

Aldwick Parish Council Newsletter – October 2023



Welcomes and thank you's



We're pleased to introduce the Council's new Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer, Heather Knight. Heather joined us in August with seven year's prior experience as clerk to another West Sussex parish council and over 20 years working in the local government sector. She's been busy getting to know the Parish Council and the Aldwick area and is looking forward to helping the council drive positive benefits for the parish as well as to meeting residents.

We've recently said goodbye to some longstanding and dedicated councillors, and thank them for their invaluable contributions. We have some new members joining returning councillors Richard Gotheridge, Jan Rufey and Ashvin Patel, and welcome to the team Diana Thas, Trevor Bence, Guy Purser, Fiona Huntley and Kevin Shepherd. Your Council Chairman is Richard Gotheridge, and Jan Rufey is Vice Chairman.

New Office opening times and website



Current office opening hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 10.00am-12.30pm, and outside of those times you can contact the parish office by email or telephone (leave a message if we can't pick up the phone and we'll get back to you as soon as possible), contact details below. You can find public contact details for councillors on our website at www.alldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk. We are currently reviewing website content, so please bear with us if it's not fully up to date and let the office know if you can't find what you are looking for.

Council Meeting dates



Scheduled full council meetings are: Monday 16th October, Monday 20th November and Monday 18th December 2023 – please check our website for any changes or additional dates. Meetings normally start at 7pm and are open to the public, with a section set aside for public questions. Agendas and Minutes can be found on our website; agendas are usually available around a week before the meeting and are also usually on our notice boards around the parish.

What we've been doing

We recently repaired the 25 year old bus shelter near the duck pond on Lower Bognor Road; We had a long term broken bus stop sign removed near the Pryors Lane/GP surgery junction; We've been reporting on various damaged street furniture and graffiti issues - public can also report these online to the County Council at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/> or Arun District Council at <https://www.arun.gov.uk/report>; We recently opened our grant aid scheme to help fund community groups that benefit Aldwick residents. The deadline closed on 30th September and we will shortly be considering applications.

Your Council Needs You



The Council's primary objective is to work in the interest of residents of the parish and protect the identity and character of the area for the enjoyment of parishioners, visitors, and future generations. We currently still have some vacancies for co-option to the Council, to work as part of a team of 14 members.

|Could you contribute your business or personal skills and expertise? |Do you want to represent views of local people? |Would you like to make a difference and help shape the future of Aldv Parish? For an informal chat and more information, an application form and eligibility criteria, ple contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@alldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk or on 01243 263330.

