

**Alvingham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Present:** Councillor N Ashley (Chairman)  
Councillor A Graves  
Councillor R Wahlberg

**Apologies:** Councillor A Bridges  
Councillor G Cummings

**Clerk:** Mrs S McFarland

The Chairman opened the meeting and confirmed that there were sufficient members present to form a quorum hence the meeting could proceed.

**Apologies**

Councillor Bridges had sent his apologies prior to the meeting as had Councillor Cummings who was unable to attend due to work commitments.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved and proposed by Councillor Wahlberg and seconded by Councillor Graves and signed as a true record by Councillor Ashley.

**Matters Arising**

Alvingham Village Hall have yet to be passed the details of the funding available. Councillor Wahlberg will attend to this.

The Canal bank has now been cut by the environment agency and a lot of weed has been pulled out. The water is unusually high near to Lock Farm and it was thought that the grille may be blocked. The Clerk will report this to the appropriate department.

Update on the broadband improvements. Councillor Cummings is going to provide contact details to the Clerk to allow her to chase this up.

**Planning**

It was noted that some of the recently granted planning applications are progressing well. A further application has been rejected for one additional property at The Grange. It was noted that an appeal had also been lodged in relation to the original application.

### **Treasurers Report**

Councillor Cummings was not in attendance but had left a report with Councillor Ashley in which he confirmed the balance in the bank account to be £2162.17. An invoice has been received from Luke Tasker for work carried out repairing the stocks. It was noted that we had only been charged for materials, no labour. It was generally agreed that Mr Tasker ought to have charged for his time but it was understood that he had wanted to contribute his time free of charge for which the members of the Parish Council extended their sincere thanks. His invoice was approved and a cheque duly signed.

It was noted that we have just received communication regarding next year's precept and will need to deal with this at our next meeting.

### **Correspondence**

We have received the annual request from the CAB for a donation. This is a cause which has been supported by the Parish Council in the past and provides a beneficial service to the community. It was agreed unanimously that we should once again support this cause with a donation of £25.00

### **Other Relevant Business**

Highbridge Road has a lot of potholes in particular near Pridgeons Cottages and Poplar Farm. These will be reported to Lincs CC by the Clerk. There are also still various potholes along Church Lane. These have yet to be repaired despite them having been reported more than once.

The verges around the village have been quite badly churned up by the large lorries servicing the farm. Councillor Graves will ask the farm workers to try to stay off the verges when ever possible although it was accepted that sometimes they have no choice but to drive on the verge.

### **Next meeting**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018

The Chairman declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for attending.