



The Mission Hall
Forge Hill
Aldington
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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 11th April 2022 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. Neighbourhood Watch**
- 4. 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).

5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022.

6. Chairman's Report:

7. 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 £7,000.00 from deposit account to current account**

8. Quarry Field, Quarry Wood and Pond:

An update will be given at the meeting.

9. Community Garden:

An update will be given at the meeting.

10. Play equipment:

.An initial quotation has been received for a base, tarmac surface and fencing in the sum of £99,995.29, the majority of the cost is for the base.

An enquiry has been made about the possible installation of a zip wire at Aldington Meadows, however it has been highlighted that as the site is not level a zip wire cannot be installed as it would fail to meet Health and Safety requirements as the speed generated going down the wire would be excessive.

Further research into the costs and other options available is being undertaken as is the availability of grants.

11. Neighbourhood Plan:

An update will be given at the meeting.

12. Events committee:

An update will be given at the meeting.

13. Allotments:

The annual renewals process has been completed and there are currently vacancies on the Aldington Meadows site. Arrangements have been put in place for the vacant plots to be rotavated.

A quotation has been received for the supply of 8 sheds which it is proposed to site on the plots at Aldington Meadows this is in the sum of £5,264. Allotment holders at the Meadows were asked when the renewal notices were sent out about the possible provision of sheds and water barrels, this was well received.

The Parish Council is asked to give approval for the Parish Clerk to submit an application to Ashford Borough Council for the release of S106 monies held for

allotments to enable the project to move forward.

14. Football on Quarry Field:

An update will be given at the meeting.

15. Kent County Council Strategic Statement:

KCC is currently engaging partners on the development of their new Council Strategy 2022 – 2026, Framing Kent's Future. It sets out draft objectives and commitments, and shapes how KCC will work as a Council and with their partners to improve life for Kent residents, businesses and communities.

The attached provides a summary of the draft strategy, which KCC are welcoming thoughts and comments on. It would be particularly useful to hear views on the following:

- Are the proposed 'commitments' right?
- Are the examples of activity that sit within each commitment what you would expect to see?
- Is anything missing?
- Is there a local council perspective missing that needs to be reflected?

The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to comment.

16. National Association of Local Councils:

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has a committee specifically dedicated to smaller Parish Councils – these are defined as those councils with an electorate under 6,000. The members who serve on the committee all come from small local councils themselves.

NALC would like to hear from councils on the issues they would like them to address that are specific to small councils and to invite councils to tell them what services NALC could consider offering to meet their needs. For instance, are there any specific issues to be fed into NALC's online events, committee meetings or national network sessions which would be useful and/or is there a particular issue NALC should be lobbying government about which they are not currently?

The committee has been considering the following subjects:

- Practice regarding planning consultations
- Carbon literacy
- Identifying future membership needs for advice/guidance and providing feedback/input on NALC services
- Practical issues arising from small councils having limited capacity
- Sharing good practice, supporting NALC campaigns/big themes and helping develop the evidence base including through surveys
- Improving good governance
- Increasing take-up of the Local Council Award Scheme and CiLCA

The Parish Council is asked if there are any issues that they would like to submit.

17. Memorial Bench:

The Parish Council is asked to consider and authorise the purchase of a memorial bench to be sited on Roman Road next to the noticeboard adjacent to Calleywell Lane to commemorate Peter Kemp.

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.

