

MINUTES OF THE ALDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 p.m.

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

J Ives (Clerk)

Public: none

District Councillor: none

Apologies: P Sheppard M Allen.

MINUTES: Minutes of the Meeting on 5th January 2017 were agreed and signed. All in Favour.

MATTERS ARISING: a) Mud and excess water is coming down Westridge Hill to beyond the Four Points. Some drains and gullies are full, and then take time to empty. The Clerk had received this notification from P Sheppard in the afternoon of 6th March and had placed a request with West Berks Council. An answer had been received and contractors will work within 7 days.

The Council were reminded that a few years ago a car was overturned by the strength of water gushing down the hill.

PLANNING: none at present time. The clerk was asked to contact Barbara Douglas at WBC to see what she meant as a 'RECALL'.

DONATIONS Section 137 grants. After discussion the Parish Council decided to give Thames Valley Air Ambulance £100. Aldworth PCC £350 for the upkeep of the Churchyard. A later donation to the Poppy Appeal may be made. Further details to be obtained. Donation to support Libraries has been withdrawn until reviewed at the next Meeting.

FINANCE: Balance in the Bank: £9665.77 as at 30/1/2017. Cheques drawn : £100 Air Ambulance, A J Ives expenses February £41.66 March £41.66, Autela Group £38.55 quarterly payment and Pension auto enrolment.

BROADBAND: A discussion took place on Gigaclear's progress in the local area. At present the reception remains poor, particularly at Westridge.

BOUNDARY REVIEW: West Berks Council aim to reduce the number of District Councillors by 10 (+/-1). All under consultation at present. Decisions at the end of March.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION:

- i) The Clerk was asked to check if the Lime Trees on Parsonage Green had been shortened.
- ii) A Litterpicking day has been arranged on 23rd April at 11.m. Please come along!

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9 P.M. AND THE NEXT IS SCHEDULED FOR

15TH MAY AT 7.30 P.M. This will be the AGM.