

ALVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016

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

Apologies: Mr Philip Hewitt-Brown

In Attendance: Councillor D McNally
Councillor D Buckley

Clerk: Mrs S McFarland

The Chairman declared the Annual Parish meeting open and extended a warm welcome to everyone present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Councillor McNally assumed the chair and called upon nominations for the position of Chairman of Alvingham Parish Council for the coming year. Councillor Gleeson nominated Councillor Ashley and this was seconded by Councillor Shucksmith. As there were no other nominations, Councillor McNally asked Councillor Ashley if he was willing to continue in this post, to which he agreed. He resumed the Chair after thanking his fellow councillors for their vote of confidence.

Nominations were then called upon for the role of treasurer. Councillor Gleeson nominated Mr Philip Hewitt-Brown in his absence and Councillor Ashley seconded this. There being no other nominations and with everyone being of the belief that Mr

Hewitt Brown was willing to undertake the role he was appointed in his absence. The issue of whether Mr Hewitt-Brown should become a councillor now he has taken over the role of treasurer will be left for discussion at the next meeting when Mr Hewitt- Brown is present.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mr Hewitt Brown who was unable to attend through ill health.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2016, having been circulated prior to the meeting were read, approved, proposed by Councillor Gleeson and Seconded by Councillor Shucksmith and signed by the chairman as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

Dog Complaint :- has not been raised any further.

Road Condition:- There has been a degree of improvement in the condition of the Parish's roads since the last meeting as some repairs have been carried out. In some instances a poor job has been made of this repair work. Councillor McNally indicated that some of the roads would be left longer as these were scheduled for a more major repair job rather than a temporary filling of potholes. The state of the roads was described as a 'managed decline' with inadequate funds being available to undertake decent repair work on all roads.

Queens 90th Birthday Celebrations:- these appear to be under control and are being handled as a joint effort by the Village Hall, Social Club and WI.

Planning Applications: - It was noted that the application made by Messrs Trafford had been approved since the last meeting despite a number of objections having been received. An application has also been made by Mr Currie for the erection of a building to store farm equipment on land East of The Chestnuts but no issues were raised by any member of the Parish Council in relation to this application.

TREASURER'S REPORT

With the Treasurer being absent no formal Treasurers Report could be given. However Councillor Gleeson was able to report a bank balance of £2905.89.

CORRESPONDENCE

**See attached

Flood Forum – None of the Council members had been available to attend this event. However Councillor Buckley was able to report that he had attended this event and there had been much criticism of Anglian Water failing to comment on Planning applications such as the recent application granted in Alvingham where drainage was raised as an issue. It was hoped they may become more involved in the future.

Footway Lighting – It was noted that a response must be sent to ELDC regarding their proposals for the future of the Footway Lighting in the village. These proposals were discussed at length and Councillors McNally and Buckley were able to share their views and the stance that other local Parish Councils were taking on this subject. It was agreed by all Council members that we would respond to the proposal by indicating that Alvingham Parish Council does not wish for ELDC to turn off the village footway lights but we do not feel able to take on the cost of their maintenance and running. The Clerk will forward a suitable response to East Lindsey before the required deadline.

OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

District Plan – Councillor Buckley shared with the Parish Council details of the forthcoming consultation on proposals to alter the District Plan. He said it was important that we check the village's sustainability score and comment on it if we do not feel it is correct. He will forward to the Clerk a copy of our score for consideration at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING- Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 7.30pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm