

## **Minutes of Alderholt Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7.00pm**

### **Present**

#### **Alderholt Parish Council:**

Cllr Hibberd (Chairman), Cllr S Butler, Cllr G Logan and Cllr M Smethers  
Nicky Ashton (Clerk).

14 members of the public.

### **Welcome from the Chairman**

Cllr Hibberd, Chairman of Alderholt Parish Council welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr A Butler, Cllr S Emberson, Cllr R Stone and Cllr D Tooke.

### **To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **To receive the Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Adrian Hibberd**

Cllr Hibberd gave his report for 2024-25 which is attached to these minutes.

### **Presentations**

#### **Alderholt Recreation Association (ARA)**

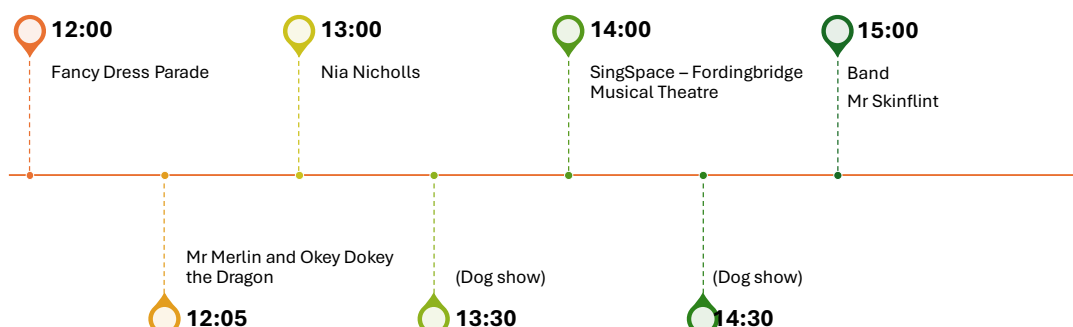
Mr S Rose of the ARA gave a presentation about the history of the recreation ground which is run and managed by the ARA.

This year will see the recreation ground celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, to commemorate this there will be an exhibition at the Alderholt Fete. In the early 1970's the then District Council formulated a new Local Plan and the Parish Council was asked for their input regarding sites for a recreation ground. Various sites were considered but many proved to be unsuitable for one reason or another and in the end the current site was purchased by the Parish Council in 1975 for £15,000, using a loan from the PWLB – it was paid off within 10yrs. Only sports in Alderholt at the time was football but with purchase of the recreation ground the cricket club reformed, also rugby and tennis. The field still needed developing and to be able to acquire grant aid the ARA charity was formed. The Parish Council awarded a grant to the ARA of a £1000 to start the process of building the Pavilion, which was completed in 1981. The ARA is a voluntary organisation and the Parish Council contribute towards it and think it is a lot but it is only a small amount. There is currently both a very strong cricket club and youth football club using the recreation ground. It is not just a place for sport but for everyone to use and enjoy it including dog walkers. Thank you for using it.

#### **Alderholt Fete 2025**

This is the third year of holding the fete which helps to promote organisations in the village. Thanks were given to the ARA for allowing the fete to be held at the recreation ground. There will be a fancy dress parade which will be a sports theme to recognise the recreation ground's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A presentation was given to show what entertainment will be happening during the day and the times. A list of stall holders was also provided. It was also pointed out that volunteers are needed to assist on the day.

## On Stage:



### **To discuss having a Citizen of the Year agenda item for future Annual Parish Meeting**

Various feedback received with one member of the public stating they didn't think it was worth it. Other comments included the need for parameters, in some cases having this type of award worked well but in other cases it didn't. Question asked whether it could be a youth award instead for under 18's. Another suggestion was perhaps not have one every year. If considering this need to look at smaller groups in the village as well. The Chairman asked those present to email a list of smaller organisations and groups in the village they were aware of and any other thoughts or suggestions.

### **Questions**

The Chairman invited open questions from the floor:

- Q. Concerned raised regarding the state of the ditch at the Pennyfarthings development. Ditch important as impacts AHRG. Need to demand something is done.
- Q. Is the Parish Council going to continue with the bus service? It was confirmed that the Parish Council has funding secured to continue the bus service for at least the next three years.
- Q. What is happening with CIL monies recently received, can they be used to extend the path around the Amanda Harris Recreation Ground? As funds only just received no decisions have been made yet as to how they will be used.

Cllr Hibberd thank everyone for attending the meeting.

Meeting ended 8.27pm.

Chairman's Signature:

Date: