

Alvingham Parish Council
Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting
Held on Tuesday 7th May 2019

Present: Councillor N Ashley (Chairman)
Councillor R Wahlberg
Councillor G Cummings

In attendance: Councillor E Mossop

Clerk: Mrs S McFarland

Apologies: Councillor S Shucksmith
Councillor A Graves
Councillor A Bridges

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked all those in attendance he stepped down as chair and handed control of the meeting to Councillor Mossop.

Nominations were received for the role of Chairman of Alvingham Parish Council for the forthcoming year. Councillor Cummings nominated Councillor Ashley and Councillor Wahlberg seconded this proposal. Councillor Ashley was asked if he would be happy to continue in the role of chairman for the coming year. He confirmed that he has happy to do so and was accordingly re elected as Chair and resumed control of the meeting.

Nominations were then sought for the role of treasurer of Alvingham Parish Council for the forthcoming year. Councillor Wahlberg nominated Councillor Cummings and Councillor Ashley seconded this nomination Councillor Cummings was asked if he would be happy to continue in this role. He confirmed that he was happy to do so and was therefore appointed as treasurer for the coming year.

Apologies

Apologies had been received prior to the meeting from Councillors Bridges, Shucksmith and Graves and were duly recorded. It was established that a quorum existed and that the meeting could continue.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd January 2019 having been circulated prior to the meeting were approved and proposed by Councillor Cummings and seconded by Councillor Wahlberg and signed as a true record by Councillor Ashley.

Matters Arising

There was a discussion regarding the planning meeting which had been attended by Councillors Wahlberg and Cummings along with The Clerk. This had been extremely informative and supporting notes prepared by The Clerk to Utterby Parish Council have been circulated.

Planning

There have been no planning matters raised since our last meeting.

Treasurers Report

Councillor Cummings reported that the balance in the bank account stands at £2107.81. The precept payment is pending which will give a balance of £4656.39. A cheque was approved and signed for the Clerk's payment and it was noted there is a cheque outstanding for the CAB. The Clerks remuneration was discussed. It was suggested that we try to establish what is a suitable amount to be paid as it was noted there had not been any increase for a considerable time.

We have received communication from the auditors PFK Littlejohn with regard to this year's accounts. Councillor Cummings confirms that the accounts are ready subject to checking by Mr Ward. It was noted the notice must be displayed by 17th June and the accounts published before 1st July. The Accounts were duly approved unanimously as prepared.

Correspondence

We have received the renewal invitation from Community Lincs for the year's insurance. A cheque has duly written to cover the cost of this as it was noted the renewal falls before our next meeting.

Information received regarding the subsidised touring theatre will be passed onto the Social Club. Councillor Cummings will see to this.

Other Relevant Business

Councillor Ashley took the opportunity to welcome Councillor Mossop to the meeting. Councillor Mossop has been recently elected as our East Lindsey District Councillor. He is no stranger to Alvingham Parish Council having been our Councillor in the past.

The issue of bushes overhanging the footpath along Church Lane was raised. The Clerk will write in suitable terms to the properties concerned in the hope the issue can be resolved without having to resort to more drastic measures.

The speed along Church Lane was brought up by Councillor Cummings. After discussion as to the best way to address this it was agreed Councillor Cummings would approach Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to see what suggestions they might have.

Dog fouling has again become an issue. It was agreed one of the problems is the lack of bins around the village for people to dispose of their rubbish. The Clerk will speak to ELDC to see what would be available in terms of bins and the cost of the service.

Grass cutting – Maurice continues to cut the church yard. Councillor Ashley will speak with Messrs Shucksmith who have hinted they may be prepared to take on the cutting of the canal walk.

Next meeting

Tuesday 30th July 2019

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