



ALDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL



DRAFT Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held at 8.00pm on Thursday 14th March 2019 in The Auditorium, Radlett Centre, Radlett.

Present: Cllrs V Charrett (Chairman), G Balen, T Butwick, J Lefton, C Wilkins, B Evans, L Wood & E Samuelson,

Officers: P Evans (Parish Council Manager), P Paley (Planning officer), M Kotecha (CD Officer) & M Duong (Assistant Manager).

Also present were 58 parishioners.

76. Welcome by the Chairman of Aldenhams Parish Council.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the 122nd Annual Meeting. She introduced all the parish councillors present, starting with those that were stepping down in May at the election, and thanked them for their service.

77. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr N Payne; County Cllr Mrs C Clapper, Bor Cllrs J Graham & D Lambert, L & M Bissett, S Nagler & G Taylor.

78. To receive, and if so resolved, confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2018.

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true and correct record by Cllr V Charrett.

79. Annual Reports.

All the reports had been previously circulated. The Chairman suggested that any questions should be taken under item 7.

80. To receive the Accounts and Reports from Charities and Organisations who have received grants from Aldenhams Parish Council during the year.

Reports from Radlett Centre Trust and Churches Together were tabled.

81. To receive the Accounts and Reports from other Charities and Organisations within the Parish.

A report from the Platt Subsidiary Foundation was tabled. Cllr V Charrett gave a verbal report on the Aldenhams Alms-Houses.

82. To receive questions from Electors

Q – Looking at the accounts, why is the Section 106 amount reducing?

A – (PCM) – HertsmereBC have replaced 'Section 106' agreements with the Community Infrastructure Levy'. There are now very few agreements outstanding so this will continue to reduce, however the CiL will increase.

Q – Can you give us an update on Pegmire Lane?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) The Council is in favour of affordable housing on the site and has put this forward to HertsmereBC in the current Local Plan – Call for Sites. The Council is looking for architectural services, and once we have something concrete there will be a public consultation.

Q – Where are we with the Radlett Neighbourhood Plan?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) – The Regulation 16 consultation that ran before Christmas did not receive many responses. As this may mean that the inspector may reject the plan on the basis that it does not have public support, then it has been decided to run the consultation again, probably in April. Can I take this opportunity to ask residents to please respond, even if it is to just support the plan.

Q – One of the reasons that there was not much response maybe because insufficient numbers of the letters were given to the distributor, and it was the week before Christmas.

A – (Cllr V Charrett) – Thank you we will address the number of leaflets.

Q – Why was a political party allowed to lay a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) This is not a council event and my understanding is that anyone can lay a wreath. (Member of Labour Group also added) This was supplied by the Labour Party central office and we were encouraged to contact the local organisations to be allowed to lay one, which we did.

Q – I am glad to see that the Council has taken the sensible approach and will be reducing the allotment drive access road down to the original height. Can I ask how much this is going to cost to take it away?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) We have to admit that mistakes were made both by ourselves and the contractor. The original plan came out too expensive, so

we asked the contractor to come up with a more cost effective solution. Unfortunately, when it was installed the Parish Council Manager was in hospital and didn't pick up the height differences until it was too late. Since then we have been trying to mitigate the effects, in consultation with residents, allotment holders, the planners and anyone else with a view. In the end, however, we decided the only option was to go back to the planning permission granted in 2017 and go with that. Discussions are on-going with the contractor which as yet are not concluded.

Q -- APC have helped with the Tai Chi at Phillimore Hall which has 18/20 people attending, but this will stop soon, please can you put more money in?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) – This is a HertsmereBC initiative, so I will ask the Borough Cllrs to follow this up.

Q – What's happening with the verges that have been ruined by contractors building in the area?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) – I cannot see why this is not a condition when people are given planning permission, we will take this up with County Cllr Caroline Clapper.

Q – I heard that the traffic lights are coming back at Harper Lane?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) – Our understanding is that County Cllr C Clapper and other local County Cllrs have a meeting with HertsCC Highways Portfolio Holder to discuss this matter.

Q – Can anything be done regarding the poor way in which the planning decision was made on Regency House?

A – (Cllr V Charrett) – Whilst APC was not in favour of the design, and spoke against it, the decision has been made. R Gray (RSGBA) added that they too spoke against it and both groups were ignored.

J Howley then proposed a vote thanks to the Parish Councillors and Council staff for looking after the parish, especially the open spaces, and he asked those present to show their appreciation in the normal way.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm.

Chairman Date