be maintained by the landowner and are overseen by Kent Highways.

Landowners are reminded that they must avoid putting obstructions on or across the route, such as fences or padlocked gates. They must ensure that vegetation does not encroach onto the route from the sides or above. Obstructing a public right of way is a criminal offence, Kent Highways has the right to demand you remove any obstruction.

Cross field public rights of way, if cultivated, the pathway needs to remain apparent on the ground to at least the minimum width of 1 metre and is not obstructed by crops. It must be restored to at least the minimum width so that it is reasonably convenient to use within 14 days of being cultivated.

18. Any items of information:

Any items raised are for information only, any matters requiring a decision will be placed on the next available Agenda for the Council.

Schedule of payments made

Chq No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
1617	Aldington Village Hall	Room hire	£28.00
1618	BWP Creative	Website annual fee	£273.60
1619	SLCC	Annual subscription	£144.50
1620	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£1,044.00
1621,1622 & 1623	Staff costs August		£1,886.50
1624	A Eardley	Neighbourhood Plan	1,440.00

Schedule of payments to be made

Chq No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
1625	J Boot	Neighbourhood Plan	£120.00
1626	SLCC Enterprises	Training	£36.00
1627	L Harman	Reimbursement	£165.90
1628	Treeventures Ltd	Tree survey	£833.62
1629	PKF Littlejohn llp	External audit	£480.00
1630	Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£1,284.00
1631	Aldington Village Hall	Room Hire	£199.00
1632, 1633 & 1634	Staff expenses		£1,914.32