

## **Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the Village Hall.**

### **Present:**

Bob Blakeman Chairman  
John Lawrence  
Tim Hankins  
Bernard Lowe  
Barry Watts  
Paul Williams

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **22/001 Public Open Time**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **22/002 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Mrs Cook.

### **22/003 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

### **22/004 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29.11.21**

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

### **22/005 Matters arising.**

None.

### **22/006 Village Hall**

Events have been postponed and suspended due to the current Covid situation. An asbestos inspection has been carried out.

A pre-renewal questionnaire had been received from the insurers in respect of the Village Hall Committee cover. Cllr. Lowe would arrange for this to be considered by the committee. **Action:**

#### **BL/Clerk**

The insurer's advice to have buildings assessed to ensure they are adequately covered was discussed. It was agreed to seek estimates of the cost of a site assessment and a desktop assessment for consideration at the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

### **22.007 Play Area**

There were no issues to consider at this time. Cllr. Watts is to carry out the cutting back of low-level tree growth. **Action: BW**

### **22/008 Highways**

Cllr. Williams had circulated his report and update of highway issues.

Cllr. Watts spoke of his concern over the settlement that was occurring at The Staunch Bridge on the Aldwincle/Thorpe parish boundary. The Chairman agreed to contact Highways. **Action BB**

Cllr. Lawrence reported that the Nene Way sign at Baulks Lane required attention as it was leaning. He will check and see what can be done. **Action: JL**

### **22/009 Street lighting**

The Clerk had received details from Drax regarding the contract renewal. The increase in prices appears to reflect current trends and it was agreed to renew. **Action: Clerk**

### **22/010 The Queen's Jubilee: Proposal for Mini Orchard**

Cllr. Williams's discussed his previously circulated report. Cllr. Blakeman is to prepare a report of the tree planting for circulation around the village. The provision of seats was discussed and Cllrs. Blakeman and Williams are to assess the need for one or two units. **Action: BB/PW**

Cllr. Blakeman had circulated the notes of the first meeting of the Street Party Committee and suggested that a contribution to the event could be made from the Parish Council's Community Support allocation.

### **22/011 Asset Mapping**

Cllrs discussed the recent documentation from Danny Moody at NCALC. It was felt that the information so far available was vague and was unclear as to the outcome of the initiative. It was agreed to adopt the Terms of Reference for the working group without commitment pending the provision of further information. Danny Moody is to be advised of the decision. **Action: Clerk**

Chairman

Date

### **22/012 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

### **22/013 Planning**

- a) There were no applications for consideration.
- b) NE/21/01708/FUL: Permanent siting of mobile classroom for Aldwincle Pre-school had been considered since the last meeting and comments had been submitted to NNC. It is recorded that Cllr. Mrs Cook had declared an interest as a neighbour of the property and took no part in the discussions nor decision.
- c) (i) STAUNCH: there had been no further information on this matter.  
(ii) Cllr. David Brackenbury had e-mailed about NNC's call for sites. Further information has been requested.

### **22/014 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. Watts and seconded by Cllr. Lowe
  - Drax £2.05 D/D.
  - Calico (Reimburse Cllr. Blakeman) £24.00 Cheque No. 200125
  - Tandee Nursery (Reimburse Cllr. Wildman) £147.25 Cheque No. 200126
  - HG Watts £84.00 Cheque No. 200127
- (iii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring report which was discussed by councillors.
- (iv) The Clerk said that HSBC had issued a statement of the first month's account fees.  
To date, the Clerk had heard nothing further about the account review.

### **22/015 To finalise the 2022/23 Budget**

Following some final amendments, Cllr. Blakeman proposed the approval of the budget and this was seconded by Cllr. Williams.

### **22/016 To approve the 2022/23 Precept**

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Williams that the 2022/23 precept be set at £10,000.

### **22/017 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

Nothing at this time.

### **22/018 Date of Next Meeting**

21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10pm.

Chairman

Date