

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 26 July 2016**

**Present** – Cllrs P Howson (Chair), R Wilson, F Huxley, A McLennan, , T Webster; J Crook;  
Clerk: S Stockton

**Community Questions** – There were none.

**92/16 Apologies for absence** – Cllr E McElroy (personal); Cllr M Jones (Ward Councillor);  
Cllr S Crank (ill)

### **93/16 Declarations of Interests**

Cllrs P Howson and A McLennan declared that they had leased land from The Wellcome Trust. Cllr Crook declared that he owns adjacent to the proposed new development (Application 15/4922).

**94/16 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28 June 2016** were agreed

*Proposed: Cllr Webster – Seconded: Cllr Huxley*

**95/16 Report on Improving Alpraham's Environment** **RW/EM/FH/AM**  
**Community in the Countryside**

Cllr Huxley is progressing this item, there are some potential delay problems.

#### **Picnic Area – Renewal and Update of Sign**

Cheshire East have advised that a sign is not required in this area. Closed action.

#### **The Phone Box**

This item is being progressed by Cllr McElroy, quotes expected in next days.

#### **Bench around Yew Tree**

Cllr Crook is progressing this item. Approach being considered with straight bench.

#### **New Notice Board**

Cllr Crook is progressing this item by obtaining quotations.

#### **Playing Field Inspections**

The reports were received for the weekly inspection of the playing field for July.

#### **Footpath from Cheers' Field on to A51**

It was reported that the work done by CEH was unacceptable. Cllr Crook will contact them to get it redone.

#### **Conifer Hedge by Bus Stop**

Understood that the owner of this tree has agreed to it being cut down by CEH to improve visibility and enable the camera to function properly.

**96/16 Report on Resident Safety and Security** **TW**

#### **Defibrillator**

Cllr Webster is progressing the item, it will be installed soon.

#### **Sign to Rushton via Hilbre Bank**

With CEH for action. PH to chase up.

#### **Hilbre Bank Narrow Section** – between The Lea and Hilbre Grange –

This issue ie being progressed by CEH.

#### **Vehicle Activated Speed signs and Speed Guns**

Mr Sparks has purchased the speed gun and hiviz jacket. Funding for Vehicle Activated Signs is issue.

#### **30 mph advance sign: A51/Long Lane Junction**

No further progress – awaiting action by CEH,

**97/16 –Planning Matters in Alpraham Parish** **TW/RW**

(a) **Applications since last meeting** – TW to draft responses following discussions in meeting..

**16/3522 The Elms : Change of Use**

Unused Building to residential unit. Neighbours to this had not been notified by Cheshire East and no documentation was available on the website. The Clerk would investigate.

**16/3395 Stone Cottage : Change of Use**

Unused building to holiday let. There were no objections to this Application

**16/3540 Land North of Vale Road**

Concern as new land in open countryside.

**(b) Decisions Made by CEH**

**16/2100 - The Cottage, Pinfold Lane, CW69JQ**

Granted

**(c) Other matters - Parish Council Planning Responsibilities**

Cllr Howson still has no reply from Cheshire East. (The Monitoring Officer / Legal Head) Will chase once more.

**98/16 – Report on Future and Village Plan related Activities**

**PH/ EM**

**Extending community and social activities**

Village day will take place on 17 September.

**Website Update**

The website is progressing well and should be live by the end of september.

**Play zone update**

Cllr McElroy is dealing with this item with Juliette Lightfoot

**99/16 Report on Finance Matters**

**Clerk**

**a) Internal Audit (Statement of Accounts)**

The up-to-date Statement of Accounts was not available at the meeting. The Clerk undertook to email Parish Councillors with the bank balance.

**b) Expenditure**

The proposed accounts for payment were presented to the meeting as follows:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>
767	26 07 16	80.18	S Sparks (Speed Gun/Hi Viz Jacket
768	26 07 16	157.70	S Stockton (Salary etc Jun 16)
769	26 07 16	33.20	HMRC (Clerk's Tax Jun 16)
770	26 07 16	499.50	TecTamers (Website)
771	26 07 16	500.00	Alraham Social Committee

**Proposed: P Howson – Seconded: T Webster**

**c) Receipts**

No receipts since the last meeting.

**d) Transparency Act 2014**

The accounting documents were available from 1 July 2016

**e) Annual Accounts 2015/16**

The Annual Accounts were with the External Auditor

**f) Village Day : Donation**

After discussion it was decided that £500 be donated to Alraham Social Committee towards the cost of Village Day and other items.

**100/16 Reports on meetings**

None

**101/16 Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 27 September 2016 (Agenda Items by 17/9/16).

**Signed: Chair**

**Clerk**

**Date:.....**