

Alvingham Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 7th March 2017

Present: Councillor N Ashley (Chairman)
Councillor S Shucksmith
Councillor A Graves
Councillor R Wahlberg
Councillor G Cummings

Apologies: Councillor D Buckley

In Attendance: Councillor D McNally

Clerk: Mrs S McFarland

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone in attendance.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Buckley who is currently working away.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2017 which had been circulated prior to the meeting were approved and proposed by Councillor Graves, seconded by Councillor Shucksmith and signed as a true record by Councillor Ashley.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes which required discussion.

Treasurers Report

Councillor Ashley confirmed that he has been into the bank and has changed the account signatories to simply matters and hopefully speed up the process. He handed the paperwork to Councillor Cummings who will now hopefully be able to complete the process with the bank.

Correspondence

There was nothing requiring discussion save to say a letter of thanks had been received from the Citizen's Advice for the donation we had made.

Other Relevant Business

The subject of the Phone box was raised. Consideration was given to the possibility of moving it. If we wished to move it to an alternate location we would require ELDC's permission unless it was sited on private land. It was decided following discussion that there is little to be gained by moving the box from its current location bearing in mind the cost that would be involved in laying a new base etc. In terms of its future use consideration was given to placing the defibrillator in it. However, it was agreed this is best left in its current location at the village hall where it is clearly visible and easy to access in a hurry.

There has been a report by a member of the public that the Electricity board have left the verge along Highbridge Road in a bad state. The Parish Council will offer their support should it not be put right in the near future.

Another member of the public has questioned whether the 30MPH limit could be extended further along Highbridge Road past the junction with Abbey Road. Councillor McNally did not think that particular section of the road would fit the criteria for a 30MPH limit due to the density of housing. The resident could ask the road safety partnership to carry out a survey if they feel the current conditions are unsafe.

The Neighbourhood watch signs have now arrived and Councillor Cummings requested authorisation for payment of the Parish Council's contribution to their cost. Payment was duly authorised by all members of the council. Consideration was given to the best places to position these. It was agreed one should be put near the speed warning sign on the entrance to Church Lane, one near the speed limit on Yarburgh Road and the third on the entrance to the village on Lock Road. It was noted the Mrs Tina Leverton has been doing a sterling job in reporting incidents and suspicious activity via the Facebook page and the Parish Council extended their sincere thanks to her for her efforts in this regard.

Councillor McNally reported that he expects work to commence on the conversion of the footway lights to LED bulbs in June or July of this year. We will not therefore worry about reporting the bulbs that are not working along High Street as it is unlikely they will be repaired before the conversion.

Councillor McNally told the council about the Lincolnshire Coastal bid which requires all business situated the the rural costal villages with a sufficient rateable value to contribute to the cost of events and entertainment which are proposed. He confirmed that Alvingham is included within the bid area consequently anyone running a business in Alvingham should consider whether they will be required to contribute to this.

It was noted that tonight is Councillor McNally's last meeting as our District Councillor as from May we will form part of Louth North and will have a new councillor who will hopefully be able to attend our next meeting. The Parish Councillor offered Councillor McNally their heartfelt thanks for his contribution to our meetings. He has been a mine of useful information during his time with us.

Next meeting

Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 23rd May 2017

The Chairman thanked everyone of their attendance this evening and declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.