

Alvingham Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 17th January 2018

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

Apologies: Councillor A Bridges

In Attendance: PC Precious (part time)

Clerk: Mrs S McFarland

Member of the public: Mrs T Leverton (part time)

Prior to the commencement of the main meeting PC Precious provided an update on the current village crime situation. 2 thefts from motor vehicles were reported on 10th January. 2 males were picked up on a resident's CCTV riding through the village on a motorcycle on the same night as the incidents. 2 further incidents were recorded during December, one of criminal damage and one of a suspicious person. PC Precious confirmed that in fact there has been a decrease in criminal activity in the area in the past year. It is however advisable for the residents to ensure their property and vehicles are secure. CCTV also helps as a deterrent and if the village were able to install cameras this would most likely deter opportunist criminals as well as providing helpful evidence if a crime is committed. He recommended speaking to Mick Rimmer the crime reduction officer who would be able to offer further advice on this.

The Parish Council thanked PC Precious for his attendance at tonight's meeting and for the information and re assurance he was able to offer. Mrs Leverton was also thanked for her attendance and continued involvement in the village neighbourhood watch.

The Chairman opened the meeting proper and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Apologies

Councillor Bridges had sent his apologies.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th December 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

Councillor Wahlberg requested a copy of the funding information. The Clerk will forward this to her so she can pass it on to the chairman of the Village Hall.

It was noted that the water level near to Lock Farm has now reduced considerably.

Councillor Cummings will forward contact details for the on Lincolnshire representative so the Clerk can chase this up.

Planning

A planning application has been received regarding the erection of a workshop at Alvingham Fisheries. It was thought this would enhance the site.

Treasurers Report

The payment to the CAB was authorised and a cheque duly written.

With regard to Luke Tasker's invoice. It was agreed we should try to find out if there is something the Parish Council could buy for Mr Tasker by way of a thank you for generously donating his time. The Clerk will speak to his parents.

The treasurer reported the current bank balance to be £2164.17 with an expected balance at the year end of approximately £1800 allowing for the remaining payments including the payment to the Methodist chapel of £120 which is now due.

Precept

The number of dwellings in the village has reduced from 93 to 92 in the last year. Last years precept was set at £21.50 per property which equated to a precept of £2000. The treasurer proposed the precept should remain the same, Discussion took place as to whether is meant £2000 which equates to a slight increase per household to £21.74 or £1978 which keeps the household amount the same. It was put the vote and the majority agreed the precept should be set at £2000.

Correspondence

A further consultation on the local plan has been received. It was agreed we would wait and see what happens with this.

Other Relevant Business

Following on from the meeting with PC Precious it was suggested by Councillor Cummings that we could perhaps invest in some CCTV cameras at prominent points around the village. It was agreed that Councillor Cummings could investigate this possibility further by arranging a meeting with Mick Rimmer. He will inform the members of the Parish Council of the date and time of the meeting should they wish to attend.

Next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 20th March 2018

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending a very productive meeting and declared the meeting closed at 9pm.