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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 9th October 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. Solar:**
An update will be given at the meeting.
- 7. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th September 2023:**
- 8. Chairman's Report:**

9. Finance:

The Parish Council is asked to approve the schedule of payments attached.

Feedback from the recent film night has shown that potential revenue was lost by the inability to take card payments. The matter has been researched and it has been ascertained that this can be arranged under contract through a third party company recommended by the Parish Council's bankers, however they charge a monthly fee in the region of £18.00, in addition they charge a percentage of the payment. It has been ascertained that Verifone offer a contract free service priced at a one off £79.99 and take a percentage of the card payment amount.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. To receive and authorise the payment of the items of expenditure.**
- 2. To authorise the transfer of £20,000.00 from Nat West deposit account to Nat West current account**
- 3. To authorise the transfer of £7,000.00 from Unity Trust deposit account to Unity Trust current account**
- 4. To authorise the Parish Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with Verifone**

10. Completion of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2023:

The Parish Council's External Auditor, Mazars LLP, have completed their audit and issued their certificate of discharge of responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The External auditor's opinion being "*On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 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.*"

11. Fordred Charity:

The core purpose of the charity is to distribute the funds earned each year from a parcel of land owned on Romney Marsh. This land is owned in perpetuity and cannot be sold. Thus, it is the bounden duty of the Trustees to ensure that the annual distribution best benefits the 7 parishes named in the original bequest.

The Parish Council is asked to nominate a member to attend the Annual Meeting of the Charity which is to be held on Wednesday 25th October at 6pm.

12. Planning Committee:

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

13. Neighbourhood Plan:

An update will be given at the meeting.

14. Events Committee:

An update will be given at the meeting.

15. Rights to manage open spaces:

Cllr Hannabuss will give a presentation at the meeting.

16. Any items for information:

Schedule of Payments made prior to the meeting

| Payee | Purpose | Amount |
|----------------|----------------|---------|
| JRB Enterprise | Dog Waste bags | £485.40 |
| Filmbank media | Film night | £269.40 |
| L Stebbings | Fete | £40.00 |
| C Stebbings | Film night | £19.99 |
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Schedule of payments to be made at the meeting

| Payee | Purpose | Amount |
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| Harner & Sons | Grounds maintenance | £990.00 |
| Harmer & Sons | Remove broken gym | £942.00 |
| Aldington Village Hall | Room hire | £179.83 |
| Ace power clean | MUGA clean | £4,650.00 |
| Staff costs | | £2,316.36 |
| Transfer from Nat West to | Unity Trust | £37,000.00 |
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