

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th September 2021 at the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

21/095 Public Open Time

There were no residents present

21/096 Apologies

Cllr. Hankins – harvesting, NNC Cllr. G Shacklock

21/097 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

21/098 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28.06.21

It was proposed by Cllr. Lowe and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Cook that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28th June 2021, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

21/099 Matters arising.

21/082: Cllr. Blakeman had met with the headmaster and the Chair of the school governors regarding closer links with community. It was suggested that a Parish Councillor could be a Community representative on the Board of Governors but no candidate had come forward. Instead it was suggested that a Parish Councillor could attend Governor meetings, if requested, to discuss specific items. The Pink Sheet and details of the Flower Show are to be supplied to the school. **Action BB**

21/090: Following the intervention of NNC's Environmental Health Dept., the proposed MNDA Charity event was cancelled.

21/100 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall

Cllr. Lowe said that the hall was now open with regular groups attending and a new booking clerk had been appointed. The recent village event was a huge success. The Village Hall Committee would be meeting on 8th September and Cllr. Blakeman said he would attend.

21/101 To determine any changes to the Parish Council Insurance.

Following discussions at the last meeting, the Clerk had contacted Came & Co. regarding the possibility of splitting some of the Village Hall Committee cover over the two policies. The suggested changes did not appear to be viable and so it was decided to leave the policies as they are and it was proposed by Cllr Blakeman and seconded by Cllr Lawrence that the Village Hall Committee be asked to make a contribution, ideally 50% of the VH Committee insurance which could be reviewed annually. **Action: BB/BL**

21/102 Play Area

The train has now been made safe following recent events. Consideration is to be given to applying for a grant in due course to enable the play equipment to be updated.

21/103 Highways

Cllr. Williams discussed his report which he had previously circulated, with a high priority being placed on a survey of surface drains in Main Street to alleviate flooding risks to property and road surface ponding at Cross Lane and Lowick Lane. Cllr. Blakeman had spoken to Sarah Barnwell regarding the need to refurbish the road markings in the village.

The Clerk had received notification that the temporary closure order for byway MC 17 has been extended until 1st February or when the works to which it referred have been completed.

21/104 Street lighting

Cllr. Mrs Cook said that there were no issues at this time.

Chairman

Date

21/105 The Queen's Jubilee: Proposal for Mini Orchard

Councillors discussed the proposal which Cllr. Williams had previously circulated. The species of trees were considered and it was decided to involve Peter Strohe in finalising the proposals and a further report would be presented at the next meeting. **Action: PW**

The Clerk said that he would check with ACRE over the need for any permissions required to carry out planting on the registered village green. **Action: Clerk**

21/106 Grass Cutting 2022

The Chairman had spoken to Francis Hale who confirmed that he would carry out grass cutting in 2022. Councillors had inspected All Saints Churchyard earlier this evening and had agreed the mowing requirements. Cllr. Lowe suggested retendering the work but it was felt that the current arrangements were satisfactory and flexible and retendering could see a significant increase in costs. Cllr. Blakeman is to look out the original quotes to see how they compared. **Action: BB**

21/107 Travellers: Update from the Clerk

The travellers have moved on from the outskirts of the village and are now encamped on a grass verge outside Wadenhoe. The Clerk is in regular contact with the Northamptonshire Traveller Unit and will update councillors as and when further information is received.

21/108 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

Cllr. Blakeman updated the meeting about Waterville Lakes and the Society of Merchant Venturer's proposals to fence a Permissive Way along the river from Thorpe Waterville to the Sluice on the boundary of Titchmarsh Nature Reserve.

21/109 Planning

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) The following applications had been considered since the last meeting:
 - NE/21/00963/FUL: Solomons Barn, Main Street, Aldwinckle. There were no objections.
 - NE/21/00923/FUL: Change of use of agricultural buildings, Brook Farm, Thorpe Waterville. A letter of objection had been submitted.
- c) Possible warehouse development at Titchmarsh: No further action until or if an application is submitted.

21/110 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.
 - Retrospective
 - 22.07.21 NCALC £38.00 Cheque No. 200112

 - R Blakeman £43.20 Cheque No. 200113 (defibrillator pads)
 - R Reed £323.45 Cheque No. 200114
 - HMRC PAYE £78.80 Cheque No. 200115
 - Francis Hale 3x invoices £450.00 Cheque No. 200116
 - Havenpower 3x £307.03 D/D
- (iii) The Clerk had received a letter from HSBC to say that there would be a monthly fee together with a charge for cheques across the counter. There is no option for now but consideration is to be given to online banking.

21/111 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

There were no matters at this time.

21/112 Date of Next Meeting

18th October 2021 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00pm.

Chairman

Date