

Alvingham Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

Held on 31st July 2018

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

Apologies: Councillor A Bridges
Councillor R Wahlberg

Clerk: Mrs S McFarland

The Chairman declared the Meeting open and extended a warm welcome to everyone present. The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May which had been circulated prior to the meeting were declared to be a true record, proposed by Councillor Shucksmith and seconded by Councillor Graves.

Matters Arising

Pot Holes – The situation has improved somewhat although this could be due to the time of year. There are still a few bad ones in particular on Highbridge Road near Springside, Church Lane is de laminating and needs resurfacing and Abbey Road is narrowing. The clerk will report to the highways department.

Highbridge Road Drainage – The drainage board have been out and the covers have now been taken off the pipe near Mr Babbs property. Hopefully this will alleviate the problem.

Insurance – The cheque has not been cashed but the insurance is in place and the Clerk has received the certificate for the year ahead.

CCTV- this is now in the hands of the social club committee.

Local Plan – ELDC have confirmed that they have taken Alvingham Parish Council's views into consideration.

Treasurers Report

Councillor Cummings reported that the balance in the bank is currently £3836.17. There is a cheque to be cashed for the insurance in the sum of £144.59. There is a payment due to Mr Jackson in the sum of £250 for grass cutting services and one to the Clerk for £362 leaving a balance of just over £3000. Cheques were duly approved and signed.

The end of year accounts had been prepared and were discussed. These were duly proposed by Councillor Shucksmith and seconded and signed by Councillor Ashley.

Correspondence

The only matter which required discussion was the complaint of garden fires during the extremely hot summer we are experiencing. Following discussion all members of the Parish Council agreed that whilst there is little as a Parish Council we can do to stop people from burning from time to time all residents should be encouraged to consider whether it is safe to light their bonfire whilst it is so dry and also to choose times when it will cause the least discomfort and inconvenience to their neighbours who may have windows open or washing out.

Other relevant business

Superfast broadband is now live and a few people have already signed up for it.

Water supply to the Mill – the water supply in the mill pond is extremely low and possibly stagnant. None of the authorities seem to want to take responsibility for this. It was agreed we should contact the environment agency in the first instance for help.

Date and Time of next meeting

Tuesday 25th September 2018 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm and thanked everyone for their contribution.