

DRAFT MINUTES OF ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 27 September 2016

Present: Cllrs P Howson (Chair), R Wilson (Vice Chair); F Huxley; A McLennan; J Crook;
S Crank; E McElroy; Cllr M Jones (Ward Councillor)

Clerk: S Stockton

Community Questions – There were none.

102/16 Apologies for absence: Cllr T Webster

103/16 Declarations of Interests

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

104/16 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 July 2016 were agreed

Proposed: Cllr Huxley – Seconded: Cllr McLennan

105/16 Report on Improving Alpraham's Environment

RW/EM/FH/AM

Community in the Countryside

Cllr Huxley reported he had problems on this. The Chair said the document should go on the Website (from where prints can be made)

Picnic Area

The area around the picnic table needs mowing. Clerk will contact CEC

The Phone Box

Two quotes received for a power isolation switch. Lower quote for £107 + VAT from Barlows was proposed and agreed for acceptance. Cllr McElroy to notify.

Proposed: Cllr McElroy – Seconded: Cllr McLennan

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 for the weekly inspection of the playing field for August and September are pending.

Footpath from Cheers' Field on to A51

It was reported that the work done by Cheshire East was unacceptable. Cllr Crook will contact them to get it remedied.

Conifer Hedge by Bus Stop

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

106/16 Report on Resident Safety and Security

TW

Defibrillator

Cllr Webster is waiting for the Phone Box to be ready.

Sign to Rushton via Hilbre Bank

This sign is still routing A51 traffic to Ruston up Hilbre Bank.

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

This issue is being progressed by CEH.

Vehicle Activated Speed signs and Speed Guns

Training has commenced. Funding for signs still being sought.

30 mph advance sign: A51/Long Lane Junction

No further progress by CEH – Clerk to follow up

107/16 Planning Matters in Alpraham Parish

TW/RW

(a) Applications since last meeting

16/3801 The Grange, Chester Road : Raise Roof on Extension

Discussed. It was confirmed that the Parish Council has no objections to this application. Action Clerk.

16/4330 The Grange, Chester Road : First Floor Extension

Discussed. The Parish Council has no objections to this application. Action Clerk.

16/4405 1 Alpraham Hall Barns : Single Storey Rear Domestic Extension

Discussed. There are concerns because of the Listed status. To be considered further. Action RW

16/4404 1 Alpraham Hall Barns : Listed Building Consent for Single Storey Rear Domestic Extension

Discussed. Decision depends on conservation officer. Parish Council position to be considered further. Action RW

16/4429 : Ash Cottage, Chester Road : New Dwelling

Discussed. There are 3 main issues (1) the land is in open countryside (2) Highway access (3) sewage in the area from across the A51 etc. To be evaluated further – Action RW

16/4479 : Sadlers Cottage : Oak Balcony

Discussed. The Parish Council has no objection to this development as long as it is in keeping with the design of the property. Action Clerk

(b) Decisions Made by CEC

16/3522 The Elms : Change of Use

Prior approval is not required for this application.

16/3395 Stone Cottage : Change of Use

No decision yet made by Cheshire East

16/3540 Land North of Vale Road

Granted permission.

(c) Other matters - Parish Council Planning Responsibilities

Cllr Howson still has no reply from the Monitoring Officer of CEC, he will consider contacting the Chief Executive.

108/16 Report on Future and Village Plan related Activities

PH/ EM

Extending community and social activities

Village day was successfully held on 17 September..

Website Update

The Alpraham Village Website is now live – www.alprahamvillage.co.uk

The Website is to be “owned” on behalf of the community by the proposed new Alpraham Village Trust which will manage the facilities etc. The current “owner” is the Social Committee with the Parish Council element being hosted within it.

S106

Work on the S106 by Cheshire East is taking longer than anticipated

Play zone update

Work on the play zone had gone well but the grant application was delayed

109/16 Report on Finance Matters

Clerk

a) Internal Audit (Statement of Accounts)

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

b) Expenditure

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

Cheque	Date	Amount	Payee
772	27 09 16	18.00	Playing Fields Association
773	27 09 16	300.47	S Stockton (Salary etc Jul/Aug 16)
774	27 09 16	66.60	HMRC (Clerk's Tax Jul/Aug 16)

Proposed: F Huxley – Seconded: P Howson

c) Receipts

The second instalment of the Precept for £2,300 had been received.

d) Annual Accounts 2015/16

The Conclusion of Audit had been displayed for the required 14 days.

110/16 Reports on meetings

None

111/16 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25 October 2016 (Agenda Items by 12 October 2016).

Signed: Chair

Clerk

Date:.....