ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2015

Present:

Christopher Langley(CL), John Haley(JH), Bill Vaudrey(BV), Diana Loughlin(DL), Robin Gilbert(RG), Ruth Clark(RC), Nicolas Rose (NR), Will Palmer (WP), Christine Block(SCDC)(CB)

Apologies:

Alex Mann (AM)

Matters Arising:

None

Financial Update & Precept:

Current account £11,716.00 Deposit Account £538.68

Precept for 2016-17 agreed to keep the same £5,000.00.

District Councillors Report:

CB spoke about the Haven and its current & future use - who to let to etc.

No current plans to sell the Haven - Flagship housing.

Discussion on adapting houses for disabled access, Flagship should update properties - excuses from Flagship - poor.

Current housing lists - 1 property 80+ applicants.

JH spoke of the suitability, CB spoke of Suffolk council manage the housing list with Flagship.

CL felt Suffolk Council should pressure Flagship, parish council view - Haven not to be sold but rather updated.

Local Housing Needs Survey:

CB - Bawdsey have discussed the survey and the right kind of housing - planning applications etc.

Survey done years ago Bawdsey & Alderton.

Argue the need for certain types of housing, Bawdsey had been advised to do as information no longer current.

Discussion on a simple questionnaire.

Police Report:

CL discussed report - nothing major to report.

Recreation Ground & Play Area:

RG - play area recently inspected.

Metal fixings now rusting

Mats - embedded but moveable

Wire Slide - rot in the legs

CL asked a local builder to look at approx £7500 to do all works - general view - pricey

RG spoke to Steve Warner (Suffolk Norse) felt play area in reasonable condition.

Discussions on risk assessments on equipment?

Main concern - football goals - potential hazard - fall

Discussion on grass and replacing worn grass

CL felt play area too big & expensive to maintain - also unfenced.

Discussion on works to be carried out, shackles agreed to replace, poles to be clamped rather than replaced.

RG spoke of other village play areas and the type of surface they have, agreed Sutton has the best surface.

More discussion on surface - RG prepared to raise the mat and relay.

CL - discussed possibly reducing number of items, reduce the size & cost, & how much money is the council prepared to pay each year for the maintenance?

Discussion on risk assessments - RC & KGC to look at together.

Parish Council agreed to fix as per the report but only high risk.

Emergency Planning / Village Hall:

NR - Bawdsey chair has resigned Jason & Tony to take on as co-chairs.

Bawdsey are fitting a defibrillator to the village hall, and are also getting long range walkie talkies - perhaps share amongst the villages.

Bawdsey emergency centre is almost ready.

Quote for Alderton stands approx. £8300.

NR gave a brief recap on scheduled works - insulating, dry lining, gas.

CL spoke about closing village hall for approx 1 month.

CL-NR to instruct for works to start.

CB spoke about getting a 3rd quote for the grant monies.

Village Hall Lettings:

DL - lettings going well - Veronica using hall. No bookings for Pavilion at present and Eve from football is keeping the pavilion clean and tidy.

Allotments:

CL & JH - currently have the new plots available to rent, no one currently on the waiting list - no demand for allotments at this time.

Need to keep new plots tidy, suggestion of Darren King to smarten up? All agreed CL to contact Darren.

DL - suggestion Joy Andrews advertise the plots available in the church news?

NR spoke about the plots accessibility? Discussion on entrances - CL to look at.

Standing Orders:

JH spoke about the document sent to all councillors and for their views. Discussion on this and all agreed to adopt orders.

Website:

WP - note much done currently, starting to build web page and discussion on generic email address.

CL asked WP to get website up as soon as possible.

BCP Update:

BV - public consultation in spring to discuss options & move forward.

CL - spoke of the parish council contributing some funds.

Many areas of funding.

CL spoke about progression and positive action in the next few months.

Ramsholt Road:

BV - spoke about condition off road. Andy Rankin to be spoken to. Discussion about highways action, CB advised to back a local action not wait for highways.

Christmas Lunch:

RC & DL - 28 confirmed, food hygiene now completed. Laying up to be done on Thursday, decorations discussed. Discussion on music - RC just some background music - all agreed.

CB asked if parish would like SC chair Susan Harvey to attend - council agreed for chair to attend lunch.

Discussion on clash with Bib's funeral.

Queens 90th:

CL suggested we as a parish should celebrate - all agreed

Suggestion Tea party in the church, CL spoken to Rev Ruth Hatchett - all ok to proceed. Discussion on format of the day, parish council to underwrite, send a telegram to Queen on 21st April.

CB - Hollesley are celebrating, no other parishes have discussed yet.

CL to manage project.

AOB:

RG asked for the litter pick be added to the next agenda.

RC spoke about fireworks on the recreation ground - residents were unhappy this had happened.

DL - collection in the shop & pub for bibs, possible ideas - plaque for bench? Add to agenda for next meeting.

Next meeting Monday 29th February 2016 7pm

Meeting closed 8.20pm.