



## Aldwick Parish Council Monthly Newsletter June 2019

### **Electors' Meeting – Chairman highlights work of voluntary groups in Aldwick.**

The annual get-together with your councillors was held on 25<sup>th</sup> April and was very well attended. Our Chairman spoke eloquently about the role of the Parish Council and of the work the council does on your behalf.



She also applauded the work done by the various voluntary organisations in Aldwick, saying: 'I am also very proud of the work put in by dedicated volunteer groups around the parish. The Aldwick Preservation Society does us all proud by their work and the duck pond (*left*) and its environs look particularly good at this time

of year, and the Aldwick Green Conservation Society has made the Green a real haven though I don't underestimate the work it takes to keep both those areas looking that way.

'The parish hall hosts the Willows Coffee morning attended by residents from the Willowhale Estate and another coffee morning – Coffee Pot run by a local church. I am sure that you are aware of the issue of social isolation and events such as these are exactly what we should be encouraging to reduce these effects – particularly on our elderly.

'We also have groups that attract younger people such as TS Montrose and the Sea Scouts and two of our councillors are mandated with representing us on youth activities. The West Meads Community Group play an active part in community life with their own coffee morning and social events and the numerous residents' associations around the parish do their best to keep Aldwick a green, pleasant and safe place in which to live and bring up children as does the Neighbourhood Forum affiliated to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.'

She also emphasised the role played by individuals: 'The winners of this year's Aldwick Parish Community Awards went to a group of ladies who consistently, quietly and without any prompting, give their support, time and skills to supporting the Remembrance Day Commemorations. When the event is over, they quietly withdraw only to appear again the following year to repeat their efforts.'

### **Local Elections**

We would like to congratulate Councillors Bass, Coppard and Smith who retained their seats in Aldwick West. In that ward, we would like to welcome two new Councillors, Councillor Gillian Edom and Councillor Carol Birch to APC. We are sure they will do sterling work on your behalf. We do still have vacancies in other parish wards, so if you feel you can serve the residents of Aldwick in a vibrant and hard-working parish council, please contact the Clerk.