

DRAFT MINUTES OF ALPRAHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Calveley Chapel on Tuesday 25 April 2017

Present: Cllrs P Howson (Vice Chair); R Wilson (Chair); A McLennan; E McElroy; S Crank; S Sparks; J Crook; Clerk: S Stockton (Note – re Chair – Cllr. R Wilson was delayed by traffic and Vice Chair Cllr. P Howson chaired the meeting)

Community Questions – There were none.

48/17 Apologies for absence: Cllr M Jones (Ward Councillor);

49/17 Vacancy

Cllr Webster had resigned from the Parish Council and a vacancy notice had been posted on the notice board.

50/17 Declarations of Interests

As previously declared plus Cllr S Sparks has submitted a Planning Application for a kitchen extension, this is a permitted development that does not require planning permission.

51/17 Approval of Minutes of Meeting – 28 March 2016.

The minutes were approved.

Proposed: Cllr S Sparks - Seconded: Cllr A McLennan S

**52/17 Report on Improving Alpraham's Environment
Bench around Yew Tree**

EM/AM/JC/SC/PH

Work to commence in June

New Notice Board repair.

Cllr Howson has undertaken the work by fitting a cork backboard.

Playing Field Inspections

The playing field inspections were carried out, some of the reports are still awaited.

Playing Field Sign

It had been noted that a new sign "Nantwich Road Playing Field" had been put on the gate of the Playing Field – the Clerk was asked to find out why the name had been altered from Alpraham Playing Fields.

SS

Electricity Supply for Christmas Lights in Yew Tree

No further progress

New Waste Bin for dog waste

Cheshire East will supply the bin to be located at the three lane junction at Alpraham Green. The cost will be £360 which has previously been agreed by the Parish Council and will be paid when the invoice is received.

Old Phone Box

This will be painted by residents.

**53/17 Report on Resident Safety and Security
Defibrillator**

RW

The signage on the old phone box is being progressed by Cllr Wilson.

RW

**54/17 Report on Highways
Speed Cameras**

SS

Both cameras are now working. The growth of the tree will be monitored so that the view of the camera is not obstructed.

Sign to Rushton via Hilbre Bank

Cllr Sparks is progressing this item.

30 mph advance sign: A51/Long Lane Junction

Cheshire East Highways are progressing this.

7.5 Ton Limit of back lanes

Cllr Sparks is progressing the road signs directing unsuitable traffic up Hilbre Bank.

School Bus problems

Cllr Sparks is progressing this item.

Speed Gun etc.

Cllr Sparks is progressing the training of volunteers available and said that more volunteers were needed. He was investigating speed indicator devices.

Footpath from Mr. Cheers' Field on to A51

Cllr Sparks will contact Cheshire East Highways on this matter.

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

The street lights have not been switched back on.

55/17 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 reason for refusal.

(b) **Decisions Made by Cheshire East**

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

Refused

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

Granted

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

Granted

(c) **Decisions Awaited from Cheshire East Planning**

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

(d) **Other matters - Parish Council Planning Responsibilities and Cheshire East**

No specific issues discussed.

56/17 Report on Social Activities and Future Vision Working Group

PH/ EM

a) **New Village Hall**

A plan for the layout of the hall/pavilion had been agreed with Bidwells and The Wellcome Trust. Cllr Howson confirmed that the whole project will proceed.

b) **Play Area**

This is being progressed by Juliette Lightfoot with support by Cllrs McElroy and Howson and input from the Social Committee and residents.

(A football area plan plus has also been drafted by John Worboy.

c) **Section 106 and other project issues**

The Management Committee (Working Group) formation is progressing and involves Councillors, residents and representatives and advisors from neighbouring parishes, businesses etc.

d) **Reading Room Committee Contact**

Cllr Howson reported that he had been recently contacted by Trevor Rowell representing the Reading Room Trustees and subsequently met him. Mr Rowell asked if Alpraham Parish Council would donate £300 to the Reading Room Trustees to enable them to insure the Reading Room building whilst not in use prior to demolition. The attendees of the Parish Council meeting supported this in principle as they did not wish to have an uninsured unusable wooden building in the Parish adjacent to other buildings putting them at risk.

In addition Cllr Howson was told by Mr Rowell that as the Village Green Project is confirmed as going ahead the Reading Room land would be sold and money would be donated towards equipment and facilities funding for this project. Mr Rowell is to call a meeting of the Reading Room Trustees after the above confirmation by Alpraham Parish Council. The latest estimate of the value of the site is £160,000.

Furthermore, Cllr Howson was told that a Resident (name withheld) attending a Reading Room Trustee meeting said that apparently the Landowners of the approved planning application 15/2331/N will be donating a piece of land to Alpraham Parish in lieu of a Section 106 agreement. This will be investigated.

e) Village Day

Cllr McElroy said that Village Day will be on 16 September.

f) Autumn Walk

It was suggested that a walk across the parish's footpaths in the autumn could be organised, during which any damage to footpath areas could be reported and maintained.

g) Possible Car Boot Sale

A car boot sale had been also suggested but it was thought that the traffic generated by such an event could be problematic.

57/17 Finance

Report on Finance Matters

SS

a) Internal Audit (Statement of Accounts)

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

b) Expenditure

The following cheques were agreed for payment:

Cheque	Date	Amount	Payee
789	25 04 17	170.02	S Stockton (Salary etc. Feb 17)
790	CANCELLED		
791	25 04 17	100.00	P Howson (Donation to Calveley Church)
792	25 04 17	20.00	Cheshire Community Action Subs
793	25 04 17	125.30	CHALC Subs
794	25 04 17	18.00	Cheshire Playing Fields Assn Subs
795	25 04 17	314.57	AON UK Ltd
796	25 04 17	8.00	Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society Subs

Proposed: A McLennan – Seconded: J Crook

c) Receipts

Receipts since the last meeting were:

05 04 17	2,415.00	First Instalment of the Precept
	1,150.00	Parish Compact

58/17 Ward Councillor's Report and Reports on Meetings Attended

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

Cllr Jones was not present at the meeting.

59/17 Complaints Procedure and Protocol on Harassment and Bullying

Cllr Wilson is progressing this.

RW

60/17 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 30 May 2017

(Agenda Items by 19 May 2017)

Signed: Chair

Clerk

Date:.....