

**Aldsworth Parish Council**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held February 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Present**

Mr David Pegrum           (Chairman)  
Mr Richard Meadows   (Vice Chairman)  
Mrs Jo Jenvey  
Miss Shona McFarlane  
Mr Nigel Berry  
Miss Kate James           (Parish Clerk)

**1/ Apologies**

None

**2/ Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**3/ Approval of minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of meeting held January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 were approved and signed

**4/ Matters arising**

1/ Correction to the minutes published for the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Susee Mason was present and not Susee Fordham as previously written.

**5/ Financial**

There was no income since the last meeting

Expenditure -   £97.75 for Lawn Mower maintenance & spares  
                      £560 for grass cutting

**6/ Planning**

17/00264/TCONR - T1 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Fell to ground level and treat stump T2 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Fell to ground level and treat stump T3 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Fell to ground level and treat stump T4 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Prune branches overhanging sheds and growing towards house and deadwood, as per specification in attached schedule T5 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Fell to ground level and treat stump T6 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Prune branches overhanging sheds and growing towards house and deadwood, as per specification in attached schedule T7 - Yew (*Taxus baccata*) - Prune branches overhanging sheds and growing towards house and deadwood

The Parish Council has no objection to this.

**7/ Any other business**

1/ **Grass Cutting** – The Parish Council will employ Alex Williams to take on the grass cutting for the village this year.

2/ **Dog Fouling** – It has been brought to the Parish Councils attention that there is an issue with an increase of dog mess in the verges along School Hill, the path along the B4425 towards the pub & the path to the village hall. The Parish Council would like to remind people to pick up after their dog and either take it home with them or place it in a dog poo bin. Please do not leave it on the floor or hanging in bags from hedges and trees. Strimming of the village will start soon and it is not a pleasant thing to trim.

Under the terms of the Dog Fouling Order, dog mess must be disposed of properly when a dog fouls in a public place. If dog mess is not picked up and disposed of properly, the CDC's Environmental Wardens can issue a fixed penalty notice for £75 or refer the matter for prosecution in the courts where the fines could be £1000.

The dog mess bin at Ladbarrow lane was reported for emptying to Cotswold District Council (CDC\_000000110533) – this has now been done.

3/ **Speeding** – Richard Gray from Highways came to the village to discuss the issue of speeding and what measures could be implemented in order to help solve this issue.

The following points were put forward by Richard Gray:

1. Leaning trees on the verge opposite the junction into Aldsworth village. The angle of these trees makes them very vulnerable to falling into the highway during high winds and thus causing a safety issue. The ones which present the greatest hazard will be removed. It was discussed that if too many are removed it will open up the forward visibility and potentially create more issues.
2. The existing chevron sign near the Aldsworth junction. This can become 'lost' in the background foliage. They will look into realigning it slightly and if funding is available replace it with one with a yellow background.
3. To assist with the message about the speed limit along the B4425 they will arrange for a 50mph repeater to be installed near the Aldsworth village turning.
4. Some additional reflective posts will be installed in the grass verge by the footway leading to the Pub.
5. A dotted white line will be painted between the road and path opposite the Ladbarrow Farm turning, where there is no grass verge.
6. 2x bend/junction signs (TSRG 512.1) will be installed to replace the existing bend signs, at both ends of the village
7. A junction sign (TSRG 506.1) will be installed prior to the Coln St. Aldwyns turning as you approach Aldsworth from Bibury.
8. They may be able to reinforce the existing 50mph start points on both approaches with some "dragons teeth" markings and 50mph roundel, but only if this is possible in this situation.
9. The installation of "Gateways" was discussed at length.

Similar "Gateways" have recently been installed at North Cerney and Ampney Crucis, with great effect. As a guide, each "Gate" (x2 at each end of the village) will cost in the region of £1000 (so approximately £4000 in total). Full funding for gateways has to come from the Parish, however, there is the potential under the Community Offer for 50/50 funding. Richard Gray will look to see if this is available in this financial year and is not sure whether this initiative will be carried forward into financial year 17/18.

The Parish Council have agreed in principle to have the "Gateways" but will need to look at the funding. Richard Meadows will contact Richard Gray in the next few weeks to follow up on progress. If 50/50 funding is available, the Parish Council will look at fundraising for the remaining value.

**4/ Music Festival -**

David Pegrum attended the licensing meeting in regards to the 'Amplified Rocks' Music Festival being held in July. The licence for the event has been granted. There should not be any stages facing in the direction of Aldsworth. A management plan of the event will be submitted by Gary Scot-Paterson, 28 days before the event.

The licence that has been granted is only for 12 months and if the event is successful & Gary wishes to hold another event he will have to reapply for a new licence.

**8/ Correspondence**

None

**9/ Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 1930 HOURS at THE VILLAGE HALL.