

## **Minutes of the Aldwincle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Village Hall.**

### **Present:**

Bob Blakeman                      Chairman  
John Lawrence  
David Strode Willis  
Brian Penney  
Barry Watts  
Tim Hankins

Richard Reed – Clerk

There was one resident present

### **20/001 Public Open Time**

Mr Robin Owen discussed his proposal to refurbish the VE 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary bench in time for this year's commemorations. Councillors welcomed his kind offer and agreed to assist with the purchase of materials if required.

### **20/002 Apologies**

Cllr. Lowe; ENC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock

### **20/003 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

### **20/004 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 09.12.19**

It was proposed by Cllr. Strode Willis and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

### **20/005 Matters arising.**

19/131: The Chairman had not yet had the opportunity to speak to the Headmaster but would do so shortly.

### **20/006 Reports from Other Bodies**

Village Hall: Cllr. Lowe had submitted his report of Village Hall activities. Partial redecoration has taken place. The Safari Supper is scheduled for February 1st.

### **20/007 Play Area**

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. has completed the annual inspection of the play area and no major issues had been identified that required action. The suggested provision of a sign displaying contact details had previously been discussed by the council and it had been agreed that sufficient details were available on site already. Cllr. Watts stated that the condition of the trees in the play area were in a satisfactory condition.

### **20/008 Highways**

Cllr. Penney said that he was not aware of any major issues although there were potholes on the Thorpe Road that needed monitoring but the depth had not reached intervention levels. It was also noted that there were a number of defects on the A6116 and A605. Cllr. Blakeman had reported the defects on the flood walk and the various blocked drains in the village to Street Doctor, and would report defects on A6116. **Action BB.**

### **20/009 Street Lighting**

All units were operating.

### **20/010 All Saints Church**

Cllr. Blakeman had investigated the responsibilities for the redundant church and it had been confirmed that the Parish Council is only responsible for the maintenance of the grass. The PCC has to approve any functions that are to be held in the church and churchyard and Mrs S Moore had been copied in on the correspondence. Following the last meeting, the Clerk had written to Anglian Water regarding the permanent disconnection of the water supply and had now received a form that he will complete and return to Anglian Water. **Action: Clerk**

### **20/011 Village Green/Car Park**

Chairman

Date

A quote for £5600 +vat had been received for the tarmacking of the two entrances to the carpark and it was clear that the cost of repairing the accesses by this process was going to be prohibitive. Alternative methods were discussed and it was agreed to look at excavating the area and laying mass concrete.

#### **20/012 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

It was agreed to invite a representative of Volunteer Action to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **Action: Clerk**

Mr Norman MacLeod has offered to assist with tree and hedge work in the village. It was confirmed that Cllr. Watts is the Parish Tree Warden and Cllr. Blakeman is to make Mr MacLeod aware of the situation.

#### **Action: BB.**

In subsequent discussions it was suggested that a tree be planted for the VE 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

#### **20/013 Planning**

a) No applications were to be considered by councillors:

b) The following applications had been considered since the last meeting:

19/01882/VAR: No objections

c) There were no other planning issues at this time.

#### **20/014 To approve the 2020/21 Budget**

A revised budget had been circulated following the last meeting. It was agreed to increase the VAT income to £1,000 and reduce the Playground/Car park maintenance to £1,500. It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman, seconded by Cllr. Strode Willis and agreed by all to approve the budget for 2020/21 as amended.

#### **20/015 To approve the 2020/21 Precept**

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman, seconded by Cllr. Lawrence and agreed by all to set the precept for 2020/21 at £10,200. **Action: Clerk**

#### **20/016 Finance**

- (i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting. Councillors considered the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 30.11.19
- (ii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Strode Willis:

E.ON £28.16 Cheque No.200057\*

E.ON £51.11 Cheque No. 200058

Haven Power £1.77 D/D

Haven Power £84.01 D/D

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. £54.00 Cheque No. 200059

HG Watts & Son £109.75 Cheque No. 200060

\*Payment to be held until the Clerk has spoken to E.ON about the maintenance contract.

#### **Action: Clerk**

- (iii) Councillors considered the budget monitoring report to 31.12.19

#### **20/017 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

Cllr. Lawrence offered to organise the annual litter pick. **Action: JL**

#### **20/018 Date of Next Meeting**

Owing to other commitments, the next meeting is to be brought forward to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

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

Chairman

Date