

**MINUTES OF THE ALDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Tim Chapman Nick Williams J Clark Donna Roach Kate Walters.

Clerk: Julia Ives

**District Councillor:** Alan Law

**Welcome to all those present.**

**Open Session** - no public so the Parish Council discussed the situation with gigaclear and BT. Broadband. Gigaclear are marching ahead in the rural areas. BT have been approaching Parishes covered by gigaclear, in an effort to gain contracts. They offer to speak at Council Meetings. There is some improvement already locally in the speed of the broadband.

1. Apologies: nil
2. Declarations nil.
3. **MINUTES:** The Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were agreed and signed.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - **Lime Trees on Parsonage Green.** Having been advised by WBC that they do not belong to them, then Yattendon Estates said the same, the clerk was asked to go back to WBC and check again. It is hoped that the trees will be trimmed back soon,
  - **Potholes:** Still more appear but some have been filled. The road from 4 Points to Compton suffers from erosion along the edges. Floods are expected on the corner of Westridge green. Clerk to contact Mark Edwards at WBC.
  - **Grimms Dyke:** Appeal is in progress, and no further news at present.
  - **Gully along the road side of Church.** After a Meeting with WBC, The Vicar and Maurice Allen four months ago, nothing further has been heard. Cllr Clark said he would speak to Maurice Allen and chase WBC.
  - **Notice Board:** It is filled, but the clerk said that it was uneconomical for her to travel over for one piece of paper. Cllr N. Williams said that he was not getting all the Clerk's e-mails. If this could be rectified he would be pleased to save her the journeys. Both agreed to test the e-mails and report at the next meeting.
5. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.**
  - a) Alan Law explained how he came to leave the planning position on the Executive at WBC.
  - b) Alan Law circulated a sheet on The Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes. These changes affect the Basildon Ward, which covers Streatley, Aldworth, Upper and Lower Basildon within the Newbury constituency. These initial proposals are now out to public consultation until 4<sup>th</sup> December. Alan Law said he did not want this area to be

encompassed with Reading West. The Chairman Tim Chapman suggested that a letter was sent to the Boundary Commission, from the Parish Council of Aldworth. The Parish Council thanked District Councillor A. Law for attending this meeting, as he had been missed for some months.

6. **PLANNING:** there was no planning tonight.
7. **ADOPTION:** The Parish Council voted in favour of adopting Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations and Risk Assessment for the next 4 years. The Clerk thanked them for their diligence.
8. **PARISH CONFERENCE.** The Clerk had attended with a full hall. The topics covered were in the main Boundary Changes, Devolution and Planning, and Broadband. The Executive stood up and introduced their responsibilities.
9. **FINANCE:** The Clerk said that the Balance in the bank was, after the precept in October, £11410.36. The Public Loan was shortly to be debited. The next tranche of the Precept would be in April 2017.
10. **MATTERS OF INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION.** A discussion took place on the speed of traffic coming down the B4009 from Westridge to the Four Points. Cars are exceeding the 40 mph limit, half way down the hill. The Clerk was asked to write to WBC Highways and road safety asking for the speed to be controlled at 30 mph, with new signage.

**The Meeting closed at 9 p.m. and the next Meeting is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30  
THURSDAY**