

ALDBROUGH ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL

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Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of MEETING of ALDBROUGH ST JOHN PARISH COUNCIL on MONDAY 6TH MAY 2024 at 7.00pm held in the Village Hall.

Present: Mike Banks - Chairing the meeting
Members of the Parish Council
Jenny Pears - Minute taking
Residents of the Parish

- 06-05A/01 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE **ACTION**
None.
- 06-05A/02 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
The Chairman welcomed all those present and gave a brief overview of the activities which the Parish Council had undertaken throughout the year. An annual report was referred to later on in the meeting. **ACCEPTED.**
- 06-05A/03 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
There are no previous minutes. No action required.
- 06-05A/04 CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 23/24
The Annual Report from the Parish Council had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report detailed council activity over the past 12-month period with a focus on the budget and accounts. A copy of the report is attached – Appendix 1. **ACCEPTED**
- 06-05A/05 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
Members of the public present at the meeting were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and received responses.
Clerk noted a resident asked about the fibre community partnership raised before meeting. This was agreed to share the information on home page of web site. **ACCEPTED**
- 06-05A/06 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next meeting would be scheduled to take place in May 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

SIGNED: DATE:(Chairman)



**ALDBROUGH ST JOHN
PARISH MEETING
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

6th May 2024

The Parish Council Members

Mike Banks Chair
Steve Baddon Vice Chair
Stuart Reed
Kirstie Thornton
Tony Lewis

Due to all the previous Parish Councillor's resigning, a new Parish Council (PC) had to be formed on a temporary basis which had to be approved by North Yorkshire Council. All the Parish Councillors here volunteered to resurrect the PC rather than see the Parish been ran by another villages committee appointed by North Yorkshire Council.

A meeting was then held on the 8th January to form the new PC.

Due to there being no handover from the previous Councillors everything has been channelled through Jenny the PC Clerk, to whom we are most grateful for all her help and advice.

During the short time the PC has been formed we have started to pick up some of the actions that had been agreed by the previous PC as well as making a to do list of items that require addressing.

The village community web site which was established by Chris Dickenson has now had a makeover and all PC information can be found under the PC tab. Within the website under updates, you will be able to find copies of the to-do lists with actions completed, actions in progress and actions that have not been started.

(copy of to do lists)

The PC believes that everything should be open to scrutiny by Aldbrough parishioner's and as such you can find copies of minutes of meetings, financial information, key documents, consultation documents, and archived materials on the website.

Financial Information

Financially the PC is not in the healthiest place and careful budgeting is required over the next few years,

The Parish Precept was £4284 2023/2024

The PC requested an increase of 5% to £4499

As most of you will see the council tax bill states a rise of 9%, this was queried with the North Yorkshire Council, the reason for the discrepancy falls back to the Council tax base rate dropping from £218.54 to £210.77 approximately 4%. The base rate changes each year commonly due to changes to the number, or

council tax banding of properties or through variations in the level of discounts applied which reduce the taxable base (e.g. single person discount)

Why the rise?

In the financial year 23/24 (April to end March)

Expenditure was £6257

Income was £5827.

Deficit **£430**

Where was the money spent?

Grass cutting of the village greens.

Insurance

Village upkeep (Conifer removed from Becks side near road bridge at a cost of £350) white bridge painted.

Clerk's/RFO wages (min wage 3 hrs wk)

Post Office contribution.

Grass cutting contribution to Stanwick Church

Play Park Inspection

Web Site

Membership to Yorkshire Local Council Association (added this year)

Income

Precept

Cricket Club Encroachment Fee

Encroachment fees

NYC payment for cutting roadside splays

Vat refund

Money in the Bank

The PC run two bank accounts, NAT WEST is the PC's current account where monies for maintaining the parish are deposited and paid out of, e.g. precept, encroachment fees etc incoming, with grass cutting, insurance etc outgoing.

The CO-OP account is ring fenced for maintaining, repairs and just recently inspecting the play park. The money in the CO-OP cannot be used for any other purpose as the money was raised by fund raising, donations and grants specifically for the renewal of the play park.

NAT WEST £4,580.34

CO-OP £4,593.68

2024/2025

Actions

Review of budget items to ensure best value for money as well as deciding what we need to cut back on to maintain expenditure against income.

Village maintenance

Some of the other things that require attention,

Bench refurbishment. approximately 7 number

Goalpost re-painted

Bush shelter floor and general repainting

Trees cut back where necessary, beck side etc

Repairs to Village greens where cars destroy the edges of the green.
Strimming of grassed areas where contractor does not cut. To put this into context, all the area below the cricket pitch, the Beckside, the lane over the iron bridge to Melsonby road.

Cutting of green footpaths etc

Tree planting

Tree maintenance and inspection

All of the above is done on a voluntary basis

Also, the Village Clock maintenance needs to be carried out by a contractor

Statutory Documentation

Standing orders

Financial regulations

Freedom of Information documentation

Transparency code

Health and safety policy

Tidy village competition

Village entered tidy village competition. (no cost)