MINUTES OF THE ALDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 29TH OCTOBER 2018

AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Tim Chapman Chairman

John Clark

Nick Williams

Donna Roach

Kate Walters

Clerk:

Julia Ives

Members of the Public

none

District Councillor away

1. Apologies: none.

- 2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**: July 30th 2018. These were agreed and approved. All in Favour. The clerk apologised for the 2017 July Minutes on the website instead of 2018.
- 3. **MATTERS ARISING**: i) The new bench had replaced the old, and was welcomed in The Glebe.
 - ii) Chairman to speak to David Slack re the piece of land that needs cutting back next door to Whinwistles in the Glebe, and also a final cut of the Green at Westridge Green.
 - iii) The project of **The Gully** next to the church is nearly completed. The practical work has been carried out by the Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company, and West Berkshire Council. A great deal of work by Cllr Roach, District Councillor A .Law, resident M. Allen, and support of the whole Parish Council over a long period of time has resulted in an acceptable situation. Top soil and seeding are coming, and the red plastic bollards have been replaced by timber ones which will act as a warning to drivers. This project will be signed off by West Berkshire Council soon. Drainage work has also been going on the bend at Westridge Green nearest to Aldworth. The verge by the letter box in Westridge Green has been repaired. There is more work to be done when funds available.
 - iv) green bins are working well.

- PLANNING: no current plans at the moment. A discussion took place regarding Westridge Barn and a potential planning breach regarding the letting out of an outbuilding..
- 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none
- 6. FINANCE: Payment has been received for the Precept. Balance in the Bank: £14,635.69. A cheque was drawn for the Internal Auditor £50 and the Clerk £41.66 for November use of home as office. A payment to Public Loan Board approx. £1K will be made in October. Cllr Roach had suggested that the white village boundary markers entering the Village should be cleaned and painted. This was one of the jobs on the Thames Valley CRC's list, but the job would need to be risk assessed because it is by the road. They are very dirty.

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John Clark suggested a projector be purchased and a screen that could hang from the beams in the village hall, so that planning could be assessed properly and be used for other activities in the hall. It was considered that the lap top is too small and not fit for the assessing of planning documents at public meetings. He was asked by all Councillors to start a feasibility study with costs.

- 7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from West Berks Council advised us that Aldworth is not due any CiL planning monies at present.
- MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION a large bright blue Grundon bin has appeared in the car park at The Four Points pub clearly visible from the road.

The next Meeting is January 7th in the Village Hall, when the budget will be discussed and Precept set for the coming year.

Chairman Date 3-4-19