



New Team Member and contact details

We're pleased to introduce the Council's new part time Assistant Clerk, Alison Colban. Alison joined us in November with several years' experience clerking for other parish councils, and will usually be in the office on Wednesdays and Fridays. She joins part time Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer, Heather Knight, and our new email address for enquiries is office@aldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk.



Remembrance Day



We observed two minutes' silence on Armistice Day on Monday 11th November 2024 with a wreath laying ceremony at the Millennium Garden Memorial, and were joined by a crowd of about 70 residents, veterans and service representatives. It's always humbling to hear the Last Post played as we remember the fallen. We are grateful to Aldwick Branch of the Royal British Legion for their participation in the ceremony. It was a pleasure to welcome staff and pupils of Rose Green Junior School this year, whose 8 Team Captains were great ambassadors for the school. Around 50 people joined Council Chair Guy Purser, councillors and staff after the ceremony for a chat over a hot drink and home-made cake.

Lt Prior Commemorative Plaque



Lots of people have asked about the missing Dark Lane plaque in memory of Lt Walter Erskine Prior RNVR, who died defusing a mine at Aldwick beach, aged just 23, on 22nd December 1945: You'll be pleased to know it's safely with us having fallen from the wall at Dark Lane. We're talking with the Royal Naval Association and checking what's needed to put it back in position. Keep an eye on our website for updates.

New Benches – at last!

It took longer than we hoped sorting out necessary consents but we are finally on track to replace some much requested public seats. You may have spotted Public Notices at 3 locations as we had to allow a period for any objections. The sites are: Willowhale/GP surgery bus stop; Corner of Grosvenor Gardens/Rose Green Road; Bus stop on Aldwick Road/B2166 Martletts roundabout approach. By the end of December we'll remove two unusable seats and replace with new, plus replace a 'missing' seat at the B2166 site. Made from recycled plastic, new seats won't corrode or need repair, and can eventually be recycled again. We'd like to have repaired broken seats rather than dispose of, but some structural damage had compromised safety.



Meeting dates Public are welcome to observe our meetings and can ask questions on agenda items during a short adjournment item. Agendas are on our noticeboards and website about a week ahead, at www.aldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk.



Planning Committee – Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 17th December (short); Tuesday 7th January 2025 7pm, Tuesday 21st January 2025 (short). The 'short' meetings precede Full Council meetings. Full Council meetings start at approximately 7.15pm at the earliest.
Full Council - Tuesday 17th December; Tuesday 21st January 2025, 7.15pm.

Christmas already?

Summer whizzed by and suddenly November and December loomed! We were able to provide a lit Christmas tree again at Rose Green in late November, which we hope you've enjoyed. Aldwick is lucky in having several good retail areas, at Aldwick Road, Coastguards Parade, West Meads and Rose Green. Do try to support local businesses and services if you can. This Newsletter covers December and January, so our next one will be in February 2025. Wishing all our residents a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

