

ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL 2019
IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, ALDBOURNE****In attendance**

20 members of the public, 9 members of the Parish Council, Parish Clerk

Prior to the start of the meeting there was an opportunity for those present to read reports and speak with groups and Parish Councillors over refreshments.

[Dabchick report](#) [Heritage Group Report](#) [Aldbourne & Baydon Link Report](#)

1. Welcome – Cllr. Alison Edmonds

It has been an eventful and busy year for both the Parish Council and village.

Firstly I would like to thank the Vice Chairman, Nick Josephy, for his support and work; also on behalf of the Parish Council I wish thank our Parish Clerk, Karen. Karen does a lot of work to make sure that we, as councillors, are always updated with various changes that come from Wiltshire Council and keeps our finances in order. Thank you also to all the councillors for their work and support.

It much appreciated that our Wiltshire Councillor, James Sheppard, attends our council meetings and gives updates on various issues plus takes on board any queries we may have regarding highways, etc.

Just looking at our year in the village two main events stand out. Firstly the excellent tribute to the anniversary of the ending of the first world War. The whole community came together to put on exhibitions, reflective services, a play with music and poems all combining a tribute to all those and families who had been effected.

In complete contrast, Vodafone arrived bringing Christmas very early to The Green. A great experience watching how an advertisement is made. The Parish Council did not under estimate how much disturbance there would be for the residents living around The Green. Vodafone did encourage visits from the school and also gave work experience to few students working on media related courses. Vodafone Donated £10,000 to the village. This is being managed by the Parish Council and you will have read in the Dabchick of how to apply for a share of this money.

Being the 100th year of the W.I, our local branch invited the Duchess of Cornwall to attend the excellent display put on by the Aldbourne W.I. Congratulations to the W.I for a superb day all round.

Lastly I would like to thank members of the AYC for the display this evening and their help with refreshments.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held Wednesday 25th April 2018

The Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 were unanimously accepted as correct

3. Aldbourne Youth Council & Community Junction – Mr Matt Lambert

Matt Lambert reports on the last year for the Youth Council and Community Junction. It had been another busy one with lots of activities, and an Award of Merit from Nicky Alberry, High Sheriff of Wiltshire for all their work for young people in the village. Activities & after school clubs are available for children aged 10-17 and anyone is welcome to come along. Adult volunteers are also very welcome. Do drop in at any time to find out how you could help.

4. How SSE can help vulnerable people during a sustained power outage – Ms Helen Vas & Ms Mel Grace

Ms Vas advised that help is available for those aged under 5 or over 60 who would need assistance with electrical equipment e.g. Medical aids, or stair lifts, in the event of a power failure. You need to register for this priority service (the Parish Council has some forms), or you can ring 0800 294 3259. This free service can be offered long term, or on a temporary basis.

Anyone experiencing a power cut can now call 105 from anywhere in the country. They will be connected to the correct place to either obtain information about the power cut, or be able to provide details if it has not yet been logged. There is also an APP available, called Powertrack which can be used to check on/report power failures.

5. Ramsbury Fire Station On-Call Recruitment – Mr Lee Smitten

Mr Smitten gave a comprehensive presentation on being an on-call firefighter with Ramsbury Fire Station. Anyone from Aldbourne can apply. [Link to presentation.](#)

6. Operation Nightingale & archaeological dig in Aldbourne 20-25 May – Mrs Jo Hutchings

Mrs Hutchings gave an informative presentation on the background of Operation Nightingale, and what archaeological work they intend to carry out on the sports field in May this year, as part of 'Band of Brothers. [Link to presentation](#)

7. Wiltshire Councillor report – Cllr. James Sheppard

Cllr. Sheppard spoke about the last year with Wiltshire Council, and that despite many challenges, expenditure was still within budget. He praised Aldbourne Youth Council, and all who help to make it work so well.

The Area Board has given out many grants this year, several to the Youth Council. There is still money available if there are any groups that wish to apply.

CATG will be looking at the request to have a review of a 20mph limit on several roads in the village at their June meeting. They are also working on moving the 30mph limit further out of the village at the top of Oxford St.

The Garlings is on the list of roads to be resurfaced in 2021.

Armed Forces Day is taking place in Salisbury over the weekend of 28-30 June 2019.

8. Topics for general discussion

Mr Ian Martin gave a brief update on the 2020 Festival, due to take place over the weekend of 22-25 May 2020. Ideas are being put together for events such as dances, markets and jousting to fit the Medieval theme. More members to join the committee are needed, as well as any funding that can be given to allow for bookings to be made. Anyone can help with either of these, or to run/organise events on the weekend, please get in touch.

The Parish Council were thanked for the donation from the Vodafone fund to the Aldbourne & Baydon Link Scheme. It has had a really positive effect, and allowed the group to continue the good work they do.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman's Signature: _____

29th April 2020