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The Mission Hall
Forge Hill
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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 12th June 2023 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:**
- 3. Public Participation Session:**
- 4. Neighbourhood Watch:**
- 5. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report**
- 6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th May 2023:**
- 7. Chairman's Report:**
- 8. Finance:**
The Parish Council is asked to approve the schedule of payments attached.

Recommendations:

- 1. To receive and authorise the payment of the items of expenditure**

2. To authorise the transfer of £5,000.00 from deposit account to current account.

9. Planning Committee:

The Parish Council has not received any notifications of planning applications this month.

10. General Risk Assessment:

Report ABPC/23/003 brings to the Parish Council a copy of the risk assessment carried out as part of the end of year audit exercise.

11. Asset Register:

Report ABPC/23/004 brings to the Parish Council a copy of the asset register compiled from the Parish Council's records.

12. Internal Auditor's Report:

Report ABPC/23/005 encloses the report of the Independent Internal Auditor who has been asked to complete the Annual Internal Audit Report section of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the Parish Council's External Auditor, Mazars LLP.

13. Annual Governance Statement:

Report ABPC/23/006 details the Statement on Internal Control to support the Annual Governance Statement required as part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31st March 2023.

14. Accounting Statements:

Report ABPC/2023/007 attaches the Accounting Statement for 2022/23, part of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

15. Business Plan:

To review and update the Parish Council's business plan circulated to members following the Parish Council meeting of 10th May 2023.

16. Street Lights:

Ashford Borough Council together with Kent County Council are currently undertaking a review of street lighting throughout the Borough. A number of street lights are at present owned by Ashford Borough Council and maintained under contract by Kent County Council.

The lights owned by Ashford Borough Council need to be brought up to Kent County Council Standards in order that they can be transferred to KCC saving the Borough Council the maintenance costs.

As part of the review a number have been highlighted as not necessary by KCC and/or Ashford Borough Council. With these lights it is possible that the Parish Council will be given the option to adopt these columns and become responsible for the electricity costs, maintenance and replacement as and when required.

The columns identified for Aldington are as follows:

Road name	Ward	Parish	Location	Unit No
Earlsfield	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/S 13	MEAC001
Earlsfield	Saxon Shore	Aldington	S/O 16	MEAC002
Goldwell Close	Saxon Shore	Aldington	Rear of 5 on footpath	MGEC002
Goldwell Close	Saxon Shore	Aldington	o/s ¾	MGCS001
Goldwell Close	Saxon Shore	Aldington	FP S/O 5	MGBD504
Ragstone Hollow	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/S 26	MRAA002
Roman Road	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/P J/W GOLDWELL LANE	MUDH002
Roman Road	Saxon Shore	Aldington	S/O MOUNT PLEASANT	MUDI003
Roman Road	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/S 16 WALNUT RIDGE	MUDI005
Roman Road	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/S PRIMARY SCHOOL Pole mounted	MUDH003
Roman Road	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/S 1 WALNUT RIDGE	MUDI008
Forge Hill	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/P CLOUD END	MFAY004
Forge Hill	Saxon Shore	Aldington	ADJ MISSION HALL	MFAY005
Forge Hill	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/S ST MARTINS BUNGALOW	MFAY001
Wallnut ridge	Saxon Shore	Aldington	O/S 7-8	MWEO001

The Parish Council is asked to consider if these lights are required in the first instance. If the Parish Council wish to consider adopting any or all of the lights an indication of the running costs and the maintenance costs would be required before a final decision is made as these costs and a suitable reserve would need to be factored into the Parish Council's budget when setting the precept in December.

17. Quarry Field, Quarry Wood and Pond:

An update will be given at the meeting.

18. Neighbourhood Plan:

An update will be given at the meeting.

19. Aldington Meadows Recreation Area:

An update will be given at the meeting.

20. Events Committee:

An update will be given at the meeting.

21. Stonestreet Green Solar:

Evolution Power launch their second consultation on the proposals for Stonestreet Green on 12th June. Members are asked to consider what steps it wants to take in terms of preparing a response.

22. Meeting Venue:

The Parish Council have been advised by the Village Hall that they have received a booking request for the 11th December for a Christmas party with entertainment for the main hall. Members are asked to decide if they wish to remain at the Village Hall for this meeting or to change the date as it possible that sound levels would mean it difficult to conduct the business which includes setting the budget for the forthcoming financial year.

An enquiry has been made for the use of the Orchard Suite at the Eco Centre which is available, however the seating arrangement would not be ideal due to the style of tables in the room which would not accommodate the usual horseshoe format.

23. Any Items for information:

Schedule of payments:

Chq No	Payee	Purpose	Amount
1821	L Harman	Reimbursement	£53.97
1822	Aldington Village Hall	Room hire	£353.50
1823	Harmer & sons	Grounds maintenance	£1,380.00
1824	H J Hoad	Internal audit	£190.00
1825 & 1826	Staff costs		£2,375.83