

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2020 by means of video conferencing due to the lockdown restrictions associated with the coronavirus situation.

Present:

Bob Blakeman Chairman
John Lawrence
Bernard Lowe Part meeting
Barry Watts Part meeting
Brian Penney

Richard Reed – Clerk

ENC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock Part meeting

There were no residents present

20/086 Public Open Time

There were no residents present

20/087 Apologies

Cllr. Hankins (harvesting); Cllr Strode Willis (unwell)

20/088 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: Cllr. Lawrence Agenda item 14(b) – site neighbour.

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

20/089 Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on 29.06.20

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Penney that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29th June 2020, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

20/090 Matters arising.

The village nameplate had not yet been replaced and the Clerk was asked to contact NCC over progress with this matter. **Action: Clerk**

20/080 – the Chairman is to attend an NCALC zoom meeting regarding any changes that might be needed to the website to meet accessibility legislation.

Areas of All saints Church yard have been left for wildlife zones.

20/091 Corona Virus Update

The recommendation is still to hold parish council meetings remotely online and this is likely to continue for the rest of the year.

20/092 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall

Pending the arrival of Cllr. Lowe, the Chairman said that he is in contact with John Horrell and some groups are returning. He has had informal discussions with Gigaclear regarding installing a link into the Village Hall. They will connect free of charge, supply a router and there would be no charge for 12 months subject to password conditions. The contract has now been signed by John Horrell following a Village Hall committee meeting, and the connection will be made in due course. As previously discussed, the Parish Council may consider contributing towards the rental as part of its Community Services budget.

20/093 Play Area

It had been agreed not to reopen the Play Area pending this meeting. However, the school would prefer it not to reopen at the moment. Councillors were reluctant to reopen in the light of the school's request and this was supported by Cllr Shacklock. Cllr. Blakeman proposed reviewing the situation on 21st September and this was seconded by Cllr. Penney.

It was agreed that there was no requirement under the lease for the Parish Council to maintain the church wall. The PCC has agreed to carry out repairs but have asked for a protective fence as an interim measure.

7:58pm Cllr Lowe accessed the meeting.

Councillors did not consider this was necessary and may result in other issues. The possibility of making a contribution was discussed but an idea of the cost was required. It was subsequently noted that Cllr Watts would be starting repairs this week.

Chairman

Date

20/094 Highways

There were no new issues at this time.

The pothole near Brancey Bridge had already been reported to the Street Doctor.

The blocked drains in Main Street and the flooding at the junction of Main Street and Lowick Lane continue to give cause for concern.

Cllr. Blakeman said that he had cleared briars and brambles from Baulks Lane.

20/095 Street Lighting

There were no known problems.

The Clerk had received details of a service from Street Light Management but this would incur additional costs for what is already carried out.

20/096 To review and approve insurance policy renewal

It was agreed to consider the Village Hall policy next year. It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence to renew the Parish Council policy. Action: Clerk

20/097 2021/2022 Mowing Contract

The general view was to continue with the current arrangements with Francis Hale. Cllr. Lowe expressed concerns over the standard of mowing, particularly around the Village Hall, and felt it could be improved. Cllr. Blakeman is to speak to Francis Hale. **Action: BB**

20/098 Planning

Agenda item brought forward to allow Cllr. Shacklock to depart.

a) There were no applications for consideration.

b) Application 20/00620/OUT: infill development 8 Lowick Lane had been considered since the last meeting. There were no objections at this time but the Parish Council reserved the right to comment on further applications.

8:25pm Cllr. Watts accessed the meeting.

c) Other planning matters:

Cowthick Plantation – The Chairman has attended extraordinary meetings of Sudborough PC on zoom to consider this application. Our major concern is increased traffic on the A6116 and the impact this will have on safety at the Aldwincle junction. There have been various meetings and the Secretary of State had asked for comments. Duddington-with-Fineshade has placed an objection over the potential traffic increase along the A43.

Titchmarsh Glebe Land – The Peterborough Diocese were due to review their proposal to offer a 10 year development option on this site. There has been no further information, and no discussions have taken place with ENDC and it has been confirmed that any development on this site would be outside the current development plan.

8:37pm. Cllr Shacklock left the meeting.

20/099 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

It was agreed to register an interest with Oundle Town Council over the proposed association of Councils. Action: Clerk

20/100 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.

(ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Lowe:

E.ON £51.11 Cheque No. 200079

Came & Co. £1342.77 Cheque No. 200080

HMRC £76.60 Cheque No. 200081

R Reed £313.05 Cheque No. 200082

Francis Hale 3x invoices £300.00 Cheque No. 200083

(iii) There was no further financial business.

20/101 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Chairman

Date

Cllr. Watts expressed concern over the new cutting arrangements at All Saints Church which have left the churchyard in an untidy condition. This would be discussed at the next meeting following a site inspection.

20/102 Date of Next Meeting

19th October 2020. Cllr. Lawrence will chair the meeting as Cllr. Blakeman will be away and may not be able to access the meeting.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:49pm.

Chairman

Date