

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
FOR ALDWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 15TH 2017 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.p.m.

PRESENT:

Tim Chapman Nick Williams Kate Walters Donna Roach Julia Ives (Clerk)

1. **Welcome** to those present
2. **Nomination of Chairman.** Cllr T Chapman agreed to stand again if nominated. Proposed, seconded and All in Favour. Acceptance of Office completed and signed, in duplicate, one copy for WBC and one for Clerk's files.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr J Clark (holidays)
4. **MINUTES** of the last meeting held on 6th March 2017 were agreed and signed. All in Favour.
5. **DECLARATIONS:** none
6. **ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st March 2017.** These were examined and any explanations required given by the Clerk. More work to be done for Mazars by Clerk, before posting in.
7. **Litter Picking.** Recent session organised by Cllr N Williams. 10 Adults, 6 Children. 8 sacks collected. This is becoming an annual feature in the diary and the Chairman thanked Cllr N Williams for his hard work.
8. The Public Loan had been paid in April (£668.31) and in October (£664.00).
9. **PLANNING:** none at present. A short discussion took place on the 5 planning applications submitted this year.
10. **FINANCE:** The RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) gave the Balance in the Bank £11,214.36. Three cheques were signed: £41.66 A J Ives Clerk's allowance, Came & Co Insurance for Local Councils £405.60, and Royal British Legion £25.00 donation. The Brokers Came & Co will hold this amount for another two years.
11. **Chairman's Report for the year ending 31st March 2017.**

We have had a relatively quiet year.

The Village Hall has been well used, and living up to everybody's expectations.

The Financial matters to do with the Village Hall are progressing favourably.

The Precept has been raised to £7K per annum, to cater for future expenditure which may arrive from West Berks Council, delegating more responsibility to the Parish Council.

We have examined 5 planning applications of which two went to Appeal and one of these was refused. We have always had enough Councillors to make the requirement of a quorum, and I thank the Councillors for making their attendance.

Litterpick day has become quite an occasion, and I thank Cllr Williams and his helpers for a successful clean-up.

I thank the clerk for her on-going work.

- 12. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION.**
- a) Bollards have been put up along the gully next to the Church. Without notification to the village or the Parish Council. The Chairman and Councillors will chase up and with the help of the Clerk, find out who promised to repair the leaking drain under the gully. More to report later.
 - b) There is unwanted dog mess in the Westridge area and the clerk suggested that Cllr Roach ring the Dog Warden at WBC for advice.
 - c) The drains need emptying at Westridge Green. Clerk to action.

The Meeting closed at 8.30 and the next Meeting is scheduled for July 3rd (Please note) at 7.30 p.m.