

MINUTES OF ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held in Alderton Village Hall on Monday 11 June 2018

Present: Christopher Langley (CL) Chairman, Nicholas Rose (NR), Diana Loughlin (DL), Robin Gilbert (RG), Ruth Clark (RC), Alex Mann (AM) Will Palmer (WP)

In attendance: Joy Andrews (JA), clerk.

Members of public: None

1. **Apologies for absence:** Darren King (DK) – work commitments, Cllr. Christine Block.
2. **Declarations of member's interests in any items on this agenda:** None
3. **Approval of minutes of meetings:** The minutes of meeting held on 14 May 2018 were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising from minutes:** (i) It was decided that as the recreation ground had not been cut as regularly as it should, which had caused problems for Sutton Heath Football Club, the charge for use would not be increased this year. A clause should be added to the Terms & Conditions that if these are not adhered to a penalty will be charged. (ii) Discussion took place regarding caravans on the recreation ground. Further information to be gathered and presented at an open meeting – date to be arranged. (iii) The clerk reported that it would cost £295 to purchase a Grit/Salt Bin for Mill Hoo. It was felt this would not hold enough salt to be effective so not viable. (iv) RC agreed to continue as member of the Village Hall committee for the coming year.
5. **To adopt new policies:** The new Data Protection Statement and Privacy Notice were adopted.
6. **Finance:** (i) The clerk reported that the current balance at the bank is £29,655. The attached list of items was authorised for payment. (ii) It was agreed that the electricity supplier for the village hall should be switched to EDF as their prices are considerably lower than competitors. (Clerk) (iii) It was agreed that a donation of £100 should be made towards the cost of research and the exhibition (Armistice 100) which is to be held in the village later this year to commemorate local men and women who served in WW1.
7. **Replacement play equipment:** It was a condition of grants received for this project that this should be recorded on a sign displayed at the play area. RG agreed to deal with this.
8. **Maintenance:** Four picnic tables donated by Ramsholt Arms have been refurbished for use on the recreation ground. The interior of the pavilion will be painted after the fete when all books have been removed. A work party will be formed to treat the wooden play equipment – date to be arranged. Volunteers to be sought at Parish Council stand at fete.
9. **Traffic through village:** Following a complaint from a parishioner regarding speeding traffic in the village it was decided to revisit the idea of a Speed Indicator Device. Clerk to investigate. The chairman reported that he is continuing to press for the 30 mph signs on Hollesley Road to be repositioned.
10. **Emergency Centre: (i) Lighting** - It was agreed to purchase 4 Outdoor LED Lanterns (1000lm) with batteries for use in the village hall in case of an emergency. (NR) **(ii) Gas Heater** – It was agreed that the gas heater should be used when the village hall is let rather than the electric wall heaters. DL to inform hirers and ensure they know how to operate this, typed instructions are displayed. Clerk to purchase replacement gas cylinders.

11. **Fete:** RC reported that plans were coming along but more help is still needed. 25 advertising signs will be going up in the area which are sponsored by Yopa. A coffee morning combined with Garage/Yard sales is arranged for Sunday 17 June at which raffle tickets will be available. Councillors were asked to take raffle tickets to sell before the day of the fete.
12. **Allotments:** The chairman reported that some tenants have given up their allotments but all plots have now been re-let.
13. **Village Recorder** – Councillors were informed that Judy Foulger has been appointed as volunteer Village Recorder for Alderton.
14. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:** (i) A report from Hollesley Parish Council has been circulated regarding a number of thefts in the area. It was felt that the best way to reach residents regarding this is through Village Voices. (ii) The chairman highlighted points from the Joint Wilford Peninsula Parish Council meeting – a report has been sent to all councillors. (iii) The Community Land Trust will be holding a Public Meeting in Hollesley Village Hall on 3 July at 7 p.m.
15. **Date of next meeting:** 10 September 2018

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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

