

**ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL
ON TUESDAY 9 MAY 2017**

Present: Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Gemma Boddy, John Topliss Sue Southall,

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Andy Follington (who participated via video link)

There were no members of the public present.

17/1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

17/2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Thanks

Again this year the Parish Council decided not to have a paid clerk, and instead the jobs previously carried out by the clerk were shared amongst the other councillors in an unpaid capacity. This arrangement has worked well and the money saved will be put to good use for the benefit of the community.

I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their voluntary work during the past year and especially Cllr Sue Southall who does the minutes and Gemma Boddy who manages our finances. Thanks also to local resident Alison Pollock who does the internal examination of our annual accounts and to Aldwark Manor Hotel for kindly providing a room for parish meetings free of charge.

Roads, pavements, footpaths and grass verges.

The Parish Council continues to monitor the condition of our roads, footpaths and grass verges. We report problems to the Highways Dept. of NYCC although due to further cuts in their budgets, their services have again been reduced. Once again the Parish Council has paid for grass cutting in Aldwark and some roadside verges.

Planning

The Parish Council continues to comment on planning applications in the villages. We have also commented on Hambleton District Council's new Local Plan. Cllr John Topliss who holds our planning portfolio recently attended a training session on planning organised by Yorkshire Local Councils Association.

Broadband

The Parish Council continues to press for faster broadband in our villages and is currently awaiting the outcome of Phase 3 of BT's Superfast Broadband programme.

Website and Social Media

Cllr Gemma Boddy updates our website which can be seen at www.aldwarkparish.co.uk and a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/aldwarkareaparish> which is used to advertise local events and canvass opinions. Anyone who wishes to make use of this media should contact Gemma or the clerk.

Signed
Chairman

Date

Speeding

A successful Community Speed Watch initiative has been launched in Flawith using local volunteers and the possibility of a similar exercise in Aldwark is being considered.

The Old Boathouse Aldwark

The Parish Council explored the possibility of making use of this wooden building owned by RAF Linton-on-Ouse, for community events, offering to pay for any necessary improvements. Disappointingly, this idea was turned down by the RAF.

Automated External Defibrillator

Led by Cllr Andy Follington, and with a grant of £420 from NYCC's Locality Fund, the Parish Council has purchased an automated external defibrillator. This is located on the wall outside The Aldwark Arms and can be used by any member of the public to assist someone experiencing cardiac arrest. A helpful training event was held at the pub in January.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Parish Council has received a payment of £5197.50 from Hambleton DC in respect of the development of 3 new houses in Aldwark. This has to be spent by October 2021 to improve the infrastructure of the village and residents' ideas for how best to use this money are invited.

17//3 USE OF INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

The only suggestion received so far for spending some of the £5,197 received from HDC was for the provision of swings for the play area in Aldwark.

17/4 VILLAGE EMAIL NETWORK

The suggestion made by a Youlton resident was discussed, but those present felt that current arrangements in the villages were sufficient.

17/5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Signed
Chairman

Date