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ALMELEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Monday 13th January 2025

At Almeley Village Hall at 7:00pm

Present: Councillors: Jon Argent (Chair), Vanessa Faulkner, Michael Handley, Rose Proctor and Martin Skyrme

In attendance: Mandy Howard (Clerk)

Public: 7 members of the public in attendance

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
   1.1 Cllr Cross and Cllr Powell

2. **To receive declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation**
   2.1 None

3. **Open Session**
   3.1 **Gritting of Roads**: Concerns were raised by residents regarding inadequate gritting on village roads, particularly given the increased traffic due to school and regular bus routes, as well as diversions redirecting vehicles through the village. It was noted that a fire engine reported poor road conditions in the area.
   Herefordshire Council response: The council acknowledged that gritting had not been carried out as expected due to budget cuts.
   Update from Cllr Handley: Cllr Handley contacted Highways and was informed that records of when and which roads were last gritted will be provided within 10 days.
   Next steps: Once the information is received, the Parish Council will address the issue with Highways, emphasising the community safety risks posed by inadequate gritting.

4. **Environmental Working Group**
   4.1 To consider solar panel grant application
   It was unanimously agreed to proceed with the project, subject to the roof survey results. Cllr Jon Argent expressed gratitude to Cllr Vanessa Faulkner and Mike Hodges for their efforts in advancing this project.

The meeting closed at 19:34

Signed: Jonathan D. Argent ..... Date: 22/1/25