ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM MONDAY 29th FEBRUARY 2016

Present:

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

Rev Ruth Hatchett, Amanda Fisher, Darren King

Apologies:

Diana Loughlin(DL)

Matters Arising:

CL - Play Area - RG explained play equipment in order, no need to fix anything at present. In the near future, safety matting will need to addressed, becoming unsafe. Discussion on works for the mats as badly torn, possible Steve Collins or Norse to do works needed.

CL - RG speak to Norse and do repairs.

CL - Allotments - currently 2 people on the waiting list, the new land has been cleared by Darren King. Discussion on where the entrance should be for the new plots.

Minutes approved.

Financial Update:

Current account £11,000.00 Deposit Account £583.75.

Discussion on grants monies applied for, discussion on bills for the works carried out on the village hall.

Clerks Replacement:

KGC due to step down at end of March 16, Joy Andrews will be the new clerk from 1st April 2016.

Council welcomed Joy into the post.

Planning Application: Pitcairn Cottages, 44 The Street

Discussion on the plans and the amount of damp present in the property.

No objections - KGC to write to SCDC with response.

Police Report:

CL discuss the report, mainly useful websites

CL - CB local parishes are unhappy with the reports received recently.

District Councillors Report:

CB - Swan Chalets are a breach of planning applications, 1982 convert garage to bedrooms, 1990 application approved 5 caravans for temporary resident, permanent residence refused. Michelle Coupe (SCDC) looking into it. There is no current application for the swan.

Chalets are in use but are being used for permanent residence - breach of application.

Discussion about this breach between CB & Amanda Fisher.

Suffolk Coastal & Waveney possible merge, formal process East Suffolk. Will alter the number of district councillors, Waveney currently reviewing. District areas will be enlarged and councillors reduced. Could be up and running by 2019. Discussion on elected Mayor, government keen on this proposal.

Local Housing:

Bawdsey are keen to join with Alderton, every house to be sent a survey. CB to provide printing - may be a small charge.

CL discussed who the survey will be returned to, JH spoke of using the list from the Tap.

Bawdsey's survey gone out, need to send one for Alderton as soon as possible.

20mph:

CL - discussion on speed limit through Bawdsey, road users struggle to stick to 30mph so raises the issue as to whether they can do 20mph.

CL felt it wasn't justified for Alderton and Bawdseys needs are greater

NR felt there was no advantage and to consider active signs instead.

CL having a meeting with highways - discuss options

JH - 20mph on Watson Way would be good

BV - felt it would be pointless

CL - Bawdsey school is an issue, not needed in Alderton

CL- KGC to reply to Bawdsey PC with outcome.

Neighbourhood Plan:

CB - CL discussion on having greater control on developments, agreed to combine with Bawdsey.

CB spoke of Alderton & Bawdsey having a briefing and drawing up a plan, Rendlesham recently actioned. Bawdsey meeting 9th March - Joy & Nick to attend.

Emergency Planning & Village Hall:

NR - Work to be finished next week, need to encourage more use of the village hall, discussion on curtains and blinds.

NR - Emergency Plan - Needs more input from Alderton, discussion on plan, emergency phone, keys and key holders.

RC - suggestion of walkie talkie long range, further discussion.

Recreation Ground:

RG - Container full, football club using & storing their equipment.

Options - get a new container or remove all football equipment.

Discussion on charging football club, some councillors opposed to this idea.

CL -JH new container, perhaps speak to local resident Mark if able to get a container, new lock for container discussed.

Play equipment risk assessed and drawn up by RG, CL agreed & signed assessment.

Litter Pick:

RG - Norse will pay each council £20 if the litter pick is carried out before the end of the May. Kit comes from Norse, decided litter pick will take place 19th March 10am outside Pavilion. Need to advertise this year, Joy to add to the church newsletter.

Website:

WP - basic structure needs more content, discussion on posting the councillors of the parish (names & addresses) some councillors not happy to post personal information due to conflict with work.

BCP:

Update statement:

We have received an appraisal from the consultants, Wallingfords, which sets out the timing and type of studies to be carried out in order to fully understand the local coastal processes. Much of this work will be funded by the Crown Estate.

Once these processes are understood a scheme can be designed to solve the problem of erosion at both East Lane and Bawdsey Manor. The Bawdsey Manor frontage has deteriorated so rapidly that The Manor are seeking an engineer to design and build some defences as a private venture as there is no time to lose. These works will only be a short term stop gap, however.

The emergency works have been completed at East Lane by the EA. The rock revetment has been extended north for which we are very grateful, but has resulted in further loss of the amenity value of the beach.

Fete:

RC - fete on the 6th August, still in the early planning stages, have the marquees 2 \* 12x3 & 1 \* 3x3, confirmed the classic cars and dog agility - will update more at next meeting.

Queens 90th:

CL - discussion of tea party, Bawdsey manor wish to hold a songs of praise.

Concert 3-3.30pm at Church, tea party after on recreation ground. Students from manor approx. 100 happy to serve.

Discussion on marquee outside Church.

RC - bring a plate? not approved, JH against.

CL - JH to make arrangements

CL - BBQ & Band - BBQ can be done, discussion on band, noise and separate events.

RC - Advertising, music licence spoken about.

CL - Add to next agenda.

Bib's Collection:

Discussion on what to spend the collection money, Amanda Fisher advised a plaque already made, CL spoke of not going overboard. Amanda advised £54 still in the collection.

AGM set for Monday 11th April 2016

AOB

NR - Bawdsey meeting 1st March 7pm

Next meeting Monday 11th April 2016 7pm AGM

Meeting closed 8.15pm.