

ALDWARK AREA ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Parish Assembly will be held at Aldwark Manor Hotel on Tuesday 14 May 2024 at 7.00 PM (following the Annual Parish meeting)

AGENDA *with minutes/notes shown below in italics*

1. **Apologies for absence** *None*
2. **To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2023** *These were agreed*
3. **Report from the Chair of the Parish Council** *This was noted with thanks, set out below*
 - *The last year has been fairly quiet for the Parish Council with the main activities centered around responding to planning applications as well as business as usual.*
 - *Planning applications over the last year have continued at fairly high numbers, driven in part by the continued refurbishment and improvement works at Aldwark Manor as well as a proposed new housing development on the edge of Flawith.*
 - *In Flawith, development works have continued on the Chapel Farm site and ground works on the new housing site between Drover's Lodge and Broadacres has recently commenced. A new village sign for the millstone on the north side of Flawith was installed.*
 - *The Aldwark Play Area continues to be well used by local children, and families visiting the Aldwark Arms. Some renewal of timber posts is likely to be required this coming year.*
 - *The Community Garden along Rice Lane in Aldwark continues, under the leadership of Cllr Andy Follington, to share fresh vegetables free of charge to residents in Aldwark. This initiative was supported by the Parish Council at set up.*
 - *The defibrillators in Aldwark and Flawith continue to be maintained and are registered with Yorkshire Ambulance Service. The Parish Council is currently investigating funding options for a defibrillator for Youlton – it is hoped that this will be in place later this year. A well-attended refresher training session was held at Aldwark Arms in early 2024.*
 - *A new bench for Youlton was provided during the last year.*
 - *Our local police rep attended the parish council meeting in July 2023 where rural crime and speeding were discussed. Although speeding is a particular concern for residents, little practical action by the police is likely to be taken other than some ad hoc speed enforcement via a mobile camera van.*
 - *Litter picks have taken place by volunteers across the parish during the year with further events to be organized.*

John Topliss, Chair of Aldwark Area PC, May 2024

4. **Comments, ideas and concerns from parishioners**
 - *Speeding in Aldwark and Flawith remains a concern. The data downloaded from the vehicle activated speed sign that the parish council purchased for Flawith shows significant numbers of vehicles exceeding the speed limits, The clerk was asked to send this data to the Police. It is believed that without enforcement action by the Police, the speeding issues will continue unabated.*
 - *There is an expectation that some funds will be given to the parish council by means of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) as a result of the developments in Flawith. This money could be used for further traffic calming measures if an appropriate means could be agreed with necessary authorities (Police and North Yorkshire Council Highways). The clerk was asked to contact her counterpart at Little Ouseburn to find out about costs and permissions for the picket-fence style speed signs they have installed there.*

- *A request was noted from the Friends of Alne School for funding but at this point the parish council did not feel able to support.*
- *Remedial work on some of the wooden posts in the Aldwark Play Area is likely in the short term which will require funds.*
- *A defibrillator and cabinet are desired for Youlton, on the cycle route, and funding will be sourced from charities and North Yorkshire Council in the first instance.*
- *Aldwark residents have raised issues of mud on the roads from farming activities, causing safety issues. While the importance of supporting the farming community is noted, it was agreed that a closer working relationship with farmers locally might be beneficial, potentially including some advance notice of major harvesting work and impact on roads and the village.*

5. Any other business *None*

THIS IS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS OF ALDWARK, FLAWITH AND YOULTON, AND IS NOT A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. AS ALWAYS, EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Signed by the chair.....

Date.....