

## **ALDBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held at Aldbrough Primary School on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 1930 hours.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors - T. Handley (Chair), T. Floater, S. Cantwell, J. Fox, M. Grove (Ward Councillor)  
S. Turner, M. Robinson, G. North, M. Allison (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Received from K Blackwell and D Smith

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Three members of the public were present, one being Mr Richard Caley who stated that he did not have any objection to the seat on East Newton Road being repaired but was concerned about the amount of youths using the seat and surrounding area for drinking and leaving broken glass and cans. Ward Councillor Grove suggested that if we do have a problem in this area to add this to our new “no drinking zones”. It has now been approved to go ahead with the repair.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2011 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

**Council Housing Allocation:** 7.30pm talk with Mr Bill Roantree, Principal Housing Management Officer of ERYC. - Aldbrough Councillors voiced their concerns regarding local villagers being on the waiting list for far too long, when there have been instances where people from outside the village have been allocated a council property before them. Mr Roantree explained the rules for allocation made in 2002 are very detailed and a bill is now going through to simplify the rules and hopefully involve Local Councils in the process of allocation. The 2002 bill states the first priority is to house homeless people. WC Grove said that some people make themselves homeless on purpose to obtain a council house, Mr Roantree reported that the Council have to prove that the person has put themselves in this position before they can cancel their application. Councillor Fox asked what the rules were on having pets, Mr Roantree explained the general rule is “one dog and one cat” but generally so long as there are no complaints made and the pets are not a nuisance its fine. Councillor North asked if Aldbrough could have more council houses built. WC Grove explained that this had gone before the planning office and had not been granted. Councillor Turner asked why the council does not use local knowledge to allocate housing, to which Mr Roantree reported it is a case of “confidentiality” and closed the talk with, hopefully there will be a lot of big changes to the 2002 rules, in the next 12 to 18 months that will assist the local communities.

**SSE General Tree planting phases one and two:** 8.00pm Alastair Clelland and Denise Rowley opened the talks and asked if there were any issues they could help with. Councillor Robinson stated we are not happy with the tree planting as bad top soil had been used to the detriment of the trees, Mr Clelland replied that they had looked at the problem last year and their Landscaper had planted more trees, such as willows etc. Councillor Turner said but you are still planting in bad top soil, to which Mr Clelland replied that the landscaper was monitoring the growth. WC Grove asked if SSE would consider starting again with phase one as phase two is now overtaking the first stage. Mr Clelland said there had been growth in the last year. Councillor Robinson suggested we all get together and revisit phase one say early next year.

**Update on Cenotaph Railing:** (Chair) Handley wished to thank Councillors Fox and Smith for a good job done on the Cenotaph. Councillor Fox reported that the Pump just needed a second coat of paint.

**Update on statement from BTCV:** Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to BTCV disputing the invoice and we are waiting a reply from their Project Officer and Regional Finance Manager.

**Youths drinking in the Village:** We have now received the new plans for the “no drinking zones” Councillor North pointed out a mistake on one of the areas marked on the plan which will be report to “ERYC safe community’s team”. WC Grove informed the council that PC William Stephenson will hopefully be attending our next meeting.

**248 Seaside Road:** WC Grove informed the council that this matter is now with the Enforcements Officer and should be resolved in the near future.

**Hedges overgrowing footpaths:** Councillor Cantwell reported that one resident had not replied to our letter requesting hedges and trees to be trimmed, WC Grove suggested we contact Mike Peeke of ERYC.

### **PLANNING DECISSIONS**

**Erection of a single Wind Turbine at land north of Cowden, Parva Bungalow, Main Street, Cowden for Mr Joe Dewhirst:** It was suggested that we request the Wind Turbine be sited at the back of the Pig Unit.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Crime Stats:** July, August and September figures have been noted and filed.

**Allotment Tenancy terminated by Plot 16:** Mr Hammond left the allotment in a very good condition but a shed has been set on fire in the middle of the allotment since. Councillors Turner and Floater will inspect the site before we can allocate to the next person on the list.

**Flooding outside the Elm Tree:** The Clerk has reported this to Mike Peeke who will arrange for the gullies adjacent to the pub to be cleaned.

**PARISH ACCOUNTS:** Separate Sheet.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councillor Robinson has had complaints about the slope on the footpath outside the Londis Shop as this can be quite dangerous in the winter. The Clerk will get Mike Peeke to assess the footpath.

Councillor Robinson reported an incident which occurred in the playing area, were a two year old child was pushed over by a dog not on a lead. Councillor Robinson has this incident on CCTV and will report it to the dog warden.

Councillor Cantwell will be making a further inspection of the Village footpaths week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor Fox reported a traffic accident on the junction of Church Street and Cross Street. The Clerk will chase the Council up over redoing the white lines at all the junctions.

Chairman Handley has asked if anyone would like to join the “Friend of St Bartholomew’s Church” the membership is £5 for the year and the funds all go towards the upkeep of the Church.

**NEXT MEETING:-**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at 7.30pm

Signed as a true record.....(Chairman)