ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2015

Present:

Christopher Langley(CL), John Haley(JH), Bill Vaudrey(BV), Diana Loughlin(DL), Robin Gilbert(RG), Alex Mann(AM), Ruth Clark(RC), Christine Block(SCDC)(CB)

Apologies:

Diana Loughlin(DL) & Will Palmer(WP)

Matters Arising:

CL asked for any matters arising and asked for BV to speak about the BCP. BV gave a brief outline of all possible options for sea defences and the preferred choice by BCP.

JH→BV asked what the end goal was and BV confirmed BCP are looking for a permanent fix.

NR→BV asked for the location the defences would be BV advised half a mile north of East Lane.

CL spoke of surveys to be and the question of funding and parish councils match funding - this is currently on hold.

JH spoke of the Pavilion door hinge damage and possible fixes.

CL asked for DL to be involved.

Community Concert:

Jenny Webb from Bawdsey PC joined the meeting to speak of a project she is trying organise and is looking for neighbouring villages to join forces to make this happen.

Jenny spoke of the costing of holding the event £1400.00 and that she had Alderton Church as a potential location. Councillors discussed the locations and JH suggested Hollesley VH. The idea is it a free concert to be held late spring/summer offering classical music.

Jenny spoke of fundraising and each parish contributing.

CL→Jenny that she would need to speak to the Church organisers as the PC are not involved in the Church bookings.

Discussion all round about advertising the event. RC →Jenny to speak to the local schools as they would possible be interested in backing the concert.

Financial Update:

KGC gave a brief update, audit went through with no issues. The second half of the precept had now been received.

District Councillors Report:

SCDC Planning department now up and running, have a 21 day period of consult, parish to notify Christine Block and the case officer if parish wish to raise objections.

Housing allocations - no more housing planned for the village

CB to email KGC with link reference environment.

Footpath (The Pastures) - no change

30mph speed limit discussed.

Police Report:

CL ran through the latest report with the councillors, 5 crimes had been reported since July.

Funding Village Hall Improvements:

NR gave a summary of where we stand with various funding applications.

SCDC have granted £4578 on the condition it is match funded.

District Councillor has granted £500.

NR has had no response from SCC - CB advised NR to chase and speak to Andrew Reid.

Adnams were yet to assess our application and NR is hopeful to hear this month.

NR spoke about various options, starting the project then await the rest of the monies.

NR → Parish Council Will they back match funding up to £5000.00?

BV was in agreement for backing, CL asked all councillors and all were in agreement PC would match fund.

More discussion on insulation CL asked that NR get more quotes as first quote was deemed high.

Fete:

RC spoke about the fete and that it had been another success and had received positive feedback.

CL on behalf of PC thanked RC & DL for their hard work once again this year.

Next year's fete is on the 6th August.

Discussion on ideas for next year and stalls.

Website:

WP emailed an update on where we are currently, Alderton now has a website but is rather bare on content, CL asked all councillors to email WP with anything they have to go on the website.

Admin PC:

JH advised the council that a previous councillor felt they should have been tanked for their service to the PC. Discussion on how this should be done, at the Xmas lunch or via letter.

CL agreed a letter of thanks to the retired councillors.

JH also spoke of the latest SALC framework and about us adopting it.

Action: CL→JH to look through and to adopt it.

Xmas Lunch:

Scheduled for the 11th Dec, sadly Judith is unable to do the food this year, however both RC & DL are getting their food hygiene certificates and will be cooking the lunch this year.

Discussion on criteria for the lunch, eventually settled with 65 & over retired.

Decided PC should start advertising beginning of November, RC spoke of doing individual invites - discussion on whether some residents might get missed. BV advised PC he will offer lifts to any residents who are unable to make it to the hall.

Discussion on whether to have carols or a more modern feel.

Action: CL →DL to get in contact with Mickey Mcburnie regarding carols.

Agreed Tuesday 8th Dec to decorate hall, Thursday 10th Dec layup and possible food prep?

AOB:

JH asked that there be an action plan from the minutes distributed sooner.

RG brought up the Alderton sign just past The Old Rectory and how it has broken off. RG asked that if enough people report it to the highways it may be fixed sooner.

RC brought up the footpath leading along from Alderton into Bawdsey and it being overgrown, AM advised he had cut the path back about 10days ago.

CB (SCDC) asked for The Haven be added to the next agenda.

CL→RG asked about the recreation ground now RG had taken over, RG advised nothing to report currently.

Next meeting Monday 7th December 7pm

Meeting closed 8.05pm.