

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024 at the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm

Present:

Tim Hankins Chairman
Bob Blakeman
Paul Williams
John Lawrence
Barry Watts
Mrs Vicki Cook

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were five residents present

24/115 Public Open Time

There were no issues at this time.

24/116 Apologies

Cllr. Bernard Lowe. NNC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock

24/117 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: Cllr. Watts declared an interest in agenda item 15(a) NE/24/00919/FUL having been asked by the applicant to carry out the wall work.

To declare any other interests: none

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

24/118 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 02.09.24

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2nd September 2024, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously

24/119 Matters arising.

24/105: Cllr Blakeman had circulated an e-mail regarding overgrown vegetation.

24/110: Cllr Blakeman understood that there had been no further issues in respect of the Permissive Path.

24/096: Cllr Williams had inspected Green Lane and there did not appear to be any issues.

The Clerk said that the new PC e-mail address was operational but there would still be items from the original one. He asked councillors to check spam boxes in case e-mails from the new address were not recognised.

Regarding e-mails, Cllr. Blakeman suggested that in May councillors should change to a common provider.

24/120 Village Hall

In the absence of Cllr Lowe, Cllr Hankins said he was unaware of issues. The Quiz Night will be 23rd November 2024.

24/121 Risk Assessments

Reports are being prepared

24/122 Play Area

It was reported that the see-saw needs attention. Cllr. Blakeman said he would inspect the equipment.

Action: BB

24/123 Highways

Cllr. Williams presented his report which had been circulated. The drainage issues were being addressed and he said he would speak to Ben Wright regarding the flooding at the layby near the A6116 junction. Action: PW

Cllr. Watts referred to a previous report he had made regarding displaced kerbs in the vicinity of 97-99 Main St. There had been no action to date and they were now hazardous.

24/124 Maintenance issues

- (i) Mowing: Cllr. Watts considered that the work at All Saints Churchyard was not satisfactory. It was thought that the standard of cutting depends on which operative is involved but any non-compliance should be reported promptly so that the contractor can be notified and given the opportunity to remedy.

Cllr. Mrs Cook said that there were occasions when mowing was carried out in the playground when children and parents were present. It was agreed that Ben emery be asked to close the play area when work was in progress. **Action: PW**

Chairman

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Cllr. Lawrence suggested that Tim McLean may be interested in taking on the work in the churchyard. It was agreed to review the contract at the end of the season. Action: All Cllr. Williams to advise Ben Emery that there would be one more cut this season with a provisional second if the weather conditions promote growth. **Action: PW**

- (ii) VAS: Cllr. Blakeman said that the device had been missing some vehicles, but the sighting angle had now been adjusted and this had resolved the problem.

24/125 Street Lighting

There had been no reports of outages.

24/126 Trinity School Liaison

Cllr. Mrs Cook had spoken to Tom Burrows about parking issues. A reminder had been sent to parents. Regarding parking on the Village Green, it was agreed that this was only an occasional problem and would be monitored for now. **Action: All**

24/127 2025 Town and Parish Council Elections

It was noted that the Parish Council now has this in hand. NCALC is to issue guidance in due course.

24/128 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors. Cllr. Blakeman is to attend an AONB meeting on 30th October.

24/129 Planning

a) The following applications were discussed:

NE/24/00919/FUL: No objections

NE/24/00912/FUL: No objections

NE/24/00922/LBC: No objections

b) Applications considered since the last meeting: NE/24/00812/REM: Comments submitted to NNC.

c) No further planning matters arose.

24/130 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts.

(ii) The budget monitoring report was discussed. The grass cutting budget has been exceeded partially due to a 10% increase in rates.

(iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Hankins and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence.

Retrospective

HMRC £190.40 OLT

R Blakeman £12.00 OLT

Emery grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd. £165.00 OLT

E. ON £88.20 OLT

Hostworld (Reimburse R Blakeman) £28.80 OLT

Emery grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd. £165.00 OLT

ICO £35.00 D/D

YU Energy £127.84 D/D

YU Energy £14.50 D/D

R Reed £296.02 OLT

HMRC £190.40 OLT

(iv) The Clerk reminded all that next month's meeting would address the first draft of the 2025/26 budget and asked councillors to consider items for inclusion outside of the general and standard items. **Action: All**

24/131 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Agenda: 2025/26 budget.

It was noted that the Village Hall pictures were in storage pending the completion of the wiring work.

Cllr. Williams had circulated draft councillor guidance notes for highways.

24/132 Date of Next Meeting

25th November 2024 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at **7:30pm**.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

Chairman

Date