



ALSTON MOOR PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the **EMERGENCY MEETING** of Alston Moor Parish Council held on **Wednesday 12th November** at 14:00hrs in Alston Town Hall.

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. Miller, Cllr. Martin, Cllr. Robinson, Cllr. Best, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Robertson, Cllr. Hanley.

Clerk/RFO:

Claire Thomson

Members of the Public: 0

- 2526/154 Christmas Tree & Lights update** – After the Christmas trees & Lights were checked on Friday 7th November there were more trees needed than estimated in the meeting on 3rd November, along with the requirement of more transformers & lights. 14 Trees are needed. The Clerk advised that they had sourced some external Christmas Trees at a third of the price of the previous cost and requested permission to order 8 of them for this year. The cost was £52.38 plus VAT (this includes a 10% discount for multiple purchase), 10 transformers @ £19.99 each & 2 sets of new lights. Ian Grey purchased 2 transformers, extension leads & lights to test those already in use, so only 8 transformers are needed. The Clerk also advised that 6 trees will be purchased at the cheaper cost of approximately £30 each to see how they fare this year. The trees will be inspected again when they come down in the new year and a decision will be made if more trees for 2026 are required to be purchased, potentially buying in January, at hopefully a cheaper price. When checked in October/November the cheaper trees may not have fared well in storage and may need replacing. The Clerk advised that the income each year for the trees is roughly £1100, so any purchases will not be costing the Parish Council or local community anything.

Motion: to OK spending required for Christmas Trees, Transformers & Lights for this year and future years.

Vote: Proposed: Cllr. Martin Seconded: Cllr. Robinson Vote: Favour – Cllr. Martin, Cllr. Miller, Cllr. Robinson, Cllr. Robertson, Cllr. Best, Cllr. Hanley, Cllr. Davies. Against- None Abstain – None.

Resolved: to allow purchases required for Christmas Trees, Transformers & Lights for this year and future years.

- 2526/155 Close Parish Council Meeting**
Meeting closed 14.24hrs

Please note: all Parish Council meetings are open to members of the Public.

Chair Signature: R Miller

Date: 1/12/2025

Clerk Signature: Claire Thomson

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