

ALDWARD AREA ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD AT
ALDWARD MANOR, ALDWARD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2012 AT 7.00PM**

PRESENT: Councillors: Roland Crooke (Chairman), Alison Pollock (Vice Chairman),
Colin Stroud, Henry Dean and Alan Boddy.

Clerk: District Councillor Nigel Knapton.

2 members of the public were present.

12/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

12/2 CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

A new member of the Council had joined Councillor Colin Stroud and a new Parish Clerk Nigel Knapton. Everyone else remains the same as last year and thanks to all Councillors for the work they have done during the year.

If I am elected as Chairman then this will be the last year I will stand as Chairman.

The past year has been slightly less intensive fighting battles than previous years. Alison and Henry have done a huge amount to keep the Environment Agency informed of the muck spreading and this has resulted in a prosecution but unfortunately not an operating ban.

Speeding through Flawith is still an issue. There had been a meeting with the Community Safety Partnership. This had not been hugely productive but has put our name on their agenda. Informal ideas have been enacted to reduce speeding.

Henry and the Parish Group had arranged the trees on the green to be tidied. The phone box and bench have now been refurbished. The derelict property has now been reduced in size. There had been mixed success with the Parish Group but another success had been keeping the village entrances and exits tidy.

Colin had been working with Ian Jackson on the website which was now available at www.aldwarkparish.co.uk and was run jointly with www.tollerton.net. People were asked to submit interesting items for the website. Flight information from RAF Linton-n-Ouse was also put on the website.

12/3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The meeting welcomed Amanda Madden, the Rural Housing Enabler for Hambleton. She works with parishes who think they may have a housing need and can conduct a survey to identify if there is a need. The main problem is managing peoples aspirations as it is a big step from living at home with parents to renting or shared ownership. Housing schemes had been enabled at Tollerton, Shipton, Stillington and these scheme have provided 'Local Homes for Local People' they have to have lived in the parish for a year or five years out of ten or have a close family connection or are employed full time in the parish. Every time there is a change of tenant or sale the allocation will be checked with the parish council.

Where a developer is building more than one house section 106 monies become available. In this area a requirement for 50% affordable housing is required.

Approved Chairman

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The housing need survey would show a need for rented or shared ownership. Intermediate rents are also available which can be slightly higher for three to five years in order to save for a deposit. Land can be used for affordable housing if it is adjacent to the development area. The starting point for monies available to purchase land is £5,000 per plot with usually 15 plots to the acre.

The average salary in Hambleton is £24,000 where an average house will cost seven to eight times that.

The public are consulted on any proposed designs and are built to a minimum of Code for Sustainable Homes Level 3.

If someone wished to build a property on their land this could be linked to an affordable home to enable them to get permission.

It was agreed to ask Amanda to undertake a Housing Needs Survey.

12/4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2013 at 7.00pm at Aldwark Manor.

The Meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Approved

Chairman

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