

ALDERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held in Alderton Village Hall on Monday 13 May 2019

Present: Christopher Langley (CL), Nicholas Rose (NR), Robin Gilbert (RG), Bill Vaudrey (BV), Tim Giles (TG)

In attendance: Joy Andrews (JA), clerk; James Mallinder (JM), District Councillor.

Members of public: One

Chairman's welcome:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

District Councillor's report:

James Mallinder introduced himself as the newly elected district councillor for the Deben ward of East Suffolk Council. JM paid tribute to Christine Block for all her hard work whilst serving as district councillor. There will continue to be a lot of work to do regarding river and sea defences in the area and James will work to safeguard the environment and protect against light and noise pollution. JM believes in volunteer groups helping the community and will continue to back good neighbour schemes. He intends to be pro-active in working to improve the lives of residents of the Deben ward and will do all that he can to support the local parish councils.

JM left the meeting as he had 3 further meetings to attend.

Chairman's report:

The chairman reported that the village fete raised approximately £3,000 this year. In 2019 this will be known as The Alderton Show and will be extending into the evening. Other events throughout the year were very successful, namely the Christmas lunch, Santa's Grotto and two coffee mornings and the chairman extended his thanks to the organisers.

The litter pick held in the Spring was attended by the same faithful few.

A youth club has been established and is held once a week with a good attendance.

An initiative to combat loneliness called 'Meet up Wednesdays' has been started in The Swan and is well attended. This is supported by The Flag of Suffolk.

The pavilion on the recreation ground has been decorated inside and out by a group of volunteers and picnic tables have been acquired at no cost. Although a considerable amount of money has been spent on replacing playground equipment there will still be ongoing expenses.

A new flagpole and union flag have been purchased which is situated at the entrance to Mill Hoo.

The ongoing problem of the 30mph speed limit signs on the Hollesley Road has still not been resolved but the chairman has once again been in touch with County Cllr. Andrew Reid regarding this who has promised to chase Highways.

The chairman added his appreciation of the support which Christine Block had given during her years in office as district councillor and stated that he felt a letter of thanks should be sent from the parish council.

Presentation of accounts for year ending 31 March 2018

Copies of the summary of accounts were handed out and will be displayed on the notice board and website. The chairman explained the variances in the accounts and stated that the reconciliation showed a balance of £11.726 at the bank at the end of the year.

Open Session

NR_expressed concern over the pool table being in the way if large functions were held in the village hall.

There were no other comments or questions.

Prepared by *C J Andrews*

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