

**ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 10 MAY 201**

Present: Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Gemma Boddy, Andy Follington, Sue Southall,

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr John Topliss.

There were no members of the public present.

16/1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

16/2 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman thanked his fellow councillors for their voluntary work during the past year and also Aldwark Manor Hotel for kindly providing a room for parish meetings free of charge.

Parish Clerk - the Council again decided not to have a paid clerk, instead sharing out the jobs amongst the other councillors in an unpaid capacity. This allows money saved to be put to good use for the benefit of the community.

Roads, pavements, footpaths and grass verges - The Parish Council continues to monitor the condition and frequently reports problems to the Highways Dept of NYCC, although due to further budget cuts services have again been reduced. Once again the Council has paid for grass cutting in Aldwark.

Planning - The Council continues to comment on planning applications in the villages although the significance placed on PC comments by HDC was questioned when an application for 3 houses on the outskirts of Aldwark was approved despite Parish Council objections following widespread opposition by local residents. The possibility of adopting a Neighbourhood Plan has been discussed but would not be pursued as it was felt to be costly and a lot of hard work with no guarantee of success.

Broadband - Residents of Aldwark continuing to benefit from 'faster broadband' provided by LN Communications and BT has provided 'faster broadband' to many residents of Flawith, though not Youlton.

Website and Social Media - Gemma Boddy has updated and revitalised our shared website in partnership with Cllr Ian Jackson of Tollerton Parish Council, and also introduced a facebook page. www.aldwarkparish.co.uk <https://www.facebook.com/aldwarkareaparish>

Automated External Defibrillator - The council has recently decided to purchase a defibrillator through a British Heart Foundation scheme, to be located in a central position in Aldwark.

Aldwark Ramble - The Council promoted the Aldwark Ramble on Easter Monday during the Boroughbridge Walking Festival.

16/3 ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None.

Signed
Chairman

Date