

Minutes of the Aldwinckle Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th February 2020 in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Richard Reed – Clerk

ENC Cllr. Geoff Shacklock

There were no residents present

20/019 Public Open Time

No issue had been raised.

20/020 Apologies

None

20/021 Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary: None

Other interests: None

Requests for Dispensations: None

20/022 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13.01.20

It was proposed by Cllr. Lawrence and seconded by Cllr. Strode Willis that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th January 2020, and having previously been circulated, be accepted and signed as a true record of that meeting. Agreed unanimously.

20/023 Matters arising.

20/010: Anglian Water would be carrying out a survey in respect of the water supply disconnection this coming Thursday between 8:00am and 1:00pm.

20/012: the Chairman had informed Mr MacLeod that Cllr. Watts is the Parish Tree Warden.

20/017: Cllr. Lawrence is organising the annual litter pick for 10:00am Saturday 28th March.

20/024 Reports from Other Bodies

Village Hall: Cllr. Lowe had submitted his report of Village Hall activities. The re-decoration work has been carried out.

Cllr. Blakeman has contacted Gigaclear to remind them of their offer to put a connection in to the Village Hall.

20/025 Play Area

There were no current issues.

20/026 Highways

Cllr. Penney reported on the current situation. It was noted that a number of reports of potholes had been made to The Street Doctor. Highways have attended site to look at the flooding at the Main Street/Lowick Lane junction. The flood walk along Thorpe Road has been closed but no repairs are underway at the moment.

Cllr. Blakeman spoke of the proposed developments at Corby and the potential implications for the A6116. Extensive warehousing will generate high volumes of HGVs accessing the A14 via the A6116. Stanion, Brigstock and Sudborough Parish Councils are working together to object on environmental, infrastructure and drainage issues. Cllr. Blakeman suggested that it may be worth joining these councils to ensure that the junction to Aldwinckle from the A6116 can be better protected, particularly where cars are vulnerable having to wait in the centre of the road to turn right.

There were concerns over HGVs using village roads to avoid main road closures and it was suggested that NCC be asked to provide signage to prevent HGVs turning towards Thorpe when they come down Lowick Lane and Lowick Road.. **Action: Clerk**

Drivers continue to use Green Lane due to the lack of a physical barrier to support the closure order. It was agreed to press NCC for the early installation of the barrier. **Action: Clerk**

It was noted that following completion of the repairs to North Bridge Oundle, due in the summer, the road would be closed for a week.

Chairman

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20/027 Street Lighting

All units were operating.

The Clerk had received the contract renewal quote from Havenpower and had subsequently obtained a reduced rate following discussions with the company. It was proposed by Cllr Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Lawrence that the rates be approved. **Action: Clerk**

20/028 Village Green/Car Park

Various repair options for the entrance to the car park were discussed and it was agreed to meet on site once the weather improved to agree appropriate action. **Action: All**

20/029 Resolution: To Approve the Aldwincle Village Hall Committee Insurance Renewal

It was proposed by Cllr. Blakeman and seconded by Cllr. Strode Willis that the renewal be approved.

Action: Clerk

20/030 Correspondence

As list previously circulated to councillors.

Mr MacLeod had reported that a large branch of a tree in the Pocket Park had been brought down in the storm over the weekend of 8th/9th February and the rest of the tree was giving cause for concern, Cllr. Blakeman had reported this to Savills and an assessment would be arranged.

20/031 Planning

a) The following application was considered by councillors: 20/00137/FUL: Extension to existing brick sheds to form an open, covered seating area with fireplace on existing patio area at 116 Main Street.

There were no objections. **Action: Clerk**

b) No applications had been considered since the last meeting:

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

20/032 Forthcoming Elections

Danny Moody had recommended approaching potential candidates during March and the Chairman asked councillors to speak to those who have shown an interest. **Action: All**

The Clerk is to enquire of ENC when the nomination packs would be available. **Action: Clerk**

It was agreed to reschedule the next meeting for 30th March 2020 and invite potential nominees to the meeting. **Action: Clerk**

20/033 Finance

(i) The Clerk presented the monthly statement of accounts. There had been no receipts since the last meeting.

(ii) Councillors considered the Budget Monitoring Report to 31.01.20.

(iii) The following invoices were approved for payment, proposed by Cllr. Strode Willis and seconded by Cllr. Strode Willis:

Haven Power £1.77 D/D

Haven Power £84.01 D/D

Anglian Water £9.98 Cheque No. 200061

(iv) There was no further financial business.

20/034 Items Requiring Urgent Attention, For Information or For the Next Agenda

ENC Cllr. Shacklock discussed current planning applications and asked to be involved if councillors had concerns over specific applications. **Action: Clerk**

20/035 Date of Next Meeting

Further to minute 20/032, the next meeting is to be brought forward to Monday 30th March 2020 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

There being no further urgent business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:43pm.

Chairman

Date