

**ALVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2016**

Present: Councillor N Ashley (Chairman)  
Councillor I Gleeson  
Councillor A Graves  
Councillor S Shucksmith  
Councillor R Wahlberg

Apologies: Councillor D Buckley

In Attendance: Mr Philip Hewitt-Brown  
Mr Jonathan Goolden

Clerks: Mrs L Ward (retiring)  
Mrs S McFarland

The chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and extended a special welcome to Mr Hewitt-Brown and Mr Goolden.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were proposed as a true record by Councillor Shucksmith and seconded by Councillor Gleeson and duly signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Telephone Box** – This has now been painted.

**Dog Complaint-** Nothing further has been heard.

**Speed Monitor-** Councillor Shucksmith confirmed that there are some yellow 30mph signs in the box with the monitor. Councillors Shucksmith and Ashley will put these signs up when it is our turn to have the monitor next.

**Potential Highways Hazards-**There are still a number of horrendous pot holes. These have been reported but not yet filled in. Further representations should be made and any additional complaints along with supporting photographs should be logged on line.

**Footway Lighting-** A letter has been received today from ELDC putting forward a revised proposal regarding the future responsibility for the footway lighting. This is to be replied to by 27<sup>th</sup> May. A number of observations were made including the possibility of **1)** increasing the precept to cover the cost, **2)** the lights being switched off between midnight and 6am, **3)** replacing bulbs with LEDs and **4)** what other local parishes are doing .This matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT/AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES**

Councillor Gleeson reported a bank balance of £1495.89 as at 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016. However a cheque for £500 payable to Alvingham Village Hall has been misplaced by the Village Hall committee and will need to be reissued and will be accounted for in next year's accounts. Councillor Gleeson then formally handed over the role of treasurer to Mr Hewitt-Brown.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**\*\*See attached**

**Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations and commemorative medal-** It was agreed that it should be left to the local schools to decide if and how they wish to commemorate this occasion and medals would not therefore be purchased for the village children. The WI, Village Hall and Social Club all have plans in place to celebrate the Queen's Birthday and the Parish Council will offer a donation towards the cost of these celebrations should it be required.

**ELDC codes of conduct training- None of the councillors are** available to attend this event.

**Planning Application-** The consultation received from ELDC on the planning application made by Messrs Trafford was discussed at some considerable length. This has to be responded to by 26<sup>th</sup> March. There are a number of areas of concern being drainage, the height of the houses, issues relating to the effect on internet

speed and the possibility of an area of open space being given as a village green. A response is to be sent to ELDC to this effect by the Clerk.

### **OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

Councillor Gleeson suggested that it would be advisable for Mr Hewitt-Brown to become a councillor now he has taken over the role of treasurer. This matter will be added to the agenda for the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### **NEXT MEETING- ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm**

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm