



ALFORD TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

25 May 2018

SUMMARY

Since April 2017 the Town Council has been busy on your behalf and has continued with the many projects it is supporting. The Mayor, Councillor Sarah Devereux, has represented the town on a number of occasions through out the year, and on the 15th May at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, which is where Councillors elect the mayor it was decided that the Mayor for the Coming Civic Year 2018/19 be Councillor Grant Allan, Councillor Graham Hounslow was elected as deputy.

The members of the Alford Town Council are:

Councillor G Allan; Councillor Chloe Devereux; Councillor Sarah Devereux; Councillor M Freshney; Councillor N Hogg; Councillor G. Hounslow; Councillor L Iaquaniello, Councillor S Lithgow, Councillor G Marsh, Councillor R Quantrell and Councillor A Whitcombe.

There is currently a vacancy for a Town Councillor and if by 11th June ELDC have not received a request from 10 electors for an election the Town Council will be able to co-opt. If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor please contact the Town Clerk for details.

All Councillors can be contacted through the Town Clerk on 01507 463590

ALFORD CEMETERY



2017/18 has seen a lot of investment in work carried out at the cemetery on Farlesthorpe Road. Councillors and contractors have worked hard to improve the appearance of the cemetery. Overgrown areas have been cleared, a survey of trees carried out and work prioritised as urgent carried out. New planting of hedgerows and fencing installed and new gates made for the cemetery entrance. A compost bin for green waste and storage area for new bin for paper waste have been erected and have clear signage on them.



More work will continue in 2018/19 including the clearing of the remaining overgrown areas, more work on the trees in the cemetery, grass seeding of cleared areas and turfing of WW1 war graves not tended to by the CWGC.

DONATIONS

During the last financial year donations were given to:

Memorial Park - £5000

Alford Sports Hall - £1000

Alford Focal Point - £5,000

Alford Corn exchange—£2000

Alford Youth Group—£1000

Alford Indian Summer—£200

Alford Mouse Trail—£250

Corn Exchange Christmas Dinner—£200

In the current financial year Alford Town Council have budgeted for donations to the Memorial Park, Alford Focal Point and Alford Corn Exchange and have increased the budget for donations to Alford Sports Hall and Youth Group to £2000. In addition it has been agreed that donations will be made to events in Alford including the Great Mouse Trail. There is still funding available for any project which is for the benefit of Alford residents.

Look on the Town Council Website or contact the town clerk for an application form.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the year the Council has considered many planning applications, and passed comments on them. The Town Council is a consultee, but East Lindsey District Council as the planning authority makes the final decision.

Residents can view local planning applications on the East Lindsey website.

WEBSITE. www.alfordtown.co.uk

Details of Councillors and agenda and minutes of meetings are available on the Town Council's website which also has links to other useful information including Cemetery costs.

FACEBOOK. <https://m.facebook.com/AlfordTownCouncil/> Alford Town Council facebook page where you can find information and updates on council activities. It is also a way for you to contact the town council with any issues you may have about the town.

Events in Alford 2018

Alford in Bloom.

Alford is once again entering the Lincolnshire in Bloom Competition. This year the Town Council's floral display contractor Christina Melaugh together with volunteer Glynis Docker are heading up the Towns entry. They are clearing untidy areas around the town and organising litter picks as well as other activities for residents to get involved in. A large proportion of the points are awarded for community involvement. So if you want to help Alford improve on its previous Silver award please check out the Alford In Bloom facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/AlfordInBloom/>

Best Kept Town and Village Competition.

The Town Council has entered the Market Town Section of this competition judging will start 28th May. Everyone is encouraged to do what they can to make Alford look attractive and welcoming.

The Great Alford Mouse Trail.



Alford Town Council is once again supporting this imaginative idea started by the councils new floral display contractor Christina Melaugh of Bay Tree Garden Services. The trail around the shops and Market Place will take place between the 8th and 23rd July. Local schools and groups have been decorating and making mice. If you want to join in, mice are available from Lovells and Willsons to be decorated. Keep up to date on the latest news via the facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/alfordmousetrail/>

Christmas

As usual the Town Council will be providing and erecting two large Christmas trees. One in the market place and one at St Wilfrid's Church and will erect small trees on businesses that wish to have them.

FINANCE

The budget for 2018/19 is:

	£	
Administration	30,930	Includes office rental/ room hire/Insurance/ professional fees/ office equipment/staff costs
Grounds maintenance	25,974	Includes Allotments, Floral displays and St Wilfrid Church Grounds, Cemetery, Closed Cemetery and amenity grass cutting.
Cemetery Costs	11,060	
CCTV	6,000	
Public Toilets	5,500	
Library	5,000	Supports Alford Focal point
Memorial Park	5,000	Supports Memorial Park Trustees
Donations	3,000	
Signage/street furniture	2,500	
Elections	1,000	Previously paid for by ELDC
Christmas / Events	2,400	
Corn Exchange	2,000	
Youth Group	2,000	Supports Alford Access Centre
Summer Activities	2,000	Supports Alford Sport Hall
Markets	750	
Bus Shelter South Market Place	350	
RemembranceDay Wreath	20	
	105,484	