

## **Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the Village Hall.**

### **Present:**

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

NNC Councillors Geoff Shacklock and Mrs Wendy Brackenbury

There were no residents present

### **23/112 Public Open Time**

There were no residents present

### **23/113 Apologies**

Cllr. Lowe

### **23/114 Declarations of Interest**

Pecuniary Interest: None

To declare any other interests: None

To consider any requests for dispensations: None

*The Chairman invited the NNC councillors to speak at this point.*

*Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury spoke of the current consultation in respect of the proposed home to school travel policy and changes due to be implemented at the start of term, September 2024. The consultation closes shortly and among other things, the revisions will include charges for school transport. Cllrs. discussed the matter in detail with Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury and Cllr. Shacklock. Cllr. Blakeman asked that the Parish Council be notified of the outcome in due course.*

*7:45pm Cllr. Watts arrived*

*Cllr. Blakeman gave the background to the ongoing issues concerning the provision of the post for the VAS unit. Despite various assurances and the fact that the Parish Council had paid upfront for this earlier in the year, the post had still not been installed and the unit was being kept in storage. Cllr. Mrs Brackenbury said that she would chase this up.*

*Cllr. Williams spoke of the lack of action over long promised highway maintenance and signage work. It was noted that nothing had been done since the last meeting. Although outside of the parish, concern was expressed over the poor condition of the A6116 and the effect of its unevenness on vehicles, especially HGVs.*

*The Chairman thanked the councillors for attending and invited them to stay for the rest of the meeting if they so wished.*

### **23/115 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 04.09.23**

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Mrs Cook that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

### **23/116 Matters arising.**

23/105: Cllr. Blakeman had agreed the arrangements over the re-roofing works at 29 Main Street with Savills.

### **23/117 Village Hall**

In the absence of Cllr. Lowe, Cllr. Blakeman spoke of forthcoming events.

### **23/118 Risk Assessments**

Cllr. Mrs Cook reported on this item and said she would be contacting the Village Hall Committee with a view to giving an update at the next PC meeting. **Action: VC**

Chairman

Date

### **23/119 Play Area**

Cllr. Mrs Cook said that the roundabout top had been removed and confirmed that to satisfy insurance requirements a replacement has to be fitted by an approved contractor. HAGS had quoted £1517 for supply and install but there was no budget availability for 2023/24. Various options were considered but it was decided to leave it as it is at the moment, pending the seeking of quotes for the renewal of some items and the applying for a grant.

### **23/120 Highways**

This item had largely been discussed earlier with the NNC councillors. Cllr. Williams's report remained unchanged from last month's.

### **23/121 Maintenance Issues: To consider grass cutting contract 2024**

The last invoice has been received and paid. Ben Emery has said he would hold his current rates for 2024. It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Hankins that this offer is accepted. A walk round the mowing areas would be arranged with Ben Emery before the new season started.

**Action: BB**

### **23/122 Street Lighting**

Cllr. Mrs Cook was unaware of any outages.

### **23/123 Trinity School Liaison**

Cllr Mrs Cook said there had been no action over the joint letter from the school so far. It was noted that there had been an occasional Police presence and this appears to have brought about some improvement to the parking situation.

### **23/124 Correspondence**

As list previously circulated to councillors.

### **23/125 Planning**

- a) The following application was considered;  
NE/23/00883/LBC & NE/23/00992/FUL: 57-61 Main Street, Aldwinckle. There were no objections. **Action: Clerk**
- b) NE/23/00917/OUT & NE/23/00918/VAR had been considered since the last meeting and comments submitted.
- c) (i) Manor Farm Development: Savills had prepared a plan that appeared to address the concerns that had been raised and it was expected that an application would be submitted to NNC before Christmas.

### **23/126 Finance**

- (i) The Clerk presented the statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.
- (ii) The Clerk presented the Budget Monitoring report.
- (iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Hankins.

#### Retrospective

19.09.23 Emery Grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd £300.72 Cheque No. 200206  
03.10.23 Emery Grounds and Garden Maintenance Ltd £150.72 Cheque No. 200207

E.ON Street light maintenance £88.20 Cheque No. 200208  
Hostworld (*Reimburse R Blakeman*) £28.80 Cheque No. 200209  
YU Energy £117.01 D/D  
YU Energy £15.09 D/D  
YU Energy £119.15 D/D  
YU Energy £14.67 D/D  
ICO £35.00 D/D

It was agreed that the Parish Online subscription would not be renewed.

- (iv) There was no further financial business.

### **23/127 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda**

It was noted that the Village Shop would be closing at the end of the month.

### **23/128 Date of Next Meeting**

27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to be held in the Village Hall.

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:05pm.

Chairman

Date