**MINUTES OF ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held in Alderton Village Hall on Monday 13 March 2017

**Present**: Christopher Langley (CL) Chairman, Nick Rose(NR), Will Palmer (WP), Ruth Clark (RC), Diana Loughlin (DL), Robin Gilbert (RG), Bill Vaudrey (BV) Darren King (DK), Alex Mann (AM).

**In attendance**: Joy Andrews (clerk), Christine Block (CB) District Councillor, Eve Wells (EW), Sutton Heath Football Club secretary.

**Members of public present**: Two

1. **Apologies for absence:** None
2. **Declarations of member’s interests in any items on this agenda:** None
3. **Approval of minutes of meeting**: The minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising from minutes**: NR reported that approx 200 Emergency Plan Questionnaires were delivered to households in the village and 45 were completed and returned. The number of people willing to help is positive and 17 would be interested in receiving first aid training. Only 9 people identified themselves as being elderly/disabled and needing assistance but more work needs to be done on this as there are several more than this. A full breakdown will be entered into spreadsheets in the same format as Bawdsey to form part of the Bawdsey and Alderton Parishes Joint Community Emergency Plan.
5. **Sutton Heath Football Club:** Discussion took place between Eve Wells (Secretary to SHFC) and the councillors regarding the Terms and Conditions for use of the recreation ground, pavilion and container. EW stated that all children playing are under 11 years old and there are often 4 teams playing on a Saturday morning. It would not be practical to issue a fixtures list to the council as it often has to be changed, however an up to date list can be viewed on the South Suffolk Youth League website. There will be training sessions on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer and maybe some Fridays. It was agreed that SHFC will buy some boot brushes to be fixed outside the pavilion to enable the children to clean their boots before entering. EW agreed to contact the 5 households along Watson Way which are affected by the cars parking on their verges with a proposal to erect striped tape along the verges on match days. EW stated that a rise in rent to £300 was too much, taking into consideration all the other expenses the club has.RC proposed that the charge be set at £200 from April 2017 as a compromise with a review each year, this was agreed by all councillors. Relevant business being concluded EW left the meeting.
6. **District Councillor’s Report: (i)** CB reported that Council Tax in the Suffolk Coastal District Council area has increased by 3.25% for the year 2017/18. This has been caused by a decrease in the amount of money received from government, therefore SCDC are having to generate more money by other means.

(ii) CB is pressing for a meeting between local parish councils and East Anglia One windfarm regarding the traffic movements and proposed road improvements. The lack of information is very unsatisfactory. CB recalled that Scottish Power had stated that if properties close to the road were surveyed before movements commenced and were found to have been damaged during the work they will pay for repairs.

(iii) Improvements to the river wall from Bawdsey Ferry to Shottisham are needed at a cost of between £1.3 to £1.5 million. A government grant will be needed for this.

(iv) SCDC have been given a substantial amount of money by the government to be spent on building affordable homes in coastal areas which have a high level of second homes. This would apply to Bawdsey but Alderton should be involved also.

1. **Finance:** (i) The proposed budget had been circulated to all councillors and was approved. (copy attached). (ii)The attached list of cheques raised was approved.
2. **Clerk’s Contract of Employment**: A contract of employment has been drawn up for the clerk and it was agreed that the rate of pay from 1 April 2017 should be set at the new NJC rates for 2017/18 at SCP18.
3. **Play Equipment:** RG reported that 2 estimates had been obtained to replace the Zip wire and swings, both are approx. £13,000. There is £5965 available from the SCDC play fund and CB stated that there is a possibility of a small grant from her community enabling fund and possibly from the County Councillor also. Councillors were in favour of replacing rather than repairing equipment as there may be rot in more of the wood and to insert metal shoes to keep wood off the ground would be almost as expensive as replacing.

RG to make further enquiries into obtaining grants.

1. **Container on Recreation Ground:** NR stated that although the new container is in much better condition than the previous one there is still some surface rust. It was decided that the top of the container needs to be treated. A working party will move heavy items from the pavilion into the container on 2 April. DL and RC will move smaller items before then. It was noted that DL, RC and RG hold keys for the container.
2. **Public Space Protection Orders**: The councillors agreed that PSPOs should be applied for to make it illegal to allow dog fouling on the grassy areas around Mill Hoo and the Recreation Ground. Support was also given for the Dog Order Proposal for Shingle Street raised by Bawdsey Parish Council to protect an area of coast south of Shingle Street.
3. **Village Hall**: After discussion it was agreed that DL should obtain prices for blinds for the windows in the village Hall. The clerk reported that the grant from Cllr. Block’s community enabling fund to purchase new cutlery had not been received. Cllr. Block will look into this.
4. **Car parking in village**: DL expressed concern over dangerous parking on The Knoll and at the junction with Mill Hoo. There is also a problem of cars parking on the pavement so that it is impossible to pass without having to walk into the road. Clerk to report this to the police.
5. **Speeding through the village and in Mill Hoo**: DL reported that there is a problem with vehicles, particularly delivery vans, speeding in these areas. CL and BV offered to speak with members of Sutton Parish Council to see how they have dealt with this problem.
6. **Access from Recreation Ground to Beach Lane**: It has been noted that vehicles are taking a short cut along the side of the recreation ground to access Beach Lane. DL offered to get a post to be erected to stop this.
7. **Planning applications (i) DC/17/0763/FUL** – The Barn, Mill Lane. As it is unclear from the application exactly what work is to be carried out the clerk is to refer this back to SCDC.

**(ii)DC/17/0916/FUL** – Cedar Farm, Hollesley Road – To erect a new building to house potato seed storage and potato chitting areas along with covered areas (open sided) for machinery storage – No objection, clerk to inform SCDC.

1. **Litter Pick**: RG reminded councillors that a litter pick has been arranged for Sunday 2 April meeting at the pavilion at 10 a.m. Clerk to make posters and display around the village.
2. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the council**: (i) CL asked for a volunteer to attend the meeting on 29 April to be held in Hollesley village hall regarding the Peninsula 2018 Poppy Project, no volunteers at present.

(ii)WP made councillors aware that a number of vehicles in the village had been broken into recently and some tools stolen.

1. **Date of next meeting**: Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

15 May 2017 commencing at 7 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed…………………………………………………… Date……………………………………..