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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 November 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:**
- 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. **Parish Councillor Vacancy:**

8. **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2024:**

9. **Solar:**

Report ABPC/2024/013 has been compiled to show the progress to date with the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) application in respect of the proposed solar development at Stonestreet Green.

10. **Chairman's Report:**

11. **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 £8,000 from deposit account to current account.**

12. **Finance – Half year review:**

Report ABPC/24/014 brings to the Parish Council an update on its financial standing against its budget at the end of the first half of the financial year as well as the current position of its reserves.

13. **Planning Committee:**

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

14. **Consultation for enabling remote attendance at meetings:**

The Government has launched a consultation in respect of the detail and practical implications of allowing remote and hybrid attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings in England.

This is an open consultation, with views sought of individual members of the public; prospective and current local authority members; all relevant local authorities defined within the consultation; and those bodies that represent the interests of local members at all levels.

The consultation can be found here: [Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings – Gov.uk](#) and will last for 8 weeks from 24 October 2024.

The Parish Council is asked how it wishes to respond.

15. Highways Improvement Plan:

The Parish Council's Highways Improvement Plan has been submitted to Kent Highways for consideration.

16. Community Resilience Planning:

The purpose of creating Community Resilience Plans is to increase the resilience within local communities to be able to support their residents during an emergency.

In nearly all cases, emergencies are dealt with by the emergency services with local authorities and key agencies such as the Environment Agency or utility companies. However, there may be circumstances, such as extensive flooding, heavy snow or severe storm damage where the arrival of the emergency services could be delayed or stretched to capacity, or when essential utilities and highways access may be compromised. When this happens, communities can really benefit from some local planning to help themselves in the early stages of an emergency whilst waiting for the local authority to provide support.

The National Association of Local Councils have been placing emphasis on the importance of Community Resilience Plans and that local knowledge is crucial when responding to emergencies. Ashford Borough Council have produced a bespoke template for its Parishes to use as this ensures a consistent approach when the plan needs to be called upon.

The first stage of the process is that all households have to be written to advising that we are producing a Community Resilience Plan and seeking community liaison volunteers. A template letter has been supplied by Ashford Borough Council for this purpose.

The Parish Council is asked if it wishes to undertake the production of a Community Resilience Plan.

17. Events Committee:

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. Any items for information:

Schedule of payments made prior to the meeting:

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Fuel tank shop	Village Hall	£2,679.30
Brendan Brett	Counsel opinion on draft DCO	£1,200.00

Schedule of payments to be made at the meeting:

Payee	Purpose	Amount
Staff costs		£3,529.35
Harmer & Sons	Grounds maintenance	£990.00
Alison Eardley	Solar work	£624.00
Harmer & Sons	Meadows tennis court	£2,730.00
Harmer & Sons	Meadows pipe removal	£48.00
J Newson	Remembrance	£167.45