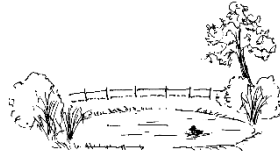


ALDBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

In attendance

Ten members of the public, seven members of the Parish Council, Cllr James Sheppard, Parish Clerk

1. Welcome – Cllr William Brown

Welcome everyone to tonight's meeting. Thank you to Aldbourne Youth Council for their display, if you have not had a look at it yet, please do so after the meeting. It is nice to be able to hold this meeting once again in person rather than remotely.

There are many who do so much across the village and within the Parish Council, and I would just like to say thank you to a few of them.

Alison Edmonds for all she has done in the past and continues to do for the Parish Council and the village.

Nick Josephy for his work on the Council's finances and his continued efforts to alleviate flooding as part of DIG.

Anne Deuchar for the huge amount of work putting together the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Brian Hill and Nigel Payne for their endless patience and tenacity with the SIDs.

Katie Thorp for co-ordinating the Aldbourne Community Volunteers and arranging regular litter picks and pond tidies.

Keith Warren for carry out maintenance across the village.

James Sheppard for attending Parish Council meetings and working hard to try and get action for Aldbourne.

Karen Clay for her seamless work in keeping the Council functioning.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held Wednesday 28 April 2021

The Minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 28 April 2021 were unanimously accepted as correct.

3. Presentations

- Centenary of Aldbourne Memorial Hall – Mrs Jo Hutchins
[Click here to view a copy of the report](#)
- A Snippet on the History of Court Leets – Cllr William Brown
A court leet was a historical type of manorial court. [Click here to view some of the Manor of Aldbourne Leets](#)
- Aldbourne History Film – Ms Cassie Rust
A brief film with Aldbourne Carnival processions from around 1958-1962, plus farming in Aldbourne was shown.

4. Wiltshire Council report

Cllr James Sheppard gave a report from Wiltshire Council. A copy will be added once available.

5. Reports, questions, or general discussions

Reports from the following organisations were given at the meeting. Click on the group name to open their report.

[Dabchick](#) – Mr Terry Gilligan

[Aldbourn Heritage Group](#) - Mr Terry Gilligan

[Ramsbury Fire Station Recruitment](#) – Mr Lee Smitten

[Aldbourn Wildlife Group](#) – Mrs Emily Best

Poors Gorse – Mr Terry Gilligan

The 1805 Enclosures Act gave a 50-acre plot of land to the village, called Poors Gorse. 45 acres are rented out to a local farmer and the remaining five acres are woods, which are currently full of bluebells. The land is situated off the Ewins Hill road just before the boundary with Ramsbury. Funds from the land are disbursed as a £60 payment each December to anyone 65 or over who has lived in the village for at least one year.

This year 50 trees were planted on a small section of the land as part of The Queen's Green Canopy in celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Aldbourn Art Group – Mrs Jenny Wales

Peter and Andrea West who ran the art exhibition for many years decided to retire from organising the event last year. A small group of artists in the village decided they couldn't let the art exhibition end and formed a small committee to ensure it continued. This year's event will be held on 13 & 14 August, with a private viewing on 12th. All profits from the exhibition go to the Memorial Hall. If anyone would like to volunteer for the committee or to help with the exhibition, please get in touch.

Churches Together Fete – Mrs Jenny Wales

This year's fete is being held on Saturday 2 July. As ever, volunteers are required to help, particularly to organise and run activities for children.

If you would like more details on any of the above groups, or can offer help at events mentioned, please contact the Parish Clerk, who will be happy to send you the relevant contact details.

The following report was sent to the meeting

[Friends of Aldbourn Band](#)

Cllr Brown thanked Aldbourn Youth Council and the Community Junction for providing the refreshments, everyone who gave a presentation or report, and everyone for attending.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.57 pm

Signature of Chairman: _____

26 April 2023