

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 at the Village Hall.

Present:

Bob Blakeman Chairman
John Lawrence
Mrs Vicki Cook
Barry Watts
Paul Williams
Bernard Lowe

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

23/093 Public Open Time

There were no residents present

23/094 Apologies

Cllr. Hankins and NNC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock

23/095 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

23/096 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10.07.23

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Lowe that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th July 2023, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

23/097 Matters arising.

23/083: Cllr. Blakeman had e-mailed residents over cycling in Baulks Lane.

23/084: The tree roots have been given a coat of white paint to make them more visible and the working party had carried out the tidying works in All Saints church yard.

23/098 Village Hall

Cllr. Lowe updated the council on Village Hall activities. It was agreed that the Play Area gate and fencing would be painted. The Gigaclear subscription is due for renewal. Cllr, Lowe is to check the situation in respect of the company's community support. **Action: BL**

23/099 Risk Assessments

Cllr. Mrs Cook circulated the updated calendar and was liaising with the Village Hall Committee over its responsibilities.

23/100 Play Area

The situation is unchanged from July.

23/101 Highways

Cllr. Williams presented his report. Councillors expressed concern about the lack of action in respect of long-standing highway defects both in the parish and the surrounding area with the A6116 becoming quite hazardous. A parishioner had also complained about the lack of action after a request had been made earlier in the year for some kerbs to be dropped to assist the disabled.

23/102 Maintenance Issues

Grass cutting: The twice yearly strimming and cutting of All Saints Churchyard was carried out early and Cllr. Blakeman has spoken to Emerys. The general standard of mowing is good. Some sycamore regrowth will need to be dealt with later in the year.

23/103 Street Lighting

Cllr. Mrs Cook was unaware of any outages.

23/104 Trinity School Liaison

There were no recent developments due to the summer holidays. The joint letter with the school to parents is to be drafted once the new term has settled down. **Action: VC**

23/105 29 Main Street: Re-roofing works

Cllr. Blakeman had received details of the proposed works. Assurances had been given that no materials would be stored on, nor vehicles driven over, the Village Green. Councillors considered this to be acceptable and Cllr. Blakeman would agree the arrangements with Savills. **Action: BB**

Chairman

Date

23/106 Councillor Succession Planning

The next Parish Council elections are due in May 2025. Cllr. Blakeman was aware that some existing councillors may not stand for re-election and he suggested that it would be beneficial to identify potential candidates who could shadow the Parish Council from September next year to get a feel for the workings of the Parish Council, and to help avoid a potential void if a significant number of existing councillors did not stand for re-election.. **Action: All**

23/107 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

The Clerk said he would resend the NNC e-mail regarding the Town and Parish Survey in respect of NNC's Active Communities Framework. **Action: Clerk**

23/108 Planning

a) The following application was considered;

NE/22/00151/FUL: Halden's Parkway. Previous comments to stand.

b) NE/23/00670/FUL & NE/23/00671/LBC: no comments.

c) (i) Manor Farm Development: There was a public display of the plans in the afternoon of 17th July 2023 in the Village Hall during which time representatives of Savills and the Parish Council were in attendance.

(ii) It was noted that the second application for 2 Lowick Lane has been withdrawn.

23/109 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts.

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

Retrospective

07.08.23 Emery Grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd £468.72 Cheque No.200201

YU Energy £119.08 D/D

YU Energy £15.15 D/D

YU Energy £116.71 D/D

YU Energy £14.67 D/D

R Reed £270.60 Cheque No. 200202

HMRC £175.20 Cheque No. 200203

Wel Medical £71.94 Cheque No. 200204 (*Reimburse R Blakeman*)

Zurich Municipal £1,430.23 Cheque no. 200205

(iii) The Clerk had received a letter from HSBC asking for a check on details held. It was agreed to defer any action until the Clerk heard from Danny Moody about the Unity Trust Bank and online accounts.

23/110 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Budget monitoring report for the next meeting.

Cllr. Lawrence reminded all of the forthcoming Flower Show

23/111 Date of Next Meeting

16th October 2023 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:28pm.

Chairman

Date