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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 November 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:**
This provides an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of, and make comments, regarding the Parish Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting. Members of the public are asked to restrict their comments, and/or questions to three minutes.
- 4. Neighbourhood Watch:**
- 5. Ashford Borough Councillor's Report:**

Members of the public are reminded that they are not permitted to participate in the remaining items on this agenda.

- 6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th October 2023:**

7. Chairman's Report:

8. Solar:

An update will be given to councillors of any meetings or submission developments that have occurred since the last parish council meeting.

9. Finance:

The Parish Council is asked to consider the future operation of its accounts with NatWest Bank as it is unable to utilise the online services provided by that bank as they would contravene the Parish Council's Financial Regulations in terms of signing. It is proposed that the Business Reserve account should be closed with the balance being transferred to the current account prior to a cheque being issued to Unity Trust to clear the balance prior to closure. The Unity Trust accounts provide the necessary safeguards for the Council's monies.

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 closure of the NatWest deposit account with the balance transferred to the Nat West current account.**
- 3. To authorise the transfer of £6,000.00 from Unity Trust deposit account to Unity Trust current account**

10. Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation:

Kent County Council are currently consulting on proposals for 30 new and improved walking, wheeling, and cycling routes and zones as part of a countywide plan.

Feedback on these plans is essential as it will help finalise the plan, it is noted that route 8 from Ashford to Folkestone passes through Aldington along Bank Road and then Roman Road. It is also noted that they are planning cycle parking in the village centre>

Full details of the consultation can be found at kent.gov.uk/KCWIP.

The Parish Council is asked to consider any response it wishes to make to the consultation.

11. Planning Committee:

The Chairman of the Planning Committee will give an overview on the applications that have been considered.

12. Neighbourhood Plan:

An update will be given at the meeting.

13. Events Committee:

An update will be given at the meeting.

14. Quarry Wood:

An update will be given at the meeting.

15. Quarry Field and Pond:

An update will be given at the meeting.

16. Aldington Meadows:

An update will be given at the meeting.

17. Any items for information:

18. Exclusion of the Public:

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be conducted.

Schedule of Payments made prior to the meeting

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Handyman expenses		£157.20
Freshair fitness	Deposit outdoor gym	£6,223.14

Schedule of payments to be made at the meeting

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Mazars LLP	Audit	£504.00
Aldington Village Hall	Room hire	£112.50
Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£1,368.00
Westcotec Ltd	SID repair	£80.40
Ashford Borough Council	Newsletter printing	£481.68
Staff costs		£3,583.23