**MINUTES OF ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held in Alderton Village Hall on Monday 10 June 2019

**Present**: Christopher Langley (CL) Chairman, Robin Gilbert (RG), Ruth Clark (RC), Will Palmer (WP), Mal Ward (MW), Christina Joyce (CJ), Bill Vaudrey (BV), Tim Giles (TG).

**In attendance**: Joy Andrews (JA), clerk.

**Members of public**: None

1. **Open Forum**: There were no members of the public present
2. **Apologies for absence**: Nick Rose
3. **Declarations of member’s interests in any items on this agenda:** None
4. **Approval of minutes of meeting**: The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019 were approved and signed.
5. **Matters arising from minutes**: i) The clerk reported that although the car which was parked on the recreation ground had been removed for a short time it is now back. Councillors instructed the clerk to write to the owner informing him the vehicle will be scrapped at his expense if not removed within 2 weeks.
6. **Welcome co-opted councillors**: The chairman welcomed Will Palmer and Christina Joyce to the council. Declarations of Acceptance were signed.
7. **Policies**: All policies have been reviewed and a new risk assessment of council procedure was adopted.
8. **Finance**: i) The clerk stated that the balance at the bank on 31 May 2019 was £12,883.72. The half yearly precept of £3,450 has been received as have all allotment rents.

 Ii) The items on the attached list were authorised for payment.

9**. Play Equipment –** RG agreed to arrange a work party to paint the play equipment on the recreation ground as necessary.

10. **Flagpole – to appoint someone to raise the flag on appropriate days**: RC and MW agreed to do this.

11. **Storage space – To consider reclaiming space at rear of village hall**: after discussion the clerk was asked to obtain prices for a shed which could be erected at the back of the hall. Agenda item for next meeting.

12**. Anti-social behaviour – To address problem**: some reports of harassment have been received but as these are not first-hand reports it was felt no action should be taken at present. Any further problems should be documented at the time.

13. **Scottish Power - To discuss applying for community grant**: In view of the fact that the work being carried out by Scottish Power is taking longer than anticipated, some damage has been caused to property in Ramsholt Road and movement of heavy vehicles have damaged the roads it was decided to approach Scottish Power for compensation.

14. **Alderton Show – To receive update**: RC reported that the risk assessments and Temporary Events Notice have been completed. MW has been on Radio Suffolk and took the opportunity to advertise The Show. There is some electrical equipment which needs to be PAT tested, this is in hand. MW has obtained a trailer for use as the stage which is being loaned at no cost to the council.

15. **Youth Club – To arrange presentation of cheques**: The clerk has been in touch with Just 42 regarding this but has currently had no response. This will be followed up and a date arranged as soon as possible.

16. **Christmas lunch – To discuss future**: Councillors were asked to discuss this with members of the village to ascertain general feeling and obtain ideas for a replacement event. Agenda item for next meeting.

17. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council:** (i) CJ was asked to look into registering The Swan public house as a valuable asset to the community. (ii) RC reported that one of the cookers in the village hall is broken and needs to be disconnected. The village hall committee are looking into ways to re-arrange the kitchen. (iii) First Aid boxes have been checked, the one in the village hall is complete and up to date. (iv) An email has been received from a resident requesting yellow lines outside their property. (v) Councillors were asked to consider whether it is viable to allow Caravan clubs to meet on the recreation ground so that a decision can be made at the next meeting.

18**. Date of next meeting**: 9 September 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8,15 p.m.

**These are draft minutes which will be verified at the next meeting**

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