

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR ALDWORTH

HELD ON 5TH JANUARY 2017.

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

Member of the Public: Maurice Allen.

1 Apologies from Julia Ives

2 Open session one parishioner in attendance. Maurice Allen asking if we could write to Richard Benyon asking about the problem with poor mobile phone reception in the village. Also to have the minutes of the parish council meetings printed in the leaflet. Some of them seem to have been missed out. The parish council were in agreement with both these points. There was also a request for a larger contribution to be made to maintaining the graveyard. It was agreed to discuss this within the budget and precept section.

3 Minutes to be approved at the next meeting

4 Matters Arising

Grimms Dyke appeal refused due to its size and visibility.

Parsonage green lime trees - the council has agreed to raise the canopy to 3 meters and trim back from roadside but no work taken place yet.

Gully at church- Maurice Allen has written to the council twice after the meeting with highways that agreed to upgrade the drainage ditch but has not received a reply. The Pc agreed to write as well to see what is happening.

Speeding past Four points - agreed to keep following this up but it will be a long process.

5 Libraries - the parish council agreed to support this with a financial contribution as long as the money was really used for that purpose.

6 No district councillor in attendance

7 Payphone- we would like to keep

8 Planning land and buildings at Pibworth lodge no objections

9 Budget and Precept: It was agreed to raise the precept to £7000 to cover the contribution to the library and the increase in the money given to graveyard maintenance which will rise to £350 from £250. The clerks request for £200 towards her gigaclear connection and cost of exiting contract with BT was discussed. It was felt that we need definite costs before we agree to a contribution.

10 Other finance nil

11 Correspondence nil

12 Matters for information and consideration

Kate Walters is going to write regarding the possible boundary changes for the M P 's constituencies.

One Councillor has some problems with parked cars outside her house that leave engines running waiting for school bus and the postman who idles his van for ten minutes.

The next Meeting is scheduled for 6th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.