

DRAFT MINUTES OF ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 28 March 2017

Present: Cllrs P Howson (Vice Chair); A McLennan; S Crank; S Sparks; Clerk: S Stockton

Community Questions – There were none.

36/17 Apologies for absence: Cllr R Wilson (Chair) -Work Commitments; T Webster -Work Commitments; J Crook-Work Commitments; E McElroy-Minding Children; Cllr M Jones (Ward Councillor) ;Cllr Howson stood in as Chair for the meeting.

37/17 Declarations of Interests
As previously declared.

38/17 Approval of Minutes of Meeting – 28 February 2016.
The minutes were approved.
Proposed: Cllr A McLennan - Seconded: Cllr S Crank

39/17 Report on Improving Alpraham's Environment
Bench around Yew Tree
A discussion took place with the information to hand and it was unanimously decided that the quote by R Reeves be accepted. Cllr Howson will contact the company to get the work done.
New Notice Board repair.
Cllr Howson will undertake this work by adding a cork board.
Playing Field Inspections
The playing field inspections were carried out and some of the reports are still awaited.
Electricity Supply for Christmas Lights in Yew Tree
Cllr McElroy is progressing this item.
New Waste Bin for dog waste
Cllr McElroy has this in hand.

40/17 Report on Resident Safety and Security
Defibrillator
""Defibrillator" and "www.alprahamvillage.co.uk" signage for the telephone box is being progressed by Cllr Wilson. It was suggested that a demonstration of how to use the Defibrillator could take place at Village Day.

RW

41/17 Report on Highways
Conifer Hedge by Bus Stop (Blocking operational use of the Speed Camera)
The tree has been cut back and the speed camera should now be operating...
Sign to Rushton via Hilbre Bank
Cllr Sparks is now considering this item.
30 mph advance sign: A51/Long Lane Junction
Still awaiting the sign to be installed by Cheshire East Highways
7.5 Ton Limit of back lanes
It was suggested that a sign stating that Hilbre Bank and Back Lane were unsuitable for heavy traffic be located at the entrance to Hilbre Bank. To be considered.
School Bus problems
This matter will be pursued by Cllr Sparks.
Speed Gun etc.
Cllr Sparks said that more volunteers are required to use the speed gun. Cllr Howson will arrange for this to be mentioned in a newsletter. Cllr Sparks is investigating SIDs prices and grants.

Footpath from Mr. Cheers' Field on to A51

Cllr Sparks will contact Cheshire East Highways.

Street Lights on the A51 (Nantwich side of the Village)

Still awaiting completion by Cheshire East

42/17 Planning Matters in Alpraham Parish

(a) Applications since last meeting

17/1328: New Dwelling: Land Adjacent to the Cottage, Chester Road

This application was discussed and there was no major reason for objection. Cllr Webster will be asked to prepare a response as appropriate to Cheshire East Planning. It was noted that the access was via the bridleway.

(b) Decisions Made by Cheshire East

None since the last meeting.

(c) Decisions Awaited from Cheshire East Planning

16/4408: Land at Chester Road: Outline Permission for 2 Residential Dwellings

16/6067 – Willow Grove Farm: Outline Resubmission: Key Worker's Cottage

17/0062 – The Cottage, Pinfold Lane: Install Flood Lighting to Manage

17/0302 – Land Adj. to the Cottage, Chester Road: 2 Detached Dwellings/Garaging

(d) Discussion of item from last meeting

The February minutes stated -

27/17 Planning Application 17/0062: The Cottage, Pinfold Lane: Install Flood Lighting to Manage

This was discussed at length in particular in relation to a comment submission supposedly on the application which in fact only commented on the Parish Council's considered submission. At the meeting it was proposed that an email be sent to Cheshire East Council management asking them to remove this from their planning website. Subsequent to the meeting more serious possible issues were noted on the subject. Because of this the next meeting agenda (28th March in the Planning Matters section) will now also include this specific topic for further discussion and consideration.

The meeting discussed the serious issues that the resident response implied. The meeting considered an email from the Parish Council to the resident saying that if they wished to raise the issues that they should write to the ombudsman and not misuse the planning system. The situation should be considered more at the next meeting when there was a fuller attendance of Councillors.

**43/17 Report on Social Activities and Future Vision Working Group
New Village Hall**

Cllr Howson asked the meeting if they had any further suggestions regarding the issued layout. A security door should be considered between the main hall and kitchen and toilets areas.

Play Area

Cllr. Howson said that the approach re applying for a grant for the Play Area needs to be reconsidered. The main reason is the possibility of changes to A51 road facilities in the Play Area part of Council Land. The changes could involve Speed camera, new Crossing, Bus Stop etc. Hence the first part of the work will be to define requirements fully with residents separately from the completion and submission of a grant application.

44/17 Finance

Report on Finance Matters

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: ?

There were insufficient signatories present at the meeting for the Expenditure to be authorised and cheques signed.

c) Receipts

No receipts since the last meeting.

45/17 Ward Councillor's Report and Reports on Meetings Attended

Cllr Crook will attend the next Police Cluster Meeting in April.

4617 Complaints Procedure and Protocol on Harassment and Bullying

Cllr Wilson is progressing this.

RW

47/17 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 25 April 2017

(Agenda Items by 14 April 2017)

Signed: Chair

Clerk

Date:.....