

MINUTES OF THE ALDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2018 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: T.Chapman (Chairman) N. Williams. K.Walters. D Roach

Clerk: J Ives

Member of the Public: one

Apologies: J Clark.

District Councillor: None

1. Declarations: none
2. **Minutes** of the last Meeting held on October 2nd 2017. These were approved and signed, by the Chairman. All in Favour.
3. **MATTERS ARISING:** i) The Gully by the Church was discussed in some depth, with the help of Maurice Allen (member of the public) who filled us in with details from Chris Owen, Architect and adviser. A plastic pipe has been suggested, at the top end of the slope. We will ask WBC before starting work. This may need a donation from the Parish Council. A sum of £150 will also be reserved by the Parish Council per year for maintenance of the bank and ditch.
ii) Some residents still do not have broadband Gigaclear.
iii) Dog poo signs are on the way. iv) a letter has been received from a resident complaining of the random parking at the Glebe. It was decided to put a note in The Leaflet.
4. The following Meetings of the Parish Council are planned for the year: 30th April (combined with AGM), 30th July, 29th October, 8th January 2019.
5. There are no current planning applications needing reviewing.
6. **General Data Protection Regulations:** Transparency Act (1972) coming into force May this year. The Clerk said that she had been approached by BALC, as we do not comply with Website and other accounts details. She was offered a free of charge laptop, printer, setup costs, scanner, if a decision could be made this week. After discussion, the Parish Council decided to go ahead with this offer. Clerk to action and report back.
7. **Precept/Budget.** After discussion it was agreed to increase to £7500 per annum. This will take into consideration the extra work the Council will have to take on board, such as cleaning all the signs, trimming hedges and tidying verges.
8. VAT change of paperwork. Details coming soon, the Clerk reported.

9. **FINANCE:** The Clerk advised that the Balance in the Bank is £11104.57. The Loan repayments are debited twice a year. The next tranche of precept will be received April 2018. A cheque was drawn for the Internal Auditor for £50. A cheque for £41.66 for the Clerk's use of home as office (monthly payment). A cheque for £100 for Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance.
10. **New Bench** - near the play area - money raised by ASM. This will be ordered and installed by Village Hall Committee.
11. Electoral Boundaries Changes - no more news at present.
12. Litter Picking: Cllr N Williams offered to run a Spring Litter Pick at 11 a.m. on **March 25th** 2018.
13. Correspondence has been circulated online.
14. Matters for Consideration and Information: Cllr D Roach explained that Fire Engines last year had parking on the verge outside her gate, and subsidence has subsequently occurred. The area was now full of water and a quagmire. The Clerk offered to contact Highways again.

The Meeting closed at 9 p.m.


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