

Great Alne Parish Assembly Thursday 24 May 2018 at Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall 7-9pm

PRESENT	Electors from Great Alne, Councillors Mr L Bowring, Mr P Clark, Mrs M Holding, County Cllr Mr C Rickhards and Sarah Duran, Clerk to Great Alne Parish Council.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	The public and press were invited to attend. Members of the public: 10 plus 6 tables of exhibitors Cllr Mr I Millard, District Cllr Mr M Gittus, Mr C Moody and Mr T Barnsdale
2017 MINUTES	Hard copies were provided at the meeting.
PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017-18	<p>The Chair of Great Alne Parish Council, Cllr Mr Lynn Bowring welcomed everyone to the Parish Assembly. Parish councillors present and the Clerk were introduced and exhibitors from the 'market place' thanked for attending. They included Great Alne & Kinwarton Women's Institute, Friends of Great Alne Primary School, Great Alne Painting Class, St Mary Magdalen Church, Great Alne Cricket Club and Linfoot Country Homes Ltd. Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall Management Committee were also thanked for the kind use of the Hall.</p> <p>The Chairman gave his report highlighting the main issues for 2017-18- please see the document attached Appendix 1.</p> <p>The Chair wanted to express his thanks to the Playground Advisory Committee, and in particular Mrs L Bennett, for all their hard work in bringing the play equipment installation in the Toddler area project to fruition.</p> <p>There is currently a vacancy for a parish councillor following the resignation of Mrs L Bennett. The Chair thanked Mrs Bennett for her outstanding contributions during her term of office- in addition to acting as lead councillor in the playground project above, she also led on the installation of the defibrillator in the phone box on School Road. The chair also thanked the Clerk, County Councillor Rickhards and District Councillor Gittus for their support.</p> <p>Questions/comments from the floor included:</p> <p>Concerns were raised with respect to road safety near the school- the vehicle activated sign is no longer working. Cllr Rickhards agreed to notify Warwickshire County Council and arrange repair and access the Safer Routes to Schools Fund to provide extra signage. It is understood that drivers are going around the school crossing patrol person when they are standing in the road.</p>
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2018	The Chairman presented the Accounts for Great Alne Parish Council year ending 31 March 2018- please see the document attached Appendix 2. There were no questions.
REPORT FROM TRUSTEES OF CHARITIES	<p>Cllr Mrs M Holding presented a report in her capacity as the Parish Council's representative trustee for Great Alne & Kinwarton Memorial Hall Management Committee- please see the attached document Appendix 3.</p> <p>Cllr Mr I Millard sent his apologies together with a report as the Parish Council's representative trustee for Great Alne Parochial Charity- please see the attached document Appendix 4.</p>
COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	County Councillor Rickhards informed the Assembly that improvements to road safety works at Alne Cote Corner and through the village will be actioned soon. Great Alne has been the recipient of 40% of the Transport delegated budget available to Cllr Rickhards. The Urute between Spernal and Coughton Fields Lane has been renamed, along with other Eroads in the County. They are all unclassified routes. Any further headway on the classification of this route at County level awaits much historical research. Whilst some headway is being made at Aston Cantlow, it is unlikely that progress will be made in Great Alne for some time. Care must be taken by the County as they could face a legal challenge by powerful lobbies, which include the Green Lane Association, against removal of the vehicular access status. There will be a £6,000 Members Grant available shortly to community groups. In 2017 some of the grant was used to support the provision of a noticeboard at Great Alne Church.
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT	District Councillor Mr Mike Gittus sent his apologies.
OTHER MATTERS	No other matters were reported to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Refreshments were served following the close of the meeting.
The next Annual Meeting will be held in May 2019 date and venue TBC	