

**MINUTES OF THE ALDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
5th SEPTEMBER IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: T.Chapman (Chairman) N Williams K Walters D Roach
J Clark J Ives (Clerk).

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: nil

PUBLIC: 6

APLOGIES: nil

1. **WELCOME:** from the Chairman to all present. Six parishioners were in attendance. The Chairman suggested that the Meeting started with an open session for the members of public to raise any concerns.
2. **OPEN SESSION:**
 - a) With reference to recent planning applications at Grimms Dyke, which have been refused by West Berks Council. It was drawn to the attention of the Parish Council that an Appeal had been lodged. Concern was raised by some parishioners that the Parish Council had not objected to these. The Parish Council agreed to write to the planning inspectorate to draw their attention to the level of neighbours' objections to this application. With particular reference to the destruction of trees that used to screen the property.
 - b) One parishioner raised concerns regarding the size of the lime trees on parsonage green, and suggested that they should be pollarded. The Parish Council agreed to contact West Berks Council to see if they would agree to do this.
3. **DECLARATIONS:** none
4. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of 4th July were agreed and signed by the Chairman. All in Favour.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) Potholes: Cllr Roach has been in recent communication with West Berks Council and the projects are still on going.
 - b) Gully at Church - there has been a meeting at the site and plans to improve the lower entrance.
 - c) The defibrillator is in place outside the Pub. A discussion took place on training.
 - d) A working key was handed to the Clerk for the Notice Board and she promised to fill it with a laminated map of footpaths in the area, and plenty of other information.
6. The Village Hall is getting more Bookings, and all is satisfactory.
7. **PLANNING:** There is no new planning, but Cllr Chapman advised that his appeal at Woodrows Farm had been upheld.

8. The Clerk gave the Chairman a copy of a draft **Transparency Code** to read and circulate to the rest of the Council.
9. The Clerk advised that the Mazars Bill had been larger because of the threshold for £25K. One payment for the Village Hall Committee had thrown it over the limit, so the invoice had been greater than expected.
10. **Standing Orders and Code of Conduct** were given to all Councillors and will be 'adopted' at the November Meeting. Financial Regulations and Risks of Assessment will be given out in November and adopted in January.
11. FINANCES: Balance in the bank £8968.08.

Cheques Paid Aldworth

04/08/2016	598	A J Ives use home	41.66
15/08/2016	599	Mazars audit	270.00
05/09/2016	600	A J Ives use home	41.66
03/10/2016	601	A J Ives use home	41.66
21/08/2016	602	stny/post Autela Payroll	11.58
09/09/2016	603	1/4	30.00
			436.56

There being no District Councillor's Report, or Correspondence, nor Matters for Consideration.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m. and the next Meeting is scheduled for November 7th 2016 at 7.30 p.m.