

## **Aldwark Area Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at Aldwark manor hotel, Aldwark, on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Stroud, Topliss, Boddy, Knapton, Sowray & one resident of Flawith

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Follington and Evans
2. **To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> may 2017**  
The minutes were approved
3. **Recycling and litter picking in Hambleton – presentation by Tracey Flint, recycling officer, Hambleton district council**

Tracey gave a comprehensive, illustrated explanation of the recycling services offered by HDC. She stressed the importance of reducing the contamination of recycled materials and the need for residents to be more careful in observing which items could be placed in their recycling bins. No black plastic or glass should be placed in the black re-cycling bin with the blue lid. However, she admitted that this could be confusing and encouraged people to ring her on 01609 788105 if they required clarification.

Regarding Litter Picking, Tracey reported that HDC would provide protective kits etc on request.

The chair thanked her for her interesting talk.

#### **4. Chairman of the parish council's report**

The Chair, Cllr Colin Stroud gave his report as follows:

##### **Thanks**

The Parish Council again 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. 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.

##### **Resignation of Cllr Sue Southall.**

In October 2017, Cllr Sue Southall resigned as a parish councillor for Aldwark. We are grateful for Sue's long service to the parish. After advertising the position Cllr Lynette Evans was co-opted to the council in January 2018.

##### **Purchase of Parish Council Laptop, printer and software.**

Thanks to a grant from the government's Transparency Fund the council has purchased its own equipment having previously relied on the clerk's personal equipment.

##### **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 budget constraints, 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.

**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](http://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.

**Speeding**

After the Community Speed Watch initiative in Flawith the council is now exploring the possible purchase of suitable equipment for a more permanent deterrent in the village.

**Automated External Defibrillator in Flawith**

Led by Cllr John Topliss, and thanks to a generous grant of £600 from Easingwold Lions, the Parish Council has purchased an automated external defibrillator for Flawith. This is located on the wall outside The Galtres Veterinary Surgery and can be used by any member of the public to assist someone experiencing cardiac arrest.

**Community Infrastructure Levy**

The Parish Council is still exploring suitable uses of this payment of £5197.50 from Hambleton DC in respect of the development of 3 new houses in Aldwark, which has to be spent by October 2021 to improve the infrastructure of the village. Swings for the Play Area is one idea which is being considered.

**Waste spreading**

Sadly, this has again become a nuisance in the villages. The council has been in touch with the Environment Agency who have advised concerned residents to register complaints on their hotline on 0800 807080 which can be done anonymously.

**Preparation for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018**

Whilst members feel that the requirements of this new legislation are disproportionate for a small PC like ours, the council has been obliged to review its minimal use of personal data. However, one useful outcome has been the updating of Parish Email Address lists which can be used to quickly communicate with local residents who have this facility.

**5. Comments, ideas and concerns from residents**

The resident from Flawith thanked the parish councillors for their work during the year,

**6. Any other business - None**