

## **Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the Village Hall.**

### **Present:**

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

There were no residents present

### **23/074 Public Open Time**

There were no residents present

### **23/075 Apologies**

Cllrs. Bernard Lowe, Paul Williams and NNC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock

### **23/076 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary Interest: Cllr. Hankins declared an interest in respect of NE/23/00676/FUL

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

### **23/077 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30.05.23**

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Cook that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

### **23/078 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30.05.23**

It was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Cook and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

### **23/079 Matters arising.**

23/059: Cllr. Blakeman had obtained clarification over the insurance settlement for energy used during the recent repairs and a payment to the Village Hall is to be approved later in the meeting.

### **23/080 Reports from other Bodies: Village Hall**

The roof work has now been completed.

### **23/081 Risk Assessments**

Cllr. Mrs Cook gave her report and circulated the updated calendar of assessments. The Village Hall details should be available for the September meeting. Cllr Mrs Cook had noted that the “Fireman’s pole” became loose in some weather conditions but tightened up at other times. The situation is to be monitored. It was agreed that the tree inspection would be bi-annual.

### **23/082 Play Area**

Covered in 23/081 and 23/084(ii).

### **23/083 Highways**

Cllr. Williams was not available but it was understood that highway works were in hand. The VAS pole is still outstanding and Cllr. Blakeman was chasing this up with Steve Barber of NNC. It was noted that some tidying of the verge in Baulks Lane had been carried out and a selective weedkiller applied. Concerns were raised over pedestrian safety with the no cycling and no horses signs being ignored. Cllr. Blakeman is to e-mail parishioners. **Action: BB**

### **23/084 Maintenance Issues**

(i) Grass cutting: The work on The Green is not satisfactory and Cllr. Blakeman has spoken to Emery’s about this. Areas of the Village Green have been left by Kier during the last visit. Cllr. Hankins is to let the Clerk have the date of the visit prior to the matter being raised with Kier. **Action: TH/Clerk**

(ii) Tree roots: Giles Howard had not recommended grinding these down as that would have an adverse effect on the tree. It was decided to try giving them a coat of white paint in the first instance to make them stand out. **Action: BB**

(iii) Seat refurbishment: Mr Rob Owen has asked if he can re-varnish the seat he refurbished a few years ago, and also consider restoring the other seat on the Green. It was agreed and the Council is grateful for his efforts.

(iv) All Saints Churchyard Working Party: To meet at 10:00am Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The Pocket Park sign would be checked for removal.

Chairman

Date

**23/085 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Mrs Cook said that the defects she was aware of had been reported.

**23/086 Police Liaison Representative Report**

Cllr. Blakeman gave a report of the recent meeting which he had attended online.

**23/087 Trinity School Liaison**

Cllr Mrs Cook spoke of her discussions with Mr Burrows over parking and other issues. A joint Parish Council/Trinity School letter is to be sent to parents at the start of the new term in September. A travel plan for the school is to be looked at.

**23/088 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

**23/089 Planning**

a) The following applications were considered;

NE/23/00562/FUL: 53 Main Street. No objections.

NE/23/00657/LBC: 57-61 Main Street. No objections

NE/23/00676/FUL: 36 Main Street. No objections (*Cllr Hankins took no part in the discussions for this application*)

b) NE/23/00588/FUL: 2 Lowick Lane had been considered since the last meeting. The Parish Council noted a reduction in the height of the proposed dwelling but had reiterated its original concerns about access and the disruption for local residents during construction if approved.

c) Manor Farm Development: Councillors had met with Savills to discuss the revised proposals and there is to be a public display of the plans on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 between the hours of 4:00pm and 6:00pm in the Village Hall.

**23/090 Finance**

(i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. Since the last meeting £1060.00 had been received as insurance settlement for energy used during the Village Hall repairs.

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

Retrospective

26.06.23 HMRC PAYE £87.60 Cheque No. 200198

26.06.23 Emery Grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd £300.60 Cheque No.200197

YU Energy £14.97 D/D

YU Energy £129.82 D/D

YU Energy £116.71 D/D

YU Energy £14.67 D/D

E.ON £88.20 Cheque No. 200198

Aldwinkle Village Hall £1310.00 Cheque No. 200199

R Reed £387.49 Cheque No. 200200

(iii) The Clerk had submitted the Exemption Certificate to the External Auditor.

**23/091 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

Nothing at this time

**23/092 Date of Next Meeting**

4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.06pm.

Chairman

Date