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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 8th April 2024 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. Sellindge Synchronous Condenser Project:**
- 4. 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.
- 5. Neighbourhood Watch:**
- 6. 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.

7. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th March 2024:**

8. **Chairman's Report:**

9. **Solar:**

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

10. **Finance:**

The Parish Council is asked to approve the schedule of payments:

Recommendations:

1. **To receive and authorise the payment of the items of expenditure**
2. **To authorise the transfer of £11,000 from deposit account to current account.**

11. **Planning Committee:**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee will give an overview of the planning applications considered in the last month.

12. **Ashford Local Plan 2041 – Call for Sites:**

Ashford Borough Council has commenced the process for the next iteration of the Local Plan to 2041, the first stage being the call for sites whereby landowners can submit land for consideration for building homes, jobs as well as community infrastructure and visitor and tourism facilities. The call for sites was open between September and December 2023, all of the sites put forward have been listed on the Borough Council website.

The next stage in the process is for an assessment via a Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA), this is a technical assessment that is prepared by Ashford Borough Council and forms an important part of the evidence base supporting a new Ashford Local Plan 2041. It provides a clear and up-to-date picture of land availability across the borough, and assess each site's suitability, availability, and achievability for their proposed land uses.

The HELAA does not

- Represent policy
- Determine whether a site should be allocated for future development
- Determine whether planning permission should be granted.

When the site assessment has been completed, the Borough Council will work and consult with local communities to consider how sites which have passed through the HELAA process, fit with the preferred spatial strategy to accommodate future planned growth in the borough to 2041. The preferred spatial strategy will form part of a draft Local Plan which will be the subject of a future public consultation.

The sites that have been listed for Aldington are:

- Land to the north side of Bourne Road – Housing 35 dwellings

- Land on the west side of Calleywell Lane – Housing 30 dwellings
- Land opposite Goldwell Farm, Goldwell Lane – Housing
- Land on the east side of Goldwell Lane – Housing 26 dwellings
- Land to the north side of Roman Road – Housing 55 dwellings
- Land lying to the north east of Ragstone Hollow – Biodiversity net gain
- Land at Forge Hill – Housing 20 – 25 dwellings, Employment, Leisure & Tourism, Green Infrastructure.

There have been no sites submitted within Bonnington.

13. Neighbourhood Plan:

An update will be given at the meeting.

14. Public Space Protection Order:

Report ABPC/23/011 has been compiled as a result of the request at the March meeting of the Parish Council to consider a dogs on leads order for Reynolds Playing Field and Quarry Field.

15. Highways:

Prior to the Highways Improvement Plan being submitted to Kent Highways the Parish Council has to undertake a local consultation to confirm residents are prepared to accept the proposal. It should be made clear that the consultation does not commit the council to undertake any of the works as objections would be considered by Highways as the required traffic regulation order could be refused.

16. Events Committee:

An update will be given at the meeting.

17. Quarry Wood:

An update will be given at the meeting.

18. Quarry Field and Pond:

An update will be given at the meeting.

19. Aldington Meadows:

An update will be given at the meeting.

20. War Memorial:

The Parish Council has received a suggestion that a framework is installed at the memorial in order that the wreaths can be attached more securely as at the present time they come loose. It has been suggested stainless steel but no costs or design have been submitted.

21. Any items for information:

Schedule of payments made prior to the meeting:

Payee	Purpose	Amount
3 Flow Drainage Solutions	Village Hall drains	£8,160.00
Alison Eardley	Neighbourhood Plan	£4,482.00
Alison Eardley	Solar Farm	£540.00
KCC	Traffic survey	£1,360.00

Schedule of payments to be made:

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Handyman expenses	Path to Quarry wood	£319.88
CPRE	Subscription	£60.00
Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£990.00
Donation of benches		£550.00
Payment from Fordred monies		£100.00
Aldington Village Hall	Room hire	£262.50
Locality	Return of NDP grant	£431.00
Staff costs		To follow
Village hall drains		£6,500.00