

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Aldworth Parish

Held on 30th April 2018.

Present: Tim Chapman Nick Williams John Clark Donna Roach Kate Walters

District Councillor: Cllr Alan Law

Clerk: A Julia Ives

Welcome

Apologies

Declarations: nil

Nominations for Chairman: Tim Chapman

Acceptance of Office

1. Minutes of the Meeting on January 8th 2018. Approved and signed.
2. Matters arising: a) Parking in the Glebe - note went into the Leaflet - no more complains heard. b) dog poo signs - discuss on installation locations. Chairman to install. c) VAT update - code to be sought from online. D) Litter pick in March 20 bags collected, 10 residents helped. Nick Williams purchased on behalf of the Council 20 units of equipment for future use. Note to go in Leaflet by Clerk.
3. Accounts for PFK Littlejohn - agreed smaller authority. Paperwork completed by Chairman and Clerk. Q & A from the Councillors.
4. Laptop - delivered last week, and being updated.
5. GDPR General Data Protection Regulations. Discuss. Security of data at Clerk's computer.
6. The Church Gully update by Cllr Roach: Stewart Clark from WBC had been out to view gully and discuss possibilities. We are waiting to hear from the criminal rehabilitation group, who may be able to dig the gully. Cllr A Law suggested that WBC should be involved.
7. Planning: nil at present
8. **Chairman's Report:** This year we have moved to quarterly meetings, really because there was not enough business to justify the six meetings per year. We do of course have to hold extra planning Meetings, and these have been attended very well by the

Councillors. We have had a relatively busy year planning wise, without too many difficult issues, with a total of about 16 planning applications.

We think we have to prepare ourselves to spend more on the village, and find our own resources for cleaning signs, and trimming verges.

We increased the Precept by £500 in anticipation of increase in expenditure. After much correspondence from the Boundary Review, finally in January this year we were sent official documents. We are still part of the Basildon Ward.

BALC and NALC offered us a free Lap Top required by DGPR and a new website. The lap top will be used by the Clerk, just for dedicated Aldworth business.

New Planning arrangements at WBC will save the District Council £27K by not sending out hard copies of plans. Parishes will have to find alternative methods of reading plans, either from home or from the Clark's laptop. Some Councils are using projectors.

Our usual litter pick event was held at the end of March, organised by Cllr Nick Williams. This year we have purchased equipment required so that we can organise a date without any restrictions.

Thanks to all Councillors for attending this year, and the clerk for her continued efforts.

Chairman T Chapman.

9. **Cllr Alan Law.** Talked about the Electoral Review, and the reducing of Ward Members from 52 to 43. Aldworth to stay in Basildon Ward, with Alan Law as Ward Member. Also the green bins to cost £50 on Council Tax, with a sticker to go on the bin. This was discussed in some depth. It was noted that Yattendon had cut Westridge Green already.
10. **FINANCE:** Balance in the bank £10,314.34 but the Grant from BALC for the laptop and printer came to £1490. This had now been allocated.
11. Date of next meeting: 30th July 2018.

ChairmanTim ChapmanDate