

ALNE PARISH

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH ASSEMBLY HELD IN ST MARY'S CHURCH
IN ALNE ON TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024 AT 8.00PM**

PRESENT: Dr Robert Brech (Chairman)
Clerk: Nigel Knapton.

4 members of the public were present.

24/1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from David Lepper.

24/2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2023

Minutes were circulated and these were accepted and signed as a correct record.

24/3 CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S REPORT

I am Robert Brech and I welcome you to the Annual Parish Meeting.

I remind you that the Annual Parish meeting is held each year as required by the Local Government Act 1972. Under the law, the Annual Parish Meeting consists of "the local government electors for the parish" who meet for the purpose of "discussing parish affairs". The law requires me to preside over this Annual Parish Meeting because I am the current Chairman of the Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting follows the traditionally established format. I will give a review of Parish Council activities over the past year, and then any elector who wishes to raise any wider parish affairs is free to do so. To ensure that the meeting runs in an efficient and timely manner, the standard rules applicable to Parish Council meetings will, as usual, also apply to the Annual Parish Meeting, including that the total contribution of any individual elector shall be for no more than three minutes.

Our main activities this year can be summarised as follows:

While responsibility for footpaths rests with North Yorkshire Council, we have continued our new initiative on footpaths and are working with local landowners and North Yorkshire to ensure that all existing footpaths are clear and safe. Our thanks to Councillor Fletcher who has taken a dynamic lead on these issues.

- The re-establishment of the Kyle footbridge is an important part of this initiative. As you are aware from the village website, this has been delayed into a fifth year first by North Yorkshire Council for budgetary reasons and then by the inordinately wet weather. But we very much hope it will be open by the end of May.

Approved Chairman

- The new defibrillator in the Alne Station area was fitted a year ago and a new one has now also been installed on the recreation ground. Our thanks to Councillor Edwards who is the Alne lead on this.
- New trees have again been planted along the Main Street to fill some holes. Thanks to Councillor Price who has done the work on this and who will ensure that they are watered as conditions require.
- The 2024 litter pick was moved back to its traditional spot in March when the rubbish is more visible. A good turnout of volunteers ensured that this was a successful event with loads of bags of rubbish being collected and taken away.
- After yet another accident in icy conditions at the bottom end of Monk Green, a good deal of effort was spent on getting Highways to grit Monk Green as and when necessary. This, however, fell on deaf ears as they are only prepared to grit one route through the village.
- Alne Parish Council has given major support this year to the restoration work on the Alne playground and the installation of new projects. This support has been funded by the Community Infrastructure Levy which gives money to the Parish Council from the building of new houses in the parish. The money has to be spent on improving the village infrastructure, so the recreation ground projects are a perfect home for this expenditure.
- Support under the same Community Infrastructure Levy has also been given to Alne Village Hall, FOAS for new play equipment and to the church for a new heavy-duty strimmer.

My thanks are due to all the councillors and also to our hard-working clerk, Nigel Knapton.

24/4 CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the floor.

24/5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

24/6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 May 2025 at 8.00pm.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm

Approved Chairman