

MINUTES OF ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 31 May 2016

Present – Cllrs P Howson (Chair), F Huxley, E McElroy, A McLennan, R Wilson (late due to traffic), T Webster - Clerk: S Stockton

Community Questions – There were none.

68/16 Apologies for absence – Cllr M Jones (Ward Councillor); Cllr J Crook

69/16 Declarations of Interests

Cllrs P Howson and A McLennan declared that they had leased land from The Wellcome Trust.

70/16 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 April 2016 were agreed

Proposed: Cllr Howson – Seconded: Cllr Webster

71/16 Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Cllr Lupton had resigned from the council due to an increase in her workload. Following advertisement of the vacancy Simon Crank applied to join the Council. Mr Crank attended the meeting to meet and talk with Councillors. After he left the meeting a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Crank be invited to join the Parish Council.

Resolved: That Simon Crank become a Parish Councillor to fill the existing vacancy.

Proposed: Cllr Webster – Seconded: Cllr Howson

72/16 Improving Alpraham's Environment

Community in the Countryside

Cllr Huxley is progressing this item

Picnic Area – Renewal and Update of Sign

The Clerk is progressing this with Cheshire East Highways and Legal Departments

The Phone Box

The electricity supply safety upgrade is being progressed by Cllr McElroy.

Bench around Yew Tree

Cllr Crook is progressing this.

Hedges Encroaching onto the Highways

The work necessary to remedy this is programmed by Cheshire East.

New Notice Board

Cllr Howson will progress the issues on this.

Defibrillator

Cllr Webster confirmed that he is able to take training classes but thought that North West Ambulance team would be more suitable to do this.

Sign to Rushton via Hilbre Bank

Andrea Bickerton (CEH) has passed this issue to the CEH Traffic Team for comments / advice.

Hilbre Bank Narrow Section – between The Lea and Hilbre Grange – added to CEH edging off programme for consideration to try and widen the carriageway.

73/16 Extending community and social activities

Cllr McElroy reported on the Social Committee activities.

74/16 Playing Fields Inspections

The inspection sheets were completed.

75/16 Developing communications

Website

Cllr Howson is progressing this.

76/16 Alpraham Road safety Improvement Update

Vehicle Activated Speed signs and Speed Guns (Cameras)

Mr Sparks is progressing these matters with Cllrs Howson and Webster.

30 mph advance sign: A51/Long Lane Junction

No further progress as not actioned yet by CEH.

77/16 – Planning Applications

(a) Decisions Made

06/0105N Cherry Tree Cottage

Granted

16/1094 – Parkfields, Alpraham

Granted

16/1172 – Grove Farm

Refused

(b) Decisions Awaited

16/0420 – South View

No decision has yet been made.

16/0424 – South View

No decision has yet been made.

16/1025 – Willow Grove Farm

No decision has yet been made.

16/1617 – Grove Farm

.No decision has yet been made

16/1772 – Fox Cottage, Pinfold Lane

No decision has yet been made

(c) New Applications

16/1879N – The Cottage, Pinfold Lane

16/1880N – The Cottage, Pinfold Lane

16/1881N – 5 Alpraham Hall Barns

16/2557N - The Cottage, Chester Road

(d) Concerns : Parish Council Planning Application Responsibilities

Cllr Howson still has no reply from Cheshire East. (The Monitoring Officer / Legal Head),

78/16 – Looking to the future

Mr Howson reported on the progress of The Village Green project.

79/16 Finance

a) Internal Audit (Statement of Accounts)

The up-to-date Statement of Accounts was circulated at the meeting.

b) Expenditure

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

Cheque	Date	Amount	Payee
761	31 05 16	171.85	S Stockton (Clerk's Salary etc Mar 16)
762	31 05 16	33.20	Post Office (Clerk's Tax Mar 16)
763	31 05 16	307.54.	Aon - Insurance

Proposed: P Howson – Seconded: T Webster

c) Receipts

No receipts since the last meeting.

d) Transparency Act 2014

Grant for Website

The Grant for £875 has been received.

e) Insurance Provider

After discussion it was decided to stay with Aon for the next year's insurance.

80/16 Standing Orders

The Standing Orders Document had been reviewed by the Parish Council and adopted
Resolved: The Standing Orders be adopted from 31 May 2016
Proposed: R Wilson – Seconded: A McLennan
81/16 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28 June 2016.

Signed:.....
Chair Clerk

Date:.....