

Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at the Village Hall immediately following the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Present:

Tim Hankins Chairman
Bob Blakeman
Bernard Lowe
Paul Williams
Barry Watts

Richard Reed – Clerk

NNC Cllr. David Brackenbury
There were five residents present

24/057 Public Open Time

NNC. Cllr. Brackenbury discussed NNC planning procedures.

24/058 Apologies

Cllrs. John Lawrence and Mrs Vicki Cook. NNC Cllrs. Geoff Shacklock and Mrs Wendy Brackenbury.

24/059 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

24/060 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25.03.24

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Williams that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th May 2024, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

24/061 Matters arising.

Cllr. Blakeman had removed the ivy from the silver birches. Cllrs. Hankins and Williams are to clear the area in due course. **Action: TH/PW**

24/062 Village Hall

Cllr. Lowe gave an update on activities. A quote is to be accepted for the PA system. Further grants will be available for bids from September.

Cllr. Williams spoke of a drain that appeared to be blocked

24/063 Play Area

Cllr. Mrs Cook was not in attendance. Cllr. Blakeman had repainted the tree roots. There had been no response regarding the missing bolt.

24/064 Highways

Cllr. Williams said that the extension of the 30mph speed restriction in Cross Lane was still outstanding. The installation of the dropped crossing kerbs is scheduled for 2024/25.

24/065 Maintenance issues

Cllr. Watts said he would carry out the repairs to the seat once the appropriate timbre had been sourced. The seat is safe.

24/066 Street Lighting

There had been no reports of outages.

24/067 Risk Assessments

The next phase of work to the trees needs to be arranged, in particular, the beech tree on the Village Green. Cllr. Williams is to determine what work is required and then contact Giles Howard. Action: PW

24/068 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors. Tom Pursglove MP had written about the programme of repairs along the A6116 Islip Bypass.

24/069 Annual Review

Financial Regulations – NALC has just published its new model document for which councillors have a link. This will be adapted to suit the Parish Council's requirements over the next month or so. **Action: Clerk**

Risk Assessment – amended in 2022 to reflect other changes. This is to be signed off at the next meeting.

Internal audit arrangements – It was considered that the information provided at each meeting by the Clerk met the Parish Council's requirements.

Chairman

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Insurance – due for renewal in October when it will be considered once renewal documents were to hand.

24/070 To approve the Internal Auditor's Report

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the report be approved.

24/071 To approve the Certificate of Exemption

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Watts that the Certificate of Exemption be approved.

24/072 To approve the Governance Statement of the Annual Audit Return

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Watts that the statement be approved.

24/073 To approve the Accounting Statement of the Annual Audit Return

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Williams that the statement be approved.

24/074 Planning

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting.
- c) There were no other planning issues.

24/075 Finance

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts for 2023/24 and 2024/25. The £11,000 precept had been received since the last meeting. The bank reconciliation statement for 2023/24 was also presented.
- (ii) Councillors considered the budget monitoring report for 2023/24
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr. Blakeman.

Retrospective

15.04.24 Emery grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd. £165.00 OLT

YU Energy £153.49 D/D

YU Energy £15.37 D/D

YU Energy £137.39 D/D

YU Energy £14.78 D/D

Northants CALC £308.59 OLT

Emery Grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd £165.00 OLT

Ian Arnott £100.00 OLT

- (iv) Cllr. Blakeman and the Clerk, as signatories, signed a letter to HSBC requesting closure of that bank account and the transfer of the balance to the Unity Trust Bank account.

24/076 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

Cllr. Blakeman referred to the suggested contribution to The Friendly Club. Cllr. Hankins is to make enquiries. **Action: TH**

24/077 Date of Next Meeting

24th June 2024 to be held in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

Chairman

Date